



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 Sept 26th 2008 at 7.30pm in the Castleford RAFA Club.

The Agenda for the **Sept 26th** meeting will be-

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Correction and adoption of the **Sept 5th** 2008 minutes
3. Matters arising from the **Sept 5th** 2008 minutes
4. Correspondence from officers
5. Comments on officers reports
6. A.O.B.

Un-adopted minutes of the BMFA Northern Area for the meeting held on Sept 5th 2008

Officers Present.

Chairman and PRO	John Thompson
Vice Chairman	Peter Hornby
Secretary	Andy Symons
Council Delegate	Gordon Warburton, FSMAE
Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator	Phil Davis
Treasurer	Paul Blakeborough

Clubs Represented

Dewsbury & District MAC (D&DMAC)	John Thompson
Darlington Free Flight Modellers	John Godden
South Leeds Model Aero Modellers Society (Slams)	Gordon Warburton, FSMAE
Cleethorpes Model Aero Club (CLEEMAC)	Alan Kelly
Carlton Model Aircraft Club (CMAC)	Phil Davis
Dales Model Flying Club	Peter Hornby
Brighouse Vintage MAC (BVMAC)	Jack parker
Don Valley MFC	Roger Carr
Morley Free Flight Club	Jeff Parker
Pontefract & District (PANDAS)	Paul Blakeborough

Also Present Barry Sharp, Mark Bulliment, John Argyll.

Voting Strength 10

1) Apologies

Education Co-ordinator Neil Cooper, Treasurer Paul Blakeborough

2) Correction and Adoption of June 6th 2008 Minutes

Proposed as a true record of the meeting by **SLAMS**, Seconded by **Brighouse**
For 7, Against 0, Abst 3

3) Matters Arising from June 6th 2008 meeting.

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The Treasurer clarified that the expenses of £58.91 which Dennis Davitt received were for gratuities of 2 bottles of whisky, 1 bottle of gin for the RAF bases and for petrol and bridge tolls.

4) Correspondence from officers.

The Chairman has received notification of the Yorkshire Air Spectacular Xmas trade show which is on 15th & 16th September. Volunteers are requested to man the BMFA stand at the show.

5) Officers Reports

a) Chairmans Report

The LMA Show at Rufforth was seriously affected by bad weather again, but we made good use of the Area marquee to socialise.

Of the Electric events I usually attend only the Hucknall and Pendas ones were available, and both of those were affected by high winds. However they had a good turnout of flyers, something we would not have seen a few years ago.

The big news is our new indoor venue, thanks to the connections of Jack Parker. The Trinity and All Saints College at Horsforth offers a new sports hall which is spacious, and has separate area for the Pits with safety nets! I understand that at the Nats indoor session someone was injured by a helicopter, so this last item is a welcome feature. We are allowing SMALL helis with no 3D flying and we will be keeping tabs on the flying. I have booked six Saturdays and one Sunday starting on Oct11th from 1 to 4pm. The cost is slightly less than Garforth partially due to VAT not being charged on pre-booking.

Tomorrow sees the first Swapmeet at The Spen Valley Sports College, due to the costs of Pudsey becoming too expensive, and initial signs from the websites and phone calls point to a good turnout, one as far as Northampton!

Castle Howard plans are well advanced although when Andy and I visited the site the grass was not as good as last year. Hopefully this will be sorted before the weekend.

John Thompson

b) Secretarys Report

I attended the Area council meeting as alternate for Gordon on 8th June, most of the business was proposals from the Achievement scheme review committee (ASRC).

It was agreed that the ASRC organise a seminar for area Achievement scheme co-ordinators, that logbooks be produced for BMFA examiners to record their activities, clarification on who could take and where tests could be taken was also agreed on. Proposals were also accepted to include in the test guidelines clarification of what to do in case of dead sticks part way through tests.

At the meeting I was co-opted on to the ASRC.

The flying display we organised during the lunch break of the Heavy lift challenge was very well received by all who were in attendance and the Development officer has already requested we repeat it next year.

Preparations for the Castle Howard event are just about complete, although I am somewhat concerned about the condition of the grass strip with the poor weather we have had recently. I will be visiting Castle Howard on Tuesday morning to see what the condition is.

