

British Model Flying Association **North West Area**

2017 Annual General Meeting

The North West Area will be meeting on **TUESDAY 7nd November** at 8.00pm in St Aidan's Parish Centre, Highfield Grange Avenue, Winstanley, Wigan. WN3 6EE

There will be a break for refreshments – Sandwiches provided

Why not come along?

If you wish to stand for any of the posts below please contact the Secretary at least one week before the meeting.

Vice Chairman for two year period.

Achievements Scheme Coordinator for two year period.

Webmaster for two year period.

Flying Discipline Secretaries:

Scale

Free Flight

Indoor

Carl Brotherton

Secretary

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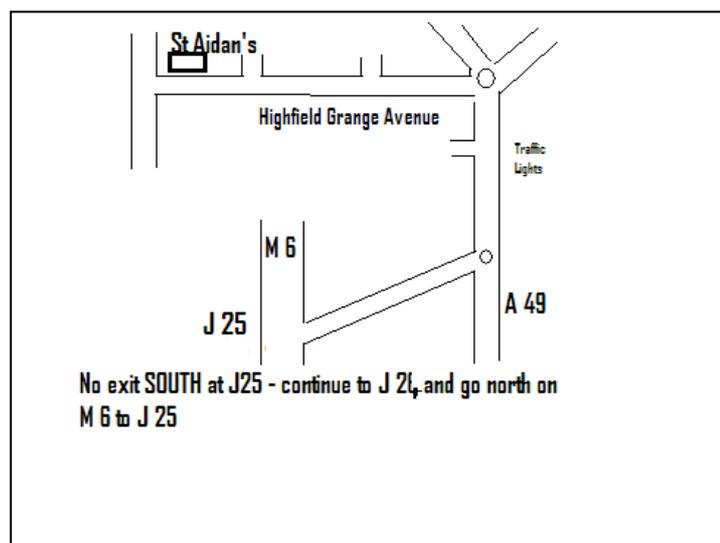
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North West Area

Agenda for the Area 2017 Annual General Meeting

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 2016 AGM
3. Matters arising
4. Officers reports: Chairman, Vice Chairman
Secretary, Treasurer, PRO
Achievement Scheme Coordinator
Flying Discipline Secretaries
5. Area Chief Examiner's reports
6. Election of Officers:
Vice Chairman,
Achievements Scheme Coordinator
for two year period.

Webmaster and Flying Discipline Secretaries:
Free Flight,
Scale and Indoor
for a one year period.
7. Date for 2018 AGM

There will be a break for refreshments – **Sandwiches provided** – followed by a **short general meeting**

Agenda for Area General Meeting

1. Meeting dates for 2018
 2. Any other business
- Draft minutes of the 29th August 2016 Area Meeting will be reviewed at the January 2018 meeting (date to be agreed).

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North West Area

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the B.M.F.A. North West Area held on 22 November 2016 at St Aidan's Parish Centre, Winstanley, Wigan.

Persons Present

David Lloyd-Jones	Chairman & Delegate/CCMAA
Mike Colling FSMAE	Vice Chairman/Wigan
Derek Gilbert	Secretary & Treasurer/Sale MFC
Roy Allam	Achievement Sch Co-ord/FCMFA
Keith Barker	Rochdale RCMFA & Webmaster
John O'Donnell	Timperley Model Flyers
Gerry Ferer	Timperley Model Flyers
Carl Brotherton	Timperley DMAC
Martin Fraser	N W RC Heli Club
Wayne Pendleton	Kilton RCMAC
Tom Anyon	Fylde Coast MFA
Clive Needham	Oldham DMAC
John Leadbeater	N W Free Flight Group

10 voting

The meeting commenced at 8.09 pm

Apologies for Absence

Sue & Roger Price and John Minchell

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

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The 2015 AGM minutes were unanimously accepted, with no corrections.

Matters Arising

John O'Donnell asked if the area was planning to hold an examiners workshop in the coming year. The Secretary said that the committee was hoping to.

Officer's Reports

Chairman

The Chairman reported this Area is the largest Area of the BMFA, with in excess of 130 clubs affiliated – and this figure is growing all the time - and probably the largest physical number of square miles too! (It is over 200 miles North to South, and 130 miles wide at it widest point).

We, as an Area, have a direct involvement in many events in the Area and these number eight indoor events on a monthly basis throughout the winter months, running from October to May, two outdoor fly-ins, we help sponsor an Indoor meeting at the Velodrome in Manchester, we have a great web site, and we are striving to add to our involvement every day.

I would like to thank those club members who have helped at these events as without their assistance the events would not function!

We also help man the BMFA stands at various events in the North West, and here I must thank those who give up their time to do so on our behalf - and I hope they will be available again each year. If you wish to help, please offer your services!

Help at the stands by any member is accompanied by actual travel expenses and free entry to the event, and more help is always gratefully received for those who give us some time on the stand!

I would like to thank the elected Area Committee members for all the work they have put in to the day to day work on your behalf over the last year, and non elected club delegates who also make the effort to attend, and although the individual members of the clubs probably do not see what happens on their behalf – they can rest assured that everything is on an even keel – and long may it be so!

Once again I would like our Area meetings we have here at Wigan to be better attended by club delegates – in fact, it is only about 5% of the clubs that attend, and I would like to see improved interest in 2017. The venue is pleasant, there is no problem with parking, and the beer - I'm told - is good! An increase in the number of Delegates at our Area meetings would be most welcome.

