



NORTHERN
AREA

British Model Flying Association

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The next AGM of the BMFA Northern Area will be held on Friday 8th November 2019 at the Castleford RAFA club from 8.00pm

The Provisional Agenda for the 2019 AGM will be:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Consideration and Adoption of 2018 AGM minutes.
3. Adoption of Reports from Elected Officers.
4. Consideration and Adoption of the Accounts for 2018/19
5. Ratification of Area Chief Examiners
6. Election of Officers

Un-adopted minutes of the BMFA Northern Area AGM held on Friday 2nd November 2018

Agenda

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4. Consideration and Adoption of the Accounts for 2017/18.
5. Election of Officers.

Officers Present

Chairman	Tim Haigh
Secretary	Rob Cleator
Treasurer	Paul Blakeborough
Delegate	Martin Lynn
Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator	Bob Rowland

Clubs Represented

Pontefract and District (PANDAS)	Paul Blakeborough
Huddersfield & District MAC (HDMAC)	Rob Cleator
Dewsbury & District MAC (DDMAC)	Martin Lynn
Blackstone Model Flyers (BMF)	John Mosley
Morley & District MAC (MDMAC)	Gordon Warburton
Skelbrooke MFC	Bob Rowland

Voting Strength 6

1) Apologies

Phil Cox (HDMAC)

2) Consideration and Adoption of Minutes for 2017 AGM

Minutes of AGM 2017 proposed as a true record by **DDMAC**, seconded by **PANDAS**. For 5, abstain 1.

3) Consideration and Adoption of Elected Officers Reports

Reports were presented by the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and ASC.

a) Chairmans Report

Well once again we find ourselves at the end of another year one in which the weather gods shone down on us and we had a pretty good summer.

In The area it has been very much business as usual we have held and supported several events this year

The Northern area Achievements scheme instructors and examiners workshop was one of the earlier ones, the event had good attendance and hopefully was useful to all who attended, this type of workshop provides refresher training and allows the instructors and examiner's in our area to keep up to date with changes that may be occurring within the hobby particularly at these times when legislation from both Europe and the CAA is coming thick and fast.

The next area event was the Northern area fly –in. Once again the event was graciously hosted by the Pontefract club whilst cut down to one day rather than the two days it was staged over last year, attendance was still down on the previous year but the feedback from those attending was positive and seemed to support the event being staged , however no event runs itself and a great deal of thanks must go to those who gave up their time to make this event happen specifically I would like to thank Martin Lynn and the team of volunteers who helped plan setup and run this event on the day without your efforts the event would not have taken place so once again on behalf of those who attended thank you.

As a follow up to the last meeting at which Andy Symons formally resigned from his post of Area achievement scheme co-ordinator I would like to take the opportunity to thank Andy on behalf of the Area for his efforts in the role over the last few year's.

Happily Myself and Martin Lynn have had chance to catch up with Bob Rowland the newly co –opted Area Achievement scheme co-ordinator with regard to confirming that he is happy and willing to take up his new role as discussed at the last area meeting , we are glad to say that Bob is relishing taking on what can be an at times challenging post, we will be formally co –opting Bob onto the committee at the next meeting in September so welcome Bob and let give him all the support of the area in the future.

The Area had an presence at the LMA Elvington show year and I would like to thank Martin Lynn for taking on the role of representing the area at this event.

The Dishforth fly –in dates are now posted on the web page Thanks to Adrian Hornby for his efforts in obtaining the licence on behalf of the area and running the dates along with Alan.

So far the number of members using this site has been disappointing so let's try to get the message out that the site is available for members to register to use, it's a good flying site that quite possibly with current defence cuts won't be around forever so let's try to get the best out of it before its gone.

The Area is still organising and funding indoor sessions at Leeds Trinity and the ones organised by Blackstone Model Flyers

I attended the BMFA Nationals this August bank holiday weekend and despite the weather not being too friendly on the Sunday I thoroughly enjoyed the event. The chance to see all the facets of this hobby in one place is not to be missed and I would recommend the event to anyone, Thanks must go to the members who came along from clubs within the area to help marshal and allow the event to run also thanks to the BMFA for organising and staging the event, long may it continue.

We look forward to holding a few events next year some of which will be focussed on helping the clubs in the area to understand the new legislation and its impact as upon us as model flyers these events may take the form of workshops in various locations throughout the area so watch this space for dates for an event near you.