Andy Symons

c) Delegate's Report

The September Council meeting will include approving the budget for 2009/2010 and suggesting a membership fee for 2009 that will be put to the 2008 AGM.

The following proposals will be discussed.

1 **From the Competition Secretary.** That Technical Committees must advertise for team manager and assistant team manager (if appropriate) posts for their British Teams In the BMFA News & on the news page of the BMFA website. The advertisement must be placed early enough to allow (a) a reasonable time for replies and (b) the names of the recommended candidates to be placed on the agenda of the January Full Council meeting for ratification.

2. **From the Silent Flight Technical Committee** That the two tow men for the British F3J World Championships in Turkey between 27th June & 6th July, Les Johnson, SAA No: 001292, Club: n/a and John Stanswood, BMFA No: 102569, Club: Timperley, be retrospectively ratified to formally acknowledge them as members of the F3J team and to enable them to be paid the balance of the full

team member allowance.

3 **From the Silent Flight Technical Committee** That for F3J FAI sanctioned Continental and World Championships two official tow men be considered as full-fledged team members for the sole purpose of hand towing which is mandatory and essential at these events. As team members, ratified by Council in the usual way, the two tow men would be entitled to the full team member allowance.

4. **From London Area** that in cases of more than one application for a team manager or assistant team manager post, all the team members must be balloted to establish which of the applicants they would prefer for the appropriate post and the Technical Committee shall then propose that person to Council for ratification.

5 **From North West Area** That if any visits to clubs or flying sites are arranged by Head Office staff on behalf of the BMFA, whether by Invitation or otherwise, then the Area Committee concerned should be informed as soon as possible in advance of the visit, unless the club or organisation specifically request otherwise.

6 **From Keith Miller FSMAE** That the Archivist present a report, written or verbal, to each Full Council Meeting. The first one to give, in broad detail, existing items in the SMAE archives and, to subsequent meetings, new additions, also progress reports on finding proper research and display facilities for new items received and accepted as suitable for inclusion.

7 **From the Areas Council** This Council adds the following paragraph to Article 26 of the Areas Constitution.

Alternatively a minimum of two ordinary meetings may be held with the addition of the use of an Areas Council approved electronic communications and meetings system.”

Reasons:

Article 26 of the Areas Constitution deals with how many meetings an Area must hold each year.

With the permission of Areas Council, the Midlands Area has been experimenting with an electronic meeting system to replace several of the normal face-to-face Area Meetings that are usually held. The experiment has been running for two years now with generally satisfactory results and it is felt overwhelmingly by Areas Council that it is time to take the situation to the next stage. The vote on this proposal at Areas Council was 19 for, 0 against and 2 abstentions.

The proposal seeks to enable an Area to hold a minimum of two meetings each year (against three at present). However, to use this limited number of meetings, the electronic meetings system used must be approved by Areas Council, thus making sure that whatever system an Area may wish to institute is transparent and open to scrutiny by the other Areas.

Gordon Warburton FSMAE

Treasurers Report

<u>Outgoing:</u>	(Current Acc)		
09/05/08	G Warburton	Scale Team Uniforms (Contribution)	£ 180.00
27/05/08	S Knowles	Toilet Hire	£ 76.38
06/08/08	S Knowles	Toilet Hire	£ 76.38

Accounts:-

Current	-	1655.82
Deposit	-	4814.89
Cash	-	157.53
Total	-	6628.24

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.

6) **Comments on Officers Reports**

Chairman thanked the Brighouse delegate for sourcing the new indoor flying venue at Trinity & All Saints College at Horsforth. The first date for the year is 11 October.

7) **A.O.B.**

Delegate said there had been a meeting between the BMFA and Defence Estate North where Defence Estates had recommended substantial increases in licence costs. However this was restricted to Defence Estates East which does not include Dishforth.

Brighouse club had enquired about the personal accident insurance cover and had learned that it covered personal accident whilst engaged in aeromodelling activities, but that over 80 year olds were not covered.

Delegate said that after 16 years he did not intend standing for re-election to the post of Area delegate.

Meeting closed 8.30pm

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