We try to sort out any problems that our clubs might have over the year, and without the clubs – where would we be . . . and I would like to think that the opposite also applies!

I would also like to thank those club delegates who do attend, for their input about the various matters we talk about, and I would also like to remind those who do not attend, that we pay fuel expenses each time they do come!

I would also like to thank the Area Chief Examiners and Club Examiners for any work they have put in during the last 12 months in carrying out tests – although the tests undertaken seem to be getting fewer by the year.

I would thank Keith Barker for taking back the organisation of the North West Area's website that he first started. and thanks are offered to the other committee members of the North West Area - function without them would be impossible!

The "email notification" carried out last year to all the clubs in the North West, has worked well, and has saved the Area a lot of money, as we no longer have to use the Postal Services as a result of this.

We offer free publicity to any club who wishes to publicise anything that they organise, by emailing all the clubs about any event in the area on their behalf. This facility has been taken up to advertise events etc.

All you have to do is send us something we can send out to others, including photos if appropriate!

Remember tell us, and we will tell all the others FOR FREE!

It seems EASA is now starting to revise their demands for control over model aircraft. Dave Phipps has done well in bringing about the changes so far.

Vice Chairman

Mike Colling FSMAE reported that he has been able to attend all our Area meetings and has helped with the indoor gala at the Velodrome. He informed the meeting that there will not be a gala event next year as the cycling has become so popular, all the weekends are fully booked. However it may be possible to book say 2 fun flys during the week.

Secretary

The Secretary, Derek Gilbert, reported the latest list he had for the area shows 133 clubs. We appear to be the largest Area with the number of clubs back to numbers in 2014.

Area meetings continue to be just about adequately supported with usually 13 affiliated clubs represented, however we do have only 10 today compared to 16 at the last AGM.

Treasurer

The main income, the BMFA grant, was £2,491 which is slightly more than last year.

The principle points on expenditure are:

Newsletter and Minutes costs have fallen to nothing for the year with contact with the area clubs now being done by E Mail.

The main costs are the club delegates travel expenses, mainly due to individuals travelling further, and the area fly-ins. We are not supporting the scale fly in now and it seems likely that there will not be an event at the Velodrome.

This has resulted in a surplus £636 which leaves us with total funds to carry forward to the next financial year of £4,620.

I would like to thank Wayne for acting as our auditor and reviewing the accounts.

As I mentioned at the last meeting I will be standing down as Secretary and Treasurer at this AGM as I am having difficulty with my vision and am not happy to drive at night as well as finding it more difficult to work my computer. I have been Treasurer for about

20years and Secretary for 10 so it is probably time for someone else to take these tasks over.

The annual accounts were approved with a unanimous vote by the meeting.

PRO

The PRO, Clive Needham, had nothing to report.

Achievement Scheme Coordinator

Roy Allam, Achievement Scheme Coordinator, reported that most of the requested Club Examiner tests have been completed with only a few outstanding mainly due because the candidates not having come forward with dates to be examined.

He noted that the number of club examiner tests requested was well down and even multi rotor tests were well down on last year.

Flying Discipline Secretaries Reports

Keith Barker reported that the Rochdale indoor events were well supported with 28 flyers at the last meeting.

John Leadbeater, the free flight secretary, reported that there have been no Area Events held at Rufford in the North West this year due to a combination of bad weather and lack of participants. As reported last year, the loss of RAF Church Fenton as an alternative flying site has severely curtailed the opportunities to fly free flight in the North of England generally and that makes it difficult to encourage our branch of the hobby.

It is also likely that the North West Free Flight Group may have to fold because we no longer have the minimum membership required to qualify as a separate BMFA Club. Discussions have started with the BMFA to see what options are open to us.

Irrespective of the outcome of these talks, I expect that we will continue to use Rufford on an occasional basis when there are sufficient interested parties.

John O'Donnell was concerned we should continue to use Rufford to give us time to source a better site for free flight events.

Election of Officers

As the Secretary and Treasurer, Derek Gilbert, did not wish to continue in office and Carl Brotherton offered to take both these positions the Chairman proposed that Carl Brotherton should stand for these positions.

He was elected with a majority vote.

As no person offered to contest any other positions and all the other retiring Officers were prepared to continue in office they were all re-elected as follows:

Chairman	David Lloyd-Jones
Delegate	David Lloyd-Jones
PRO	Clive Needham
Auditor	Wayne Pendleton
All to hold office until the 2018 AGM	

The meeting also re-elected, unopposed:

Webmaster:	Keith Barker
Free Flight Sec	John Leadbeater
Scale Comp Sec:	David Lloyd-Jones
Indoor Sec:	Keith Barker
All to hold office until the 2017 AGM	

Area Chief Examiners Reports

Bill Cowell, Wayne Pendleton, Tom Anyon, and David Lloyd-Jones reports were read to the meeting. The reports showed in the main low numbers of testing again.

Two non voting persons present were asked to manage the count of the voting papers for ratification of the Area Chief Examiners and this was undertaken by John O'Donnell and Mike Colling FSMAE . The vote was declared that all had been unanimously re-elected.

Date of the 2017 AGM

The meeting agreed to set a provisional date for the 2017 AGM as 21st November 2017. This to be confirmed at the next area meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm

These minutes are provisional until approved at the next annual general meeting

Elected Officers

Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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PRO

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Area Webmaster

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Flying Discipline Secretaries

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