Well I've gone on for too long and apologise now for no doubt missing out some of the other events that the area and its member clubs have/are organising and running, but I think it confirms that despite the area not being too verbal about its achievements it is still very much alive and well and open for business.

And I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

b) Secretary's Report

A full year into the role I now have an appreciation of how paper driven the BMFA processes are, in particular the way all club affiliation forms are passed on for the secretary to decode and extract necessary pieces of information. The new membership management system will hopefully see an end to this and make it much easier to put together an accurate Northern Area mailing list.

For 2018, I completely rebuilt the NA mailing list to clear out many of the defunct addresses that have accumulated over time. As we move into 2019 and the new membership system, this list should become even more accurate.

c) Treasurers Report

2018 has seen the usual stability but a lower than normal spend in the Northern Area. There seems to have been a number of events both indoor and out over the year, with some subsidised by the Northern Area, However the usual claims for support are low. **Clubs... if you're holding a club event why not ask for Northern Area support ?**

Figures of, and value of the accounts are shown below for the listed dates.

Individual spend has been shown on meeting minutes and totals on the End of Year accounts notice, clarified by our Auditor Mr Phillip Kent.

Requests for any financial help from the Northern Area are welcomed, and should be **presented for clearance at committee meetings** wherever possible.

Account details are produced at most of the regular meetings and are minuted, however brief details follow:-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Total</u>
10 th Nov 2017	6295.81	4866.39	68.02	11230.22
2 nd Nov 2018	6727.95	4866.39	68.02	11662.36

Summing up..... Financially, and as normal.... we continue to be one of the healthiest of BMFA areas.

d) Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator (ASC) Report

While it has generally been fairly quiet in the Area I have had a relatively busy year with achievement scheme related matters. I attended both Achievement scheme roadshows arranged by the Achievement Scheme Review Committee, one at Buckminster and one at Swanley. I was also at Buckminster for the ASRC hosted weekend fly-in, this was very successful and a weekend of coaching led to quite a few successful tests. There will be more of these in 2019. I also attend the ASRC meetings in Leicester as the office representative.

As one of the last acts as outgoing area co-ordinator, In May I arranged and ran the Examiners workshop very kindly hosted by the Huddersfield and District MAC. My thanks to the club for the generous use of their facilities and also for providing such excellent refreshments. We had a good turn out and the feedback was excellent. The workshops are not only a good way of helping maintain standards they are a great opportunity for examiners to get together and exchange ideas. My thanks to all who attended and assisted with the workshop.

I would also like to thank our team of ACE's/ACI's and club examiners and anyone else who offered valuable assistance during my tenure as Area Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator and I am sure our new

Co-ordinator, Bob Rowland, will be able to count on similar support and I look forward to assisting Bob wherever I can going forward.

I confirm I am more than willing to continue as a Northern Area ACE for 2019 and I look forward to assisting wherever I can.

Andy Symons (outgoing ASC)

4) Consideration and Adoption of April 2017/March 2018 Accounts

MDMAC proposed to accept the accounts for 2017/2018, seconded by **BMF**. For 6, against 0.

5) Ratification of Area Chief Examiners.

The following were ratified as ACE's unanimously after proposal by Bob Rowland and seconded by **MDMAC**.

Dave Scholes, Fixed Wing & Helicopter
Paul Blakeborough, Fixed wing
Andy Symons, Fixed Wing
Bob Rowland, Fixed Wing
Steve Jackson, Fixed Wing
Darren Nicholson, Helicopter

6) Election of Officers

Officers for election for a 2 year term this year were Treasurer, Delegate, Vice-Chairman, Education Co-ordinator and PRO. ASC will also commence a 2 year term.

Treasurer, Delegate and Vice Chairman and ASC all willing to continue in positions. For 6, against 0.

The full committee for 2018/19 is:

Chairman	Tim Haigh
Vice Chairman	Phillip Kent
Secretary	Robert Cleator
Treasurer	Paul Blakeborough
PRO	Vacant
Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator (ASC)	Bob Rowland
Auditor	Phillip Kent
Council Delegate	Martin Lynn
Education Co-ordinator	Vacant

At this point it was mentioned that Tom Chambers who served for 25 years as BMFA NA delegate and was a fellow of the SMAE, sadly died earlier in 2018.

Meeting Closed 8.50pm

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