



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 January 4th 2008 at 7.30pm in the Castleford RAFA Club.**

The Agenda for the **Jan 4th** meeting will be-

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Correction and adoption of the Sept 28th 2007 minutes
3. Matters arising from the Sept 28th 2007 minutes
4. Correspondence from officers
5. Comments on officers reports
6. A.O.B.

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## **Un-adopted minutes of the BMFA Northern Area for the meeting held on Sept 28th 2007**

### **Officers Present.**

Chairman	John Thompson
Vice Chairman	Peter Hornby
Secretary	Andy Symons
Council Delegate	Gordon Warburton, FSM AE
Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator	Phil Davis

### **Clubs Represented**

Dewsbury & District MAC (D&DMAC)	John Thompson
Dales Model Flying Club	Peter Hornby
Pontefract & District Aeromodellers (Pandas)	Andy Symons
Brighouse Vintage MAC	Jack Parker
Darlington Free Flight Modellers	John Godden
Goole & District R/C Aero Club	Phil Davis
South Leeds Model Aero Modellers Society (Slams)	Gordon Warburton, FSM AE
Holme on Spalding Moor Aero Club (HOSMAC)	Ken Walder

**Voting Strength 8**

### **1) Apologies**

Treasurer Paul Blakeborough

### **2) Correction and Adoption of Sept 7th 2007 Minutes**

Proposed as a true record of the meeting by **Dales Model Flying Club**, Seconded **Darlington Free Flight Modellers**

Vote For 5, Against 0, Abst 3

### **3) Matters Arising from Sept 7th 2007 meeting.**

R.E. Vice Chairmans report regarding RC flying at Dishforth, the Vice chairman has made further progress arranging this, see Vice Chairmans report.

Dales proposed that the area fund the cost of £448.22 to obtain the required licence to fly. Seconded by Brighouse. For 8, against 0, abst 0

**4) To look at possible conditions and criteria to obtain portaloo funding for events and other misc funding**

The meeting agreed that each case should be looked at individually, an application form for funding is available from the secretary.

**5) Correspondence from officers.**

Chairman has received a letter from Yorkshire Air Spectacular regarding the Christmas trade show at Harrogate on the 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> November where we will be manning the BMFA stand.

Area Achievement scheme co-ordinator has received a letter from the National achievement scheme controller regarding the list of ACE's and reminding him that all ACE's should submit a report to the area AGM.

**6) Officers Reports**

**a) Chairmans Report**

With the short time since the last meeting there is not much to report.

The Castle Howard event went well, and Andy Symons will be reporting in detail. On the Sunday morning I called Geoff Cline of the Real Aeroplane Co to check on the opening fly past to hear the devastating news that Brian Brown, one of their senior pilots, had been killed the day before in the Hurricane crash at Shoreham. I obviously suggested to Geoff that the flight be cancelled, but he insisted that Brian would not have wanted that. Due to the wind strength and direction Geoff flew the Magister and put on a superb show at a traumatic time. Brian was a superb pilot, having more hours in a Hurricane than anyone, and he was a big help when we did the model slot at the RAC's full size fly-in at Brighton. Yesterday I attended his funeral on behalf of the Area at the Doncaster St Georges Minster and it was full to capacity with many well known faces.

John Thompson

**b) Vice Chairman's report**

R.E. Subject Dishforth Airfield.

I have been granted a licence under the name of Brighthouse Vintage Model Flying Club for us to fly one Sunday in each month of next year starting in January 2008. The licence has been issued to BVMFC because it is not the policy of Defence Estates to issue licences to the BMFA.

The following actions have been taken.

1. Visit made to discuss flying on a Sunday at Dishforth with David Wilson MBE AAC Ops WO 9 Regt AAC. He was very helpful and clearly explained to me their requirements regarding our entry to the airfield.
2. Telephone contact has been made with retired Sq Ldr Richard Cole of Cleveland Gliding Club. Again he was positive and helpful. He suggested that when we enter the airfield our first port of call should be the gliding club to establish from where they will be flying. This will then determine from where we can fly. Like Manny Williamson he said that it was important that each pilot had an observer to point out if a glider was approaching our flying area. Also we agreed that model jet aircraft should be banned because of their speed and the large volume of airspace they inhabit.

Action required.

A 1. Northern Area Committee to agree to paying Defence Estates £448-22 (made payable to HMG 4806) for flying during 2008.

A2 PGH to send copies of licence to Leicester for their sanction.

A3. PGH to write to David Wilson giving proposed flying dates for 2008 and confirming that we will be asking BMFA members to contact PGH in writing (giving their car registration and BMFA number) to request their inclusion in the entry list for Dishforth. I have also asked Manny Williamson to let me have two void BMFA membership cards for David Wilson (Additional Conditions Item 7).

