

BMFA Scotland Area ordinary members' meeting on 11th November 2025

followed after AGM of BMFA Scotland Area via Zoom

1) Apologies for Absence.

Les Grosvenor

Iain Nicoll

Bill Anderson

Robert Nellis

2) Club Attendance and Establishing Voting Strength.

John Carson: Balbedie Aeromodelling Club – voting delegate

Mark Christie: Glenrothes Aeromodelling Club – voting delegate

Neil Grayson: Kinross Radio Model Flying Club – voting delegate

Malcolm Hayes: Dornoch Model Flying Club – voting delegate

Colin McCann: Warrix Flying Group – voting delegate

Nigel Miscampbell: Glenluce & Galloway Flyers – voting delegate

Eric Peacock: Livingston Model Aircraft Club – voting delegate

Kenneth Ward: Country Member – voting delegate

Derrick Allison: Warrix Flying Group

Gary Buchanan: Linlithgow Radio Model Flying Club

Alison Hicks: Clyde Valley Flyers MAC

Edward Scott: Dornoch Model Flying Club

Thomas Smith: Dornoch Model Flying Club

Alasdair Sutherland: Clyde Valley Flyers MAC

Michael Williamson: Country Member

3) Minutes of Previous Meeting held on Tuesday 10th September 2024 distributed.

Proposed as a true representation of the meeting by Nigel Miscampbell: Glenluce & Galloway Flyers Kenneth Ward: Country Member; seconded by Kenneth Ward: Country Member. Voted through by 6 delegates.

4) Matters arising

None

5) Reports from Officers

- Chairman, Alasdair Sutherland – Alasdair explained that the Area Achievement Scheme Coordinator resigned after the last AGM, but he managed to coerce Bill Anderson into taking the post until this AGM. Alasdair stated the Bill has done a good job and is willing to stand for election for another two years. However, sadly he has just sent his apologies for non-attendance due to a very recent close bereavement.

Alasdair emailed all secretaries of affiliated clubs and received replies from all but one, and he would like to remind all club secretaries to renew their club affiliation and let head office know of any committee changes.

Alasdair noted he had been working with Alison, Area secretary, and Andy Symons on getting access to the Area's Facebook page and Area website. He created a compressed list of events that might be of interest to aeromodellers in Scotland and posted it to the Area Facebook and website pages. Alasdair requested that clubs notify him of events of interest next year and he can add them to the calendar. He also encouraged clubs, special interest groups and individuals to send interesting material that we can add to the website. A few photos and a bit of text is always welcome, but he can't promise any artistic or flamboyant content.

Alasdair attended the Dumbarton Club Bring & Buy sale, which was well attended. He flew at most of the waterplane meetings, and at the Angus club opening weekend Fly-in and at the Cumbernauld Club's midsummer Fly-in. He was disappointed that Burns Country cancelled their event and the Angus joint Fly-in with the SAA had to be cancelled after all the hard work that Iain Bell had put into it. It was too late to re-arrange at a different venue this year. But Alasdair noted that he had lent his support to their planning application problem, as did Andy Symons.

The Montrose club fly-in went ahead, but not on the planned weekend, so he missed it, but in August attended the Falkirk Fly-in, the LMA weekend at Elvington, Loch Leven, Loch Earn and Loch Insh Splash-ins, with lucky weather all the way!

In October the Clyde Valley Flyers' bring and Buy event went well. The BMFA gazebo in the CVF on-site storage unit was used at a CVF payload challenge event for Strathclyde students, but no other event this year. It remains available for any club in Scotland for events to show off BMFA presence. Any BMFA members wishing to use it may contact myself, or another CVF committee member, to arrange pick-up.

Finally, Alasdair wanted to express his congratulations, on behalf of us all, to one of our own members in Scotland, Malcolm Balfour, on winning the UK championship in F3A aerobatics, and getting into the top ten of the French International World Cup in F3A.

- Secretary, Alison Hicks – there had been very little communications to deal with. Still getting to grips with the webpage, email distribution and form registration creation. Still having issues accessing the Secretary email account so although emails come to her through that address she has to reply via her personal email address. There has been very little uptake of the free Zoom facilities.
- Area Delegate to BMFA, Iain Nicol – Iain was not available for the meeting and had not sent a report in.
- Achievement Scheme Coordinator, Bill Anderson – report given by Chair.

Between April and October Bill Anderson, Nick Reeves and Tom Laird tested and approved the following:

Malcolm Balfour, Warrix – aerobatic C

Gordon Frost, Kinross – fixed wing B

Loman Brown, Elgin – fixed wing A

Duncan Jennings, Dumfries – fixed wing A

Ron Little, Dumfries – fixed wing A

Ian Kirkland, Greenock and District – fixed wing A

Ian MacKinnon, Greenock and District – fixed wing A

Sam McEwan, Dumfries – fixed wing A

J.P. Reynolds, Warrix – fixed wing A

Juan Vershay, Warrix – fixed wing A

Khalid Rafiq, Livingston – approved instructor

Ian Peacock, Livingston – approved instructor

Ewan Reeves, Burns – fixed wing instructor

Ross Mcconnell, Warrix – club examiner

Ian Peacock, Livingston – club examiner

- Drone rep Michael Williamson – Michael had not been flying much. He noted that there would be new rules coming into effect next year for drone flying.
- Country member rep Kenneth Ward – nothing to report

6) Any other Business

none

7) Dates of next/future meetings.

AGM on Tuesday, 10th November 2026

10th March. Dates for the other two meetings in June and September will be decided later.

Proposed by Colin McCann: Warrix Flying Group; seconded by Malcolm Hayes: Dornoch Model Flying Club. Voted through by 7 delegates.

Alasdair closed the meeting at 20.35