



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 meeting of the Northern Area BMFA will be held on February 1st 2008 at 7.30pm in the Castleford RAFA Club.

The Agenda for the **Feb 1st** meeting will be-

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Correction and adoption of the Jan 4th 2008 minutes
3. Matters arising from the Jan 4th 2008 minutes
4. To discuss and respond to the Correspondence from the Wharfedale Club regarding RC flying at Dishforth
5. Correspondence from officers
6. Comments on officers reports
7. A.O.B.

Un-adopted minutes of the BMFA Northern Area for the meeting held on Jan 4th 2007

Officers Present.

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| Chairman | John Thompson |
| Secretary | Andy Symons |
| Treasurer | Paul Blakeborough |
| Council Delegate | Gordon Warburton, FSMAE |

Clubs Represented

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| Dewsbury & District MAC (D&DMAC) | John Thompson |
| Pontefract & District Aeromodellers (Pandas) | Paul Blakeborough |
| Darlington Free Flight Modellers | John Godden |
| South Leeds Model Aero Modellers Society (Slams) | Gordon Warburton, FSMAE |
| Pontefract ATC | Tony Bond |
| Cleemac | Alan Kelly |

Voting Strength 6

1) **Apologies**

Vice Chairman - Peter Hornby
ASC - Phil Davis
Brighouse - Jack Parker
Auditor - Philip Kent

2) **Correction and Adoption of Sept 28th 2007 Minutes**

Proposed as a true record of the meeting by **SLAMS**, Seconded **Darlington Free Flight Modellers**
Vote For 5, Against 0, Abst 3

3) **Matters Arising from Sept 28th 2007 meeting.**

Secretary has received a letter from Wharfedale & District Aeromodellers expressing concern about the proposed RC flying at Dishforth airfield. As the Vice chairman was not present and Wharfedale had not sent a representative the matter has been added to the agenda of the February 1st meeting.

Chairman mentioned with regards to the Pudsey Swapmeet that as the costs of holding the event at the Pudsey Civic centre was rising we should look at trying to find an alternative venue.

4) **Correspondence from officers.**

None

6) **Officers Reports**

Reports were received from the Chairman, Treasurer and Council Delegate

a) Chairmans Report

A Happy New Year to everyone, and hopes for better flying weather.

The Indoor sessions so far have been poorly attended due to the dates co-inciding with un-seasonal good weather, tomorrow should be different!! There has been a surprising increase in the number of helicopters at these meetings and with the increased power outputs of brushless/LiPo systems I am limiting them to small ones of the 'Blade' size. An increase in the use of 2.4ghz for indoor has also been noted, with the advantage of light weight, shorter aerals, and no interference. These ready to fly ones are also bringing new blood into the Association.

John Thompson

b) Treasurers Report

Treasurers Report for meeting of BMFA Northern Area Committee 4th January 2008

Incoming: (Current Acc)

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| 16/10/2007 | P Hornby | Pudsey Swapmeet proceeds | £76 |
| 16/10/2007 | A Symons | Castle Howard proceeds | £750 |

Outgoing: (Current Acc)

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| 01/11/2007 | A Symons | RAF Benevolent Fund | £375 |
| 01/11/2007 | A Symons | Yorkshire Air Ambulance | £375 |
| 06/11/2007 | P Hornby | HMG4806 (Dishforth Licence) | £448.22 |

Accounts:-

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| Current | - | 682.28 |
| Deposit | - | 5303.14 |
| Cash | - | 157.53 |
| Total | - | 6142.95 |

Please make sure that any requests for expenses/funding or proceeds from events are authorised/noted 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.

c) Delegate's Report

There are five proposals on the agenda of the Council meeting on the 12th January.

1. There is a proposal to hold a Top Gun event in late September at Leicester Airport. Keith Lomax (Hon. Treasurer) has put together a fully costed proposal with plenty of detail.
2. The Scale Technical Committee are proposing that the Scale Free Flight models should be eligible to win the Handley Page Trophy.
3. The North East are proposing that all juniors entering events at British Nationals Championship should be given a certificate to show that they competed.
4. There are two proposals from the North West Area suggesting that the 50 possible record categories for outdoor free flight models should be reduced to three and that these three should be changed to an annual award for the person achieving the longest time in a fly-off.
5. The R/C Power Tech. Committee are proposing that the JMA/GTBA Code of Practice for the operation of gas turbines be adopted.

The rest of the agenda for the January Council meeting is taken up mostly with ratifying Council posts and International Teams for 2008.

Gordon Warburton FSMAE
Northern Area Delegate

7) Comments on Officers Reports

None

8) A.O.B.

Delegate proposed that the meeting approved expenditure of upto £65.00 for donation to RAF charities and gratuities to farmers.

Seconded Dewsbury MAC, Voting Unanimous

Area meetings for the remainder of 2008 are as follows

February 1st, May 9th, June 6th, September 5th (Provisional), September 26th (Provisional)
AGM December 5th

Meeting closed 8.30pm

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