Peter Hornby

### c) Secretary's Report

Since the last meeting we have had another successfully Northern Area Fly-in and display at Castle Howard. Once again over 50 fliers enjoyed flying at what must be the most scenic of model flying sites. The strip was in excellent condition and a special thanks must go to the grounds staff at Castle Howard for their efforts in providing such an excellent surface. The weather was good on the Saturday but very windy on Sunday. Despite the very windy conditions on Sunday afternoon we still managed to put on a good display for the general public. With some excellent scale, Jet, Large Model, IMAC and F3A aerobatic demonstrations which showcased the sport in a very good light for the spectators, many positive comments were received from the public and staff at Castle Howard.

Thanks must go to all the fliers that took part but a special mention in dispatches must also go to Peter Hornby for expertly manning TX control for the weekend with the aid of my daughter and John Thompson. Phil Davis for arranging supply of plenty of hot drinks. John Thompson, Barry James and Dave Tappin for expert commentary and my family for helping with refreshments and selling raffle tickets. Also the large number of volunteers who pitched in and helped with setting up and dismantling the fencing, marquees and tents etc.

A special mention must also go to the Teeside Club and their Chairman Keith Evans for the loan of their large marquee for the weekend which they arranged to deliver, help erect, dismantle and collect when the event was over.

Expenses for the event were as follows

Portaloos Hire	
1 x Standard loo, 1 x Disabled loo, 1 x Caravan waste container	£299.63
Fuel costs for delivery & collection of marquee	<u>£ 50.00</u>
Total	£349.63

Once again we held two raffles over the course of the weekend and with proceeds of the raffles, refreshment sales, sales of the limited edition mugs and a couple of orders for T-shirts we have raised £750.00 for charity. Initially the plans were to donate the full amount to the RAF Benevolent fund, but sadly Brian Brown of the Real Aeroplane Company at Brighton was killed on the Saturday flying his Hurricane in a display at Shoreham and feeling amongst participants at Castle Howard was some of this should be donated to a charity in Brian Brown's memory. The nominated charity for this is the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and I propose the donation is divided equally between the two. Despite the loss of Brian Brown, The Real Aeroplane Company still managed to send the Miles Magister over for a fly-by on the Sunday lunchtime which in the circumstances was above and beyond the call of duty and very many thanks go to Geoff Cline the pilot and Tony Smith for arranging this.

### d) Treasurers Report

Outgoing: (Current Acc )

07/09/07	Leeds City Council	Pudsey Hall Hire	350.00
07/09/07	Addplant	Loo Hire for Castle Howard	299.62
07/09/07	J Thompson	Expenses	4.80

Accounts:-

Current	-	1054.50
Deposit	-	5303.14
Cash	-	<u>157.53</u>
Total	-	6515.17

**Please make sure that any requests for expenses/funding or proceeds from events are authorised/noted firstly through the committee and minuted, then 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](mailto:pblakeborough@iname.com)

Paul Blakeborough.  
Treasurer – Northern Area BMFA.

### **e) Delegate's Report**

I attended the Council Meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> September and am pleased to pass on the news that the BMFA Council has awarded a Certificate of Merit to the Northern area Chairman, John Thompson. This is for serving the cause of model flying by meritorious endeavour.

Accounts for the year 2006/2007 were presented and approved by Council.  
The Council will be recommending to the Society AGM that membership fees for 2008 will increase by £1.00 for both seniors and juniors.

The proposal to fund helpers at Silent Flight International events was discussed and passed with a small majority.

The proposal to change the competition certificates was discussed and the idea of replacing Gold, Silver & Bronze with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> was rejected. It was agreed to make some minor changes to the wording. The deadline for the changes was extended so that present stock would not need to be scrapped.

Membership figures showed very little change from last year – 35,145 for 2007 & 35,238 for 2006. The overall clubs and youth groups affiliated for 2007 are 786, 4 more than last year.

The agenda for the Areas Council Meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> October has been received and there are no proposals on the agenda requiring discussion.

Gordon Warburton FSMAE  
BMFA Northern Area Delegate.

### **7) Comments on Officers Reports**

Secretary said the monies raised for charity at Castle Howard would be paid in to the area account and that 2 cheques would be required each for £375.00 for the RAF Benevolent Fund and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

### **8) A.O.B.**

Holme on Spalding Moor Aero Club brought to the attention of the meeting an issue regarding the use of frequencies with a new group of flyers setting up very close to one of their flying sites. HOSMAC are monitoring the situation. The committee suggested setting up a meeting between HOSMAC and the new group to resolve the issue.

Chairman mentioned that the indoor flying at Garforth had been arranged on the following dates.  
6<sup>th</sup> October, 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2<sup>nd</sup> February and 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Vice Chairman brought the income from the Pudsey Swap Meet, £76.00 to pass on to the treasurer.

Meeting closed 8.30pm

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