



Northern Area British Model Flying Association

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Minutes of the BMFA Northern Area for the meeting held on 10th March 2021.

Officers Present

Vice Chairman(Acting Chairman)
Secretary
Treasurer
Public Relations Officer
Delegate
Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator
Auditor

Phil Cox
Sheila Marshall
Paul Blakeborough
Martin Lynn
John McNamara
Charlie Lee
Stephen Greenwood

Clubs Represented

Pontefract & District Aero Modellers (PANDAS)
Huddersfield & District (HDMAC)
Pontefract & District Aero Modellers (PANDAS)
Dewsbury & District MAC(DDMAC)
Morley & District MAC(MDMAC)
Elvington Model Flyers
Keighley & District MAC (KADMAC)
West Yorkshire MFC
Blackstone Model Flyers (BMF)
Dishforth
York Model Aircraft Society
Brighouse MAC
Pontefract & District Aero Modellers (PANDAS)
Blackstone Model Flyers (BMF)

(Non voting) Terry Lee (TL)
Phil Cox (PC)
Sheila Marshall (SM)
Martin Lynn (MPL)
Paul Blakeborough (PB)
John McNamara (JMcN)
Charlie Lee (CL)
Steven Greenwood (SG)
John Mosley (JM)
Martin Lees (ML)
Jon Edison (JE)
Denis Pennington (DP)
(Non voting) Allan Marshall (AM)
(Non voting) Alec Barber (AB)

Apologies From

Tim Haigh Chairman

Agenda Items

1. Meeting Voting Strength. 11.

It was decided that if a club delegate was representing more than one club that he/she had a vote for each club.

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2. **Minutes of the last meeting.** Vote to accept the minutes of the meeting held by Zoom on 6th January 2021. Proposed by JMcN seconded by PB. Accepted unanimously.
3. **Matters Arising.** From item 10 The Budget, PB informed that he hasn't submitted a request for funding because the BMFA have announced that all areas will get the minimum amount as nothing has happened since last year.
4. **BMFA Northern Area Zoom Meeting Licence.** ML informed that there had been no response from the area clubs to the offer of use of the area Zoom licence to hold their club meetings.
5. **Northern Area Flight Fest Event & Swapmeet.** MPL has applied for the licence from Wakefield Council; nothing has come back as everything is still on hold because of Covid. Helpers are still required; TL is to provide a list of help required. It was decided to book the BMFA flight simulator but a decision about catering will be left until the next meeting to see how many helpers volunteer and the position re-covid. JMcN questioned the date of the event because Full Council wants the event in September across the country to get national publicity. It is too late now for the area to change the date so it will stay as July 10/11th 2021. Final decisions will be made at the next meeting.
6. **Area Achievement Scheme Training and Testing Days.** CL, MPL and TH have the general format in place as to how it is to be run. Helpers and a decision about catering need to be made when there is further information about the Covid restrictions. The dates are Sat 21st August and Sunday 26th September 2021 and links are already on the NA website, nearer the time emails will be sent out to the club secretaries and examiners.
7. **Matters Arising From Full Council Meeting.** JMcN is to ask at the Area Council meeting if the results of the member survey are to be sent out to the areas and if he is allowed to discuss the results, he will send a copy to the NA secretary for distribution if allowed. A focus group has been set up to look at the constitution of the Areas.
8. **Area Council Meeting (13th March) Agenda.** Nothing to discuss as the agenda hasn't been sent out yet.

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9. **Area indoor flying.** There is no prospect for flying at Trinity All Saints College for the foreseeable future and it was the same for all other clubs that normally held indoor events that attended this meeting.
10. **Area Website.** MPL manages the area website and asked if any clubs wanted items publicising to get in touch and he would put them on the site and link them to the area Facebook page.
11. **A.O.B.** MPL asked if there was any information updates about Article 16 in particular with regard to AAIB reporting. JMcN replied that discussions are still ongoing with the CAA and AAIB but it is thought that the reporting criteria will change to be more in line with model flying and not just a straight cross over from full size criteria, it is also hoped that reporting will be done through the BMFA and not directly to the official departments but it's still work in progress. JE said that the next full council meeting has been brought forward to 1st May 2021 which is before the next NA meeting on 4th May 2021; it was decided to bring forward our meeting to Thursday 29th April 2021. JE was going to check with BMFA head office why the council agendas are not being sent out to clubs and areas to give them chance to ask questions.

The meeting was brought to a close at 8.55 PM.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 29th April 2021 at 7.30 PM by Zoom.

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