

Annual General Meeting of the BMFA Scotland Area

via Zoom, 7 pm on Tuesday 11th November 2025

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

Douglas Cowan: Warrix Flying Group

Robert Eadie: Elgin Model Flying Club

Alison Hicks: Clyde Valley Flyers MAC

Alex Kennedy: Warrix Flying Group

Mathew McGaff: Country Member

Edward Scott: Dornoch Model Flying Club

Lawrence Shaw: Country Member

Thomas Smith: Dornoch Model Flying Club

Alasdair Sutherland: Clyde Valley Flyers MAC

Michael Williamson: Country Member

Voting strength of 8.

3) Point of order: Mark Chrisie, Glenrothes Aeromodelling Club, raised a point of order to the Chair that there were constitutional breaches by the Area officer's: all documents should have been distributed to the membership at least 28 days before the AGM; this did not happen. The Chair, Alasdair Sutherland, explained why some documents were not distributed on time and asked the committee if they would like him to step down. It was proposed by Neil Grayson: Kinross Radio Model Flying Club and seconded by Kenneth Ward: Country Member that Alasdair should remain as Chair and that the AGM should proceed. Voted through by 7 delegates.

4) Minutes of Previous AGM held on Wed 20th Nov 2024.

Proposed as a true representation of the meeting by Neil Grayson: Kinross Radio Model Flying Club; seconded by John Carson: Balbedie Aeromodelling Club. Voted through by 5 delegates. AGM 2024 minutes ratified.

Mark Chrisie, Glenrothes Aeromodelling Club, wanted it noted that he could not vote on the minutes validity as he had written them.

5) Matters arising.

None

The Chair pointed out that there had been no minutes published from the 2023 AGM.

6) Consideration and adoption of Area financial report.

Document: Appendix 1 was shared on screen.

Treasurer, Mark Christie, provided a run down of the financials.

Attendees were reminded that the financial year of the BMFA runs from April and therefore does not align with membership and committee year starts; this leads to the financial report closing at the end of March.

There was a brief discussion regarding the banks now charging a monthly fee for hosting the account, alternative banks were discussed.

A brief summary of transactions from 1st April to AGM was shown, these were not audited and only shown for information; not to be considered within the AGM.

Balance at 31st March 2025 total was £3,155.71

The financial record was proposed as accurate as placed before the committee by Kenneth Ward: Country Member, seconded by Nigel Miscampbell: Glenluce & Galloway Flyers. Voted through by 7 delegates. Mark Chrisie, Glenrothes Aeromodelling Club, wanted it minuted that he could not vote as the Glenrothes Aeromodelling Club delegate because he was the Treasurer.

7) 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

8) Elections for vacant posts, * denotes required by constitution

- Vice-chairman (2 year) – no volunteers
- Treasurer* (2 year) - Nigel Miscampbell: Glenluce & Galloway Flyers. Proposed by Neil Grayson: Kinross Radio Model Flying Club; seconded by Kenneth Ward: Country Member. Voted through by 7 delegates.
- Area Delegate* (2 year) – Alasdair will send out a request for this post to be filled.
- Country Member Rep (2 year) – Kenneth Ward had been co-opted to the roll last year and said he was happy to carry on in the post. Proposed by Colin McCann: Warrix Flying Group; seconded by Malcolm Hayes: Dornoch Model Flying Club. Voted through by 7 delegates.
- Achievement Scheme Coordinator* (2 year) – Bill Anderson had taken on the post last year but due to a sudden bereavement he has stated that he will not be available for some time. The committee agreed that Bill had been doing a very good job and that the post should remain available to him at the moment. It was also felt that area examiners/instructors would be happy to help out with the workload whilst Bill finds his feet again next year. Alasdair will contact Duncan McClure to arrange

communications to be redirected to Alasdair; and to notify him of the vacant positions (as constitutionally required within 7 days).

- Communications Officer (IT) (1 year) – no volunteers
- Flying Disciplines Representative (1 year) – no volunteers
- Outreach Officer (1 year) – no volunteers

9) Amendment to previous decision on examiners' expenses.

Alasdair raised the issue of examiners' travel expenses and discussed the document, which was shared on the screen, see Appendix 2. An amendment to the wording was agreed.

Nigel Miscampbell: Glenluce & Galloway Flyers proposed the changes to the document.

The adoption of the amendment was proposed by Kenneth Ward: Country Member; seconded by Nigel Miscampbell: Glenluce & Galloway Flyers. Voted through by 6 delegates.

10) Dates of 2026 meetings.

It was agreed that Tuesdays were still the best day of the week for the meetings.

4 meetings were thought to be best to start with as could always have another if required. One straight after this AGM, then March, June and September.

AGM on 10th November 2026

Proposed by Nigel Miscampbell: Glenluce & Galloway Flyers; seconded by Mark Christie: Glenrothes Aeromodelling Club. Voted through by 7 delegates.

