



NORTHERN
AREA

British Model Flying Association

Patron: **HRH The Duke of Edinburgh KG**

President **Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Alcock.**
GCB, KBE, DSc, FENG, FIMechE, FRAeS.

The next AGM of the BMFA Northern Area will be held on the 5th December 2008 at Castleford RAFA club from 7.30pm

The Agenda for the 2008 AGM will be-

1. Apologies for absence
2. Consideration and Adoption of 2007 AGM minutes.
3. Adoption of Reports from Elected Officers.
4. Consideration and Adoption of the Accounts for 2007/2008
5. Election of Officers

Un-adopted minutes of the BMFA Northern Area AGM held on the 7th December 2007

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Present

Officers Present

Chairman	John Thompson
Vice Chairman	Peter Hornby
Secretary	Andrew Symons
Treasurer	Paul Blakeborough
Delegate	Gordon Warburton, FSMAE
Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator	Phil Davis
Auditor	Philip Kent

Clubs Represented

Dewsbury & District MAC	John Thompson
Pontefract and District (Pandas)	Philip Kent
Morley Free Flight Club	Jeff Parker
Cleemac	Alan Kelly
Darlington Free Flight Modellers	John Godden
South Leeds Model Aero Modellers Society (Slams)	Gordon Warburton FSMAE
Dales	Peter Hornby
Carlton Model Aircraft Club	Phil Davis
Brighouse Vintage MAC	Jack Parker

Voting Strength 9

1) Apologies

None received.

2) Consideration and Adoption of Minutes for 2006 AGM

Minutes of AGM 2006 proposed as a true record by Pandas, seconded by Brighouse
Passed Unanimously

3) Consideration and Adoption of Elected Officers Reports

CHAIRMANS REPORT

The year started with a good turnout for the Christmas Fly-In at Church Fenton and excellent sunny conditions with calm breezes showed promise. Unfortunately this did not last long so we were glad of the indoor RC sessions at Garforth to keep our thumbs active. There we again saw a large interest in the small electric helicopters both the 'toy' and 'Blade' type.

We were saddened to hear of the unfortunate accident which robbed us of long time Committee member Derek Haviour.

The advent of 2.4ghz has been a revolution with its safety implications, my own being in action all year from indoor Foamies to Slope Soarers, Helis, and Aerobatic electrics. To see a model shop sell out of radios in January must be a first.

One new event was our invitation to fly at the full size 'International Fly-In' at Briehton, where we were made most welcome, and hope to return next year. With such historic aeroplanes as the Mew Gull and Arrow Active to examine, and waking up to Mustang parked beside your caravan, is an experience never to be forgotten.

The highlight of the year was again Andy Symons's brainchild the Castle Howard fly-in which was well supported. The downsize of this was the news of the fatal Hurricane crash which Brian Brown, of the Real Aeroplane Co at Briehton, had on the Saturday. Despite this Geof Cline, in the best Battle of Britain traditions, insisted on carrying on with the Flypast in the Magister on Sunday, even with the strong crosswind. On behalf of the Area I attended the funeral at Doncaster Minster, which was packed to overflowing, highlighting the respect in which Brian was held. We are donating half the Proceeds to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance in Brian's memory.

Despite the generous prizes offered the Photographic competition has not been well supported even though we extended the deadline.

Of the four electric events I usually attend, due to flooding, only our local PANDAS one took place, and we were treated to some superb weather, with a healthy turnout of flyers and spectators.

The Area has had its first two 'C' certificates won, and Phil Davies is making his presence felt as Achievement Co-Ordinator and Fixed Wing Examiner.

With the Rufforth Show being run by the LMA this year, we had a generous area for our stand as well as a good view of the flying.

Our Vice Chairman, Peter Hornby, has done a good job getting the use of RAF Dishforth for some Sundays in 2008, and his help with various events has been essential.

Our initiative to provide the finance for Portaloos has been expanded to include those with Disabled Access, and one Club did not need our help as they actually borrowed one from a friendly building site!

I was naturally flattered to hear of my award of a Certificate of Merit for 'Serving the cause of model flying and the Association', but was brought down to earth a little at the AGM presentation Dinner seeing all the silverware won by modelers who had achieved unbelievable things in their various disciplines. It was good to see local lads Bruce Illingworth and Mike Fitzgerald making the silverware, and Gordon Warburton receiving the free flight trophy for the Morley Club again

My thanks go to all the Committee members for their support and especially Andy for his hospitality with the caravan, throughout the year, and hope for better flying conditions for us all in 2008.

