

BMFA Scotland Area Member's Meeting

23rd September 2025, Zoom 7pm

Agenda:

1) Apologies for Absence.

Michael Williamson, Iain Nicoll, Nick Reeves, Ray Mckechnie, David Storey.

2) Club Attendance and Establishing Voting Strength.

Alasdair Sutherland, Clyde Valley Flyers and Glengarnock (Chair)

Alison Hicks, Clyde Valley Flyers (Secretary)

Mark Christie, Glenrothes Aeromodelling Club – Rep (Treasurer)

Bill Anderson, Livingston Model Aircraft Club (Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator)

Derrick Allison, Warrix Flying Club - Rep

David Roughly, Dornoch Club - Rep

Nigel Miscampbell, Glenluce and Galloway – Rep

Ken Ward – Country Member - Rep

John North, Inverary and District MF Club - Rep

Thomas Smith, Dornoch Flying Club

David Stewart, Clyde Valley Flyers

John Lang, Blackridge and District MF Club

6 Delegates eligible to vote

3) Minutes of Previous meeting held on 24th June 2025.

Proposed as a correct representation of the meeting by David Roughly, Dornoch

Seconded by John North, Inverurie

4) Matters arising from General meeting 24th June 2025

None

5) Reports from Officers

- Chairman. Alasdair Sutherland

After the June meeting, I had been looking forward to club events at the Burns Country and the Angus Club; however, both were cancelled due to various problems at the club sites. I went to the Angus Club anyway, on the Friday. To support the club, and I took part in the noise measurements. I also met the council officials who were in attendance. The noise complaint was from a house 900 meters away and this has now turned into a planning permission problem, which is still on-going.

To assist the club with its application I posted a comment on the planning permission comments page and I would invite anyone who wishes to post a comment.

The Montrose Club Fly-in went ahead, but not on the planned weekend; I couldn't make it to Montrose the following weekend.

In August, I managed to attend the Falkirk Club fly-in and the LMA weekend at Elvington, the following weekend.

In September I attended a number of Splash-ins, and lucky with the weather all the way through.

- Area financial report, Mark Christie

Treasurer's interim report for members' meeting September 2025 – accounts to 31st August 2025. (FY2025-2026)

1. Income in period (from last report dated 16th June 2025) a. No income

2. Expenditure in period (from last report dated 16th June 2025)

a. 26th June 2025 - £155.88 ZOOM License

b. 30th June 2025 - £75.00 Caplaw Flyers – T&T weekend Field hire 50% with SAA i. Retrospective payment for Weekend 19th/20th April 2025

c. 21st July 2025 - £4.75 Bank Account service charge

d. 19th August 2025 - £4.25 Bank Account service charge

e. 28th August 2025 - £75.00 Kinross club – T&T weekend Field hire 50% with SAA i. Event held weekend 23rd/34th August 2025

3. Current Funds a. In bank –£4,031.10 b. Cash - £0

4. Surplus / Deficit for FY 2025-2026 of as of 31st August 2025 a. Surplus £875.39

5. Misc a. Proposed Area grant application for FY2026-2027 has been drafted and issued to officers for review. (Officers to decide when to issue to membership for club reps approvals before submitted to BMFA head office end Q1 2026 – this club reps authorisation was missed in error previous 2 years by the officers.)

- Secretary, Alison Hicks

No clubs, except the CVF, have requested use of the Scotland Area Zoom account for any meetings. She asked that if anyone uses the form to book please check with her by email if they do not get an answer within a couple of days.

Alison asked all members present to request their clubs' committees ensure contact details remain up to date.

BMFA AGM set for Saturday 1st November.

- Area Delegate to BMFA, Iain Nicol

Apologies for not being present; nothing to report.

- Achievement Scheme Coordinator, Bill Anderson

Total passes this year so far:

8 fixed wing A tests, Malcolm Balfour undertook his B and C in one sitting, 2 instructors at Livingston.

At present there are 3 club examiners in limbo with 2 of them at Elgin; hoping for a T and T weekend at Dornoch in the spring to address this.

1 B test at Kinross.

Hamilton T and T event still to come.

Bill clarified that only Area Chief examiners can put a Club instructor in place; and the Area Chief examiner has to hold an Area Chief instructor certificate to do these tests. At present this is only Bob Nellis and Bill, however, the issue is now being resolved, allowing for the formal recognition of other Area Chief examiners that hold an Area Chief instructor certificate, which will lighten the work load for Bill and Bob.

10th October safety meeting.

- Drone rep Michael Williamson

Apologies for not being present; nothing to report.

- Country member rep, Ken Ward

Nothing to report.

6) Elections for vacant posts,

- Vice-chairman – no offers
- Flying Disciplines Representative – no offers
- Outreach Officer – no offers

During the Chair's request for a member to fill the Outreach Officer's post, David Roughly, Dornoch, noted that the Scotland Area is extensive and each club should do their bit in promoting the hobby in their local area, whether that is on social media platforms or attending events in person. There was a good discussion about what individual clubs could do and what financial support they could expect from the BMFA and what the Area can do within the bounds of the Area's constitution as set out by previous committees. There was some confusion over the role of the Area's committee as only being facilitators of the general meetings and that it is the Scotland Area BMFA members who should raise, discuss and action items.