Mark Christie: Glenrothes Aeromodelling Club, raised a point of order that the AGM draft minutes and 2024 ratified AGM minutes are required to be distributed to everyone by 9th December 2025.

Alasdair closed the AGM at 20.25

APPENDIX 1

2025 AGM Treasurers report issued

Treasurers Report for presentation @ BMFA Scotland AGM 2025 (11-November-2025):-
This is the second full annual report for BMFA Scotland (BMFA area 15) with verified accounts presented to the membership.

Period 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025 inclusive (in parallel to BMFA accounting year as per area constitution.)

1.

Balance as of 1st-April-2024 £559.96

Income £2,600.00

Expenditure £4.25

Surplus / Deficit £2,595.75

Balance as of 31st March 2025 £3,155.71 (In bank account, no cash held)

BMFA Central deposited the awarded annual grant of £2,600 into the account electronically 10-June-2024.

2.

Expenditure for the year was 1 item @ £4.25 (Bank interest charges)

3.

Items 1 and 2 are outlined in the separate accounts cover note which was prepared by the Treasurer and independently reviewed and verified as being an accurate representation of the account transactions for the period (Iain Bell from Angus Club on 12th May 2025 executed the independent review.)

Also attached in this report as Appendix 1 and as a separate handout.

4.

Current Financial Year (1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026) for information only as of 31st October 2025 – non audited.

Income £1,231.00

Expenditure £439.11

Surplus / Deficit £791.89

Balance £3,947.60 (In bank account, no cash held) 2025 AGM Treasurers report issued

Income 2024-25				Income 2023-24		
Club Membership	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	
BMFA Grant	£2,600.00	£2,600.00		£600.00	£600.00	
Donations		£0.00			£0.00	
Own Members	£0.00			£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	£2,600.00	£0.00	£0.00	£600.00
Expenditure 2024-25				Expenditure 2023-24		
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		£0.00			£0.00	
Rent	£0.00			£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				
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		£0.00			£40.04	
Petrol	£0.00			£40.04		
Diesel	£0.00			£0.00		
Others (Lubricants, Paints, etc)	£0.00			£0.00		
Administration		£4.25			£0.00	
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	£4.25			£0.00		
Web Hosting	£0.00			£0.00		
Prizes	£0.00			£0.00		
Donations	£0.00			£0.00		
			£4.25			£40.04
Total Income		£2,600.00			£600.00	
Total Expenditure		£4.25			£40.04	
Surplus/-Deficit		£2,595.75			£559.96	
Balance as at 1st April 2024		£339.96		Balance as at 1st April 2023		£0.00
Surplus/-Deficit - 2024-25		£2,595.75		Surplus/-Deficit - 2023-24		£0.00
Balance as at 31st Mar - 2025		£3,155.71		Balance as at 31st Mar -2024		£0.00
Represented by - Cash		£0.00				£0.00
Bank		£3,155.71				£0.00
Outstanding Liabilities		£0.00				£0.00
I have examined the Accounts for BMFA Scotland and find them to be adequately vouched.						
Examiner:	Iain Bell	Signed:	<i>Iain Bell</i>	Date:	12/05/20254	

APPENDIX 2

Examiners' Expenses proposal for 2025 AGM approval

1. BMFA examiners can travel to clubs and have expenses reimbursed so long as the examiner and/or requesting club have informed the Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator, and subsequently the Treasurer is advised that an expenses claim is to be submitted. (The Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator will, as long as reasonably practical, co-ordinate the closest examiner(s) to the requesting club to attend, to make best use of available resources.)
2. Reimbursement of fuel costs for BMFA examiners will use an expenses claim form and be based on reasonable travel distance at the rate of 20 pence per mile.
3. Expenses do not cover meals for standard agreed training days. Meals and overnight accommodation will be paid, using an expenses claim form, only for "Special events" as in point 4 below.
4. The Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator may authorise as a Special event, a trip for an examiner, or a pair of examiners if necessary, to visit a club so far from their home base that an overnight stop, and even a ferry trip, may be necessary. Fuel costs will be paid in the usual way, while overnight accommodation and ferry fares will be paid against receipts. The Area will request additional funding for trips needed due to the extensive area covered by the Scotland Area, by placing a special achievement event in the annual grant application.
5. The figures used are a simplification of those in Keith Lomax's memorandum of 4th Jan 2021 and Appendix G of the Governance Handbook (item 7), which specifies that examiners may be reimbursed only for fuel used at about half the mileage rate.

From Keith Lomax memorandum of 4th Jan 2021

The new rates are:

	Normal Rate	High Rate
Cars / vans up to 1400cc	32	37
Cars / vans 1401 to 2000cc	37	45
Cars / vans over 2001cc	45	45
Hybrid and electric cars / vans	32	37
Motorcycles up to 500cc	27	32
Motorcycles over 501cc	32	37

The high rate is payable when either towing or when the user has previously claimed more than 2500 miles in the same financial year.

Figures to be halved for occasional users (like examiners)