

**BRITISH MODEL FLYING ASSOCIATION  
EAST ANGLIA AREA  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023**

**General points**

A link is provided below to those joining the ZOOM meeting, you will be able to join the zoom session from 7.30pm, please ensure you are online to enable a prompt start to the meeting at 7.45pm. Any training or setting up requests should be addressed to [paul.hoey@bmfa.uk](mailto:paul.hoey@bmfa.uk)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84829175757?pwd=OHVsSWpTZDBGZkRGVGRqQitabkFhZz09>

**Agenda**

Welcome and Introductions

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Clubs Present
3. Minutes of the Previous AGM (1<sup>st</sup> December 2022)
4. Matters arising
5. Officers Reports
  - Chairman/Delegate Paul Hoey
  - Honorary Secretary/Treasurer Mike Woodhouse
  - Competition Secretary Steve Bowles
  - Education Officer Vacant
  - Achievement Scheme Coordinator Jason Channing
  - PRO Vacant
  - Webmaster (ex-officio) Alan Paul
6. Area accounts
7. Election of officers
  - Chairman
  - Council Delegate
  - Honorary Secretary
  - Outreach Co-Ordinator
  - Achievement Scheme Co-Ordinator
  - Communications Officers (PR)

- BDF Representative
- 1 auditor – Dave Oldfield stands down

8. Ratification of examiners

9. Written proposals

To M. J. Woodhouse, 12 Marston Lane, Eaton, Norwich, Norfolk, NR4 6LZ or e-mail  
MichaelWoodhouse1942@gmail.com

10. Date and venue for the 2024 AGM

Confirm the dates for 2024 Area meetings.

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**1<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

**Three Kings, Hengrave Rd, Fornham All Saints,  
Bury Saint Edmunds IP28 6LA**

**Buffet at 19:45, Meeting commenced 20:15**

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

The chairman welcomed the members to the AGM.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Alan Paul – Webmaster

Geoff Reynolds – Lakeside

David Parker

**3. PRESENT**

Mike Woodhouse – Vikings – Secretary/Treasurer

Jason Channing – Stansted - Achievement Scheme Coordinator

Paul Hoey – South Norfolk – Chairman/Delegate

Graham Gooch – Norwich

Alan Jackson – BTR

Stephen Bowles – Vikings - Competition Secretary

Gary Hughes – Mid Suffolk

Joe Kemp – North Essex – Vice Chairman

Garry Peacock – Harlow

Vic Blackwood – Bury

Phil Gutteridge – South Norfolk

Steve Riley – Erics Odd Bods

**4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Proposed Graham Gooch. Seconded Joe Kemp Carried. Agreed by the members attending who were present at the previous AGM. None against or abstentions

**5. MATTERS ARISING**

No matters arising.

**6. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

Submitted reports

Chairperson/Delegate

Secretary/Treasurer

Competition Secretary

Delegate

PRO

Paul Hoey

Mike Woodhouse

Steve Bowles