7) Any Other Business

Alasdair stated he had talked to Helen Jones, the BMFA Outreach Officer, during a recent visit to Elvington. He wanted to see if the BMFA would support a Scotland Area outreach event. Alasdair detailed the University of Strathclyde heavily lift challenge that has taken place at the Clyde Valley Flyers for a number of years; Scottish universities used to send students down to national competitions but that has stopped due to university budget cuts. Alasdair proposed that if clubs worked together with their local academic establishments then the Scotland Area could run its own competition and that it could access BMFA outreach funds that are separate to the designated Area funds.

David Roughly, Dornoch, stated again that the northern clubs need funding to keep them going. The Chair noted that to receive funding from the area budget the club has to undertake an event. Alasdair asked for the links to Dornoch website and Facebook to look at how they promote their club using videos etc.

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John North, Inverary, said that there were no BMFA or SAA examiners in their area and requested a visit from Bill Anderson. Bill and John Lang would organise a visit.

Mark Christie (Treasurer) Glenrothes, noted that the expenses payable by the Scotland Area needs addressing as the criteria set out by an earlier Area committee is not working. He and Alasdair will work on a new proposal for the member delegates to vote on.

8) Dates of next meetings.

- AGM date 11th November, 2025 proposed by Mark Christie Glenrothes, seconded by Nigel Miscampbell, Glenluce and Galloway. Carried.
- It was noted that there will be a members' meeting straight after the AGM to allow AOB.

Income 2025-26				Income 2024-25		
Club Membership	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	
BMFA Grant	£1,180.00	£1,180.00		£2,600.00	£2,600.00	
Donations		£51.00			£0.00	
Own Members	£51.00			£0.00		
External	£0.00			£0.00		
Canteen	£0.00			£0.00		
Keys	£0.00			£0.00		
Sales		£0.00			£0.00	
Model Sales (Donated Stock)	£0.00			£0.00		
Raffle (Donated Stock)	£0.00			£0.00		
Barbecue	£0.00			£0.00		
Grant	£0.00	£0.00	£1,231.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,600.00
Expenditure 2025-26				Expenditure 2024-25		
BMFA Central	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Club Rooms		£0.00			£0.00	
Electricity	£0.00			£0.00		
Gas	£0.00			£0.00		
Insurance	£0.00			£0.00		
Rates	£0.00			£0.00		
Water Rates	£0.00			£0.00		
Repairs & Maintenance	£0.00			£0.00		
Project	£0.00			£0.00		
Flying Field		£150.00			£0.00	
Rent	£150.00			£0.00		
Rates	£0.00			£0.00		
Field & Boundary Maintenance	£0.00			£0.00		
Contract Services/Crop Spray	£0.00			£0.00		
Field Maintenance Operator	£0.00			£0.00		
Shed Maintenance	£0.00			£0.00		
Project	£0.00			£0.00		
Plant & Equipment		£0.00			£0.00	
Insurance	£0.00			£0.00		
Maintenance	£0.00			£0.00		
Repair	£0.00			£0.00		
Equipment Purchases	£0.00			£0.00		
Project	£0.00			£0.00		
Consumables		£27.98			£0.00	
Petrol	£27.98			£0.00		
Diesel	£0.00			£0.00		
Others (Lubricants, Paints, etc)	£0.00			£0.00		
Administration		£177.63			£4.25	
Stationery	£0.00			£0.00		
Purchases	£0.00			£0.00		
Honoraria						
Chairman	£0.00			£0.00		
Secretary	£0.00			£0.00		
Treasurer	£0.00			£0.00		
Hall Hire	£0.00			£0.00		
Key Deposit Refunds	£0.00			£0.00		
Committee Indemnity Insurance	£0.00			£0.00		
Bank Charges	£21.75			£4.25		
Web Hosting	£155.88			£0.00		
Prizes	£0.00			£0.00		
Donations	£0.00			£0.00		
			£355.61			£4.25
Total Income		£1,231.00			£2,600.00	
Total Expenditure		£355.61			£4.25	
Surplus/-Deficit		£875.39			£2,595.75	
Balance as at 1st April 2025		£3,155.71		Balance as at 1st April 2024	£559.96	
Surplus/-Deficit - 2025-26		£875.39		Surplus/-Deficit - 2024-25	£2,595.75	
Balance as at 31st Mar - 2026		£4,031.10		Balance as at 31st Mar -2025	£3,155.71	
<i>Represented by - Cash</i>		£0.00			£0.00	
<i>Bank</i>		£4,031.10			£3,155.71	
<i>Outstanding Liabilities</i>		£0.00			£0.00	
I have examined the Accounts for BMFA Scotland and find them to be adequately vouched.						
Examiner:	Signed:		Date:			