John A Thompson

Vice Chairman's Report

My year, away from building and flying, started with a visit to the LMA meeting and show at Southport. It was well attended by people from the Northern Area including our Secretary and was a visit well worth making, where one could learn about the accurate building of model aircraft. In 2008 the event will move to Wigan.

June arrived and I spent a most enjoyable weekend helping Manny Williamson with the Heavy Lift Challenge at Elvington. June was also when I started to try obtain a licence for us to fly at Dishforth.

Briehton was the action for July followed by Rufforth in August. At both these venues we ran a BMFA stand. I also visited the "Nationals" in August.

Tx control and Bovril drinking were my actions at Castle Howard in September where I also won a raffle prize.

Thanks must go to our Hon Sec for his splendid organisation of this event which resulted in two large donations to charities and considerable enjoyment by many BMFA members.

In our Chairman's absence I ran the Pudsey Swap Meeting he had organised for late September and I helped with indoor flying at Garforth in October.

October was also the month when we received the licence to fly at Dishforth.

The first of the two days at Harrogate Christmas Trade Show in November was a record attendance. This was evident in the slight increase in interested modellers at the BMFA stand where Andy and I sold a few items and showed the face of the BMFA.

Peter Hornby

Secretary's Report

There are 61 clubs in the area and 8 youth groups. Most receive minutes via email although it would be good to get even more receiving minutes electronically. We have had a few new faces at the area meetings but most clubs still don't send a delegate and are unrepresented at the meetings. I can only assume they are very happy with the work we do.

If club secretaries could email me their 2008 club contact details as soon as possible to secretary@na-bmfa.org it would be very helpful. Also if they could ensure they fill out the returns form for the BMFA head office as completely and clearly as possible this would greatly help as a copy of the form is sent to me and some of them are quite difficult to make out.

The website is proving useful however I seem to receive few details of club events to add to the events page, any details I am sent also get forwarded for inclusion in the BMFA events calendar. There seemed to be quite a few clashes of club events over the course of the past year, which with a bit of co-ordination could be reduced and hopefully help to make the events more successful.

Email details of any events, articles and photos that you may wish to put on the website to webmaster@na-bmfa.org and I will ensure they are included.

I attended a couple of Area council meetings in place of the chairman.

It was a poor year weather wise and quite a few events I was hoping to attend were cancelled due to the weather, however I did manage to attend at Brighton to represent the association and helped man the BMFA stand at both Rufforth and the Harrogate Xmas trade show. I also helped out at the Nats for the weekend and had a great time.

Once again our Fly-in and display at Castle Howard was a great success with excellent weather on the Saturday but very strong winds on the Sunday. Despite the wind we managed to put on a good display for the spectators and once again showed the sport in a very good light and received some excellent publicity. £750.00 was raised for charity and has been split between the RAF Benevolent fund and The Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Dates are already booked for 2008 and are September 13th & 14th.

With the addition of RC flying at Dishforth, the indoor flying and the Castle Howard weekend 2008 is shaping up to be an excellent year.

All the best for 2008

Andy Symons

Delegate's Report

I have attended 5 out of 6 of the Council meetings this year plus the Society AGM. Apart from my work on the Scale Technical Committee I have helped out at the Heavy Lift Challenge and the Schools Challenge. I have also served once again on the awards committee.

I was pleased to see so many Northern Area members receiving awards and trophies at the AGM. The NA Chairman receiving his Certificate of Merit and contest winners from Control Line, Pylon Racing and Free Flight receiving trophies. For the fifth consecutive year Morley Club collected the Plugge Cup.

Some figures for insurance claims show that the majority of claims still involve damage to vehicles. Perhaps clubs may re-look at their flying site layout to see if they can reduce the risk.

Gordon Warburton FSMAE
Northern Area Delegate

Treasurers Report

Another year of stability in the Northern Area on the financial front. The Area support grant from BMFA HQ has again ensured our stability over the year.

