

British Model Flying Association

North West Area

The North West Area met on **Tuesday 3rd January 2016** at 8.00pm in St Aidan's Parish Centre, Highfield Grange Avenue, Winstanley, Wigan WN3 6TB.

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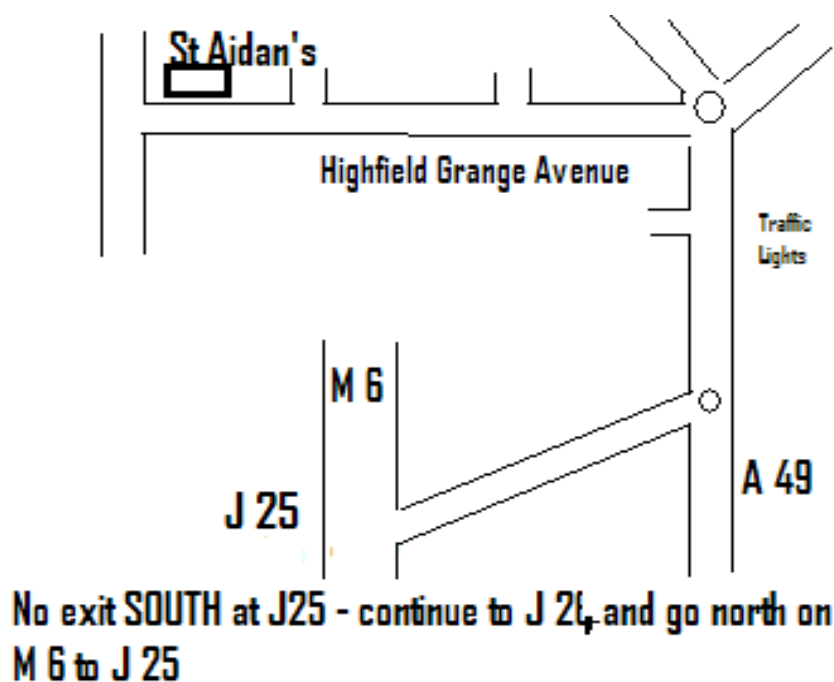
If you can't come to the meetings, would one of your members be interested – please pass this on to them

If you have a problem or subject you would like to discuss but can't make it to the meeting, E Mail it to us and it will be discussed and a reply sent to you. carl_brotherton@yahoo.co.uk

Hope to see you there

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Agenda for North West Area Meeting
8.00pm, Tuesday 3rd January 2017

St Aidan's Parish Centre, Wigan

Apologies for absence.

Correspondence.

Minutes of the last meeting.

Matters arising.

Officer's reports.

Council agenda.

AOB

**Minutes of the Meeting of the BMFA North West Area
Held on 3rd January 2017 at St Aidan's Parish Centre,
Winstanley, Wigan.**

Persons Present

David Lloyd-Jones	Chairman & Delegate/Central Cheshire MAA
Carl Brotherton	Secretary & Treasurer/Sale MFC
Mike Colling	Vice Chairman/ Wigan
Roy Allam	Achievement Sch Co-ord/FCMFA
John O'Donnell	Timperley Model Flyers
Gerry Ferer	Timperley Model Flyers
Wayne Pendleton	Kilton Model Aircraft Club
Clive Needham	Oldham DMAC

There were 8 people present, 6 voting

The meeting started at 8.00.

Apologies for absence

Martin Frazer, Martin Kindler, John Leadbetter, John Minchall,
Roger and Sue Price.

Correspondence

None

Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November 2016

The minutes were approved with no alterations with an unanimous
vote of the 6 voters attending this meeting.

Matters Arising

Non

Officers' Reports

The Chairman of the meeting of the North West Area, DLJ (David Lloyd-Jones) brought the meetings attention to the “Full Council” meeting to be held on the 14th. January, specifically to the Agenda, with reference to the ratification of the British Teams to compete at the 2017 FAI World & European Championships.

DLJ noted the Team Members have selected by appropriate team selection procedure and the data supplied by the appropriate Technical Committee or RC Specialist Body, has been checked by the Competition Secretary. DLJ proposed that the area undertake a vote at the meeting with respect to the following.

- Composition of the “Team members” as specified as the agreed team. Proposed Clive Needham, Seconded Wayne Pendleton. Remove this line The vote passed unanimously.
- That the proposed “Team Managers” is agreed. Proposed Clive Needham, Seconded Wayne Pendleton. The vote was passed unanimously for both these items.

The following proposals were also considered:

A proposal from Northern Ireland Area that the BMFA agree and permit the Northern Ireland Area bid to hold an F2 European Championship in Belfast in 2019 to go forward as a submission to FAI to be considered and voted upon at the 2017 CIAM. Proposed Clive Needham, Seconded Wayne Pendleton. The vote passed this request unanimously.

- A proposal from Free Flight Technical Committee;

a - To decentralise all ‘Area Centralised contests’, and introduce a straightforward mechanism for new and alternate venues to be considered. To enable this, a simple guidance note shall be added for consideration and suitability by the FFTC. Generally references to ‘Centralised’ shall be removed from the General Regulations and Rules Jan 2016 and means of submitting site criteria added.

b -The proposal to reduce ‘Fly-Off’ start time from 10mins to 5mins;

c – The proposal to provide general guidance on how to select a suitable location for a flight line.

After a full, detailed discussion, those attending were of the opinion that the proposal should be supported. A proposal was made that endorsement should not be supported. Proposed Gerry Ferrer, seconded by Clive Needham, the vote was a unanimous rejection.

Action DLJ to vote at the 1st. Full Council meeting of the Sat 14th January as above.

AOB

Derek Gilbert submitted a request under AOB for clarification of certain aspects of the “BMFA Achievement Scheme”. The issue specifically being describe in these terms. ???

The club examiners have been told to stop using the “old” A, B and C certificates from 1 January.

What are the “old Certificates” ?

We have A dated Mar 10 and B dated May 2011 can these be used with adding the mandatory number of questions answered on the back ?

If not why have new ones not been supplied that are up to date.

We note that we can down load a certificate for a Basic Proficiency Test form from the web site – will we doing this for A and B certificates?

The question is why has the Office not sent directly to all Examiners and Chief Examiners up to date and timely instructions on changes to testing paper work and a stock of current forms to use?

The set of questions was discussed thoroughly, in full. Those attending being unable to reach any conclusion as to the current position, nor how it had been arrived at, or its validity.

On this basis David Lloyd-Jones the Area Chairman was given an instruction by a unanimous vote to attend the 1st. Full Council Meeting on the 14th January 2017. Specifically to seek clarification

as the procedure that had been adopted to issue the instruction. Also to specifically address the issue of the apparent circumvention of the “Area Examiners” as a integral component of the process.

Action DLJ. to vote at the 1st. Full Council meeting of the Sat 14th January as above.

Note: that six members were eligible to vote in all cases.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm

These minutes are provisional until approved at the next area meeting.

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AREA MEETINGS 2017

Tuesday 9 May

Tuesday 29 August

Tuesday 7 November for Area meeting and the Area AGM

Local events for 2017

Most events are listed under “events” at our web site –
www.bmfa-nw.org

If you require YOUR event to be listed please contact the Chairman
(email address as above), and they will be listed here.