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>
8 th Dec 2006	719.30	5303.14	164.29	6186.73

7th Dec 2007 682.28 5303.14 157.53 6242.95

Summing up..... Financially, we continue to be one of the healthiest of BMFA areas. The area should consider any reasonable requests for financial support or sponsorship from its clubs. As an area we should consider continuing the relaxing of entry fees and other associated costs for fly-ins and events in the area for the next year, to allow some of the accumulated funds to be fed back to the membership.

Unfortunately I have had to attend too many other events etc which coincided with the Friday evening meetings, which meant my not attending as many as I would have liked to. I hope this has not caused too many problems on the financial front.

Please make sure that any requests for expenses/funding or proceeds from events are authorised firstly through the committee and minuted, then sent to me accompanied by an expense/income report slip. This report should include a concise breakdown of expenses/income etc.

Expense/Income report slips should be sent to:

15 Castle Lodge Gardens
Rothwell
Leeds
LS26 0ZL

Or Email: pblakeborough@iname.com

Paul Blakeborough.
Treasurer – Northern Area BMFA.

ASC Report

Northern Area Chief Examiners/Instructors.

Paul Blakeborough.
Dave Kerswell,
Chris Carter,
Dave Scoles,
John
Gordon Warburton FSMAE
Phil Davis

Woodhouse,

Letters were sent to the above Chief Examiners - asking for an activity report & willingness to continue their duties.

Replies attached from Paul Blakeborough. Dave Kerswell, Chris Carter, Dave Scoles, John Woodhouse, Gordon Warburton FSMAE, Phil Davis

Generally all reflected that it has been a quiet year for testing of club examiners and most of there time has been spent instructing and promoting the BMFA scheme.

They have all expressed their desire to continue in the role of Area Chief Examiners for 2008.

Phil Davis

Comments on Officers Reports

Brighthouse asked about attendance at the RC flying at Church Fenton, Delegate reported that turnout was very poor despite 40 people being on the list.

4) Consideration and Adoption of April 2006/March 2007 Accounts

Brighthouse asked if more detail could be made available in the accounts with regards to gratuities & licence costs etc. Treasurer said this could be done.

SLAMS proposed to accept the accounts for 2006/2007, seconded by Dewsbury. Vote Unanimous.

5) Election of Officers

Officers for election for a 2 year term this year were Secretary & Vice Chairman
No nominations were received and the incumbents in the posts agreed to continue.

Brighthouse proposed the incumbents were re-elected to their posts, Seconded by PANDAS, the following were duly elected unanimously

Vice Chairman	-	Peter Hornby
Secretary	-	Andrew Symons

The full committee for 2008 is:

Chairman	JohnThompson
Vice Chairman	Peter Hornby
Secretary	Andrew Symons
Treasurer	Paul Blakeborough
PRO	John Thompson
Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator	Phil Davis
Auditor	Philip Kent
Council Delegate	Gordon Warburton FSMAE

Meeting Closed 8.00pm

Andrew Symons
Northern Area Secretary
secretary@na-bmfa.org

Appendix

BMFA Northern Area Accounts for 1st April 2005 to 31st March 2006

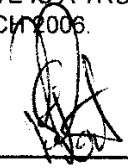
Account	BT. FORWARD	INCOME	EXPENSE	CD. FORWARD
Bank Current Account	1077.24	1499.32	1407.68	1168.88
Bank Deposit Account	4675.15	8.76	0	4683.91
Cash in Hand	10.81	153.48	0	164.29
Flying Site Sec's Float	9.36	490	452.1	47.26
Totals	£5,772.56	2151.56	1859.78	£6,064.34

Details of above transactions (Less transfers between accounts) is shown below.

ITEM	INCOME	EXPENSE	BALANCE
Postage		47.5	-47.5
Stationary		23.84	-23.84
Telephone		23.85	-23.85
Gratuities/Donations		201.89	-201.89
Church Fenton/Linton Licenses/ Income		544.71	-544.71
Travelling		12.75	-12.75
Tolls		0.8	-0.8
Bank Interest			
Area Support Grant			
Trophies		35	-35
Misc			
Totals	1508.08	890.34	

THE ABOVE IS A TRUE RECORD OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS FOR THE YEAR 1st APRIL 2005 TO 31st MARCH 2006.

Signed _____



Philip Kent - Auditor

Date _____

6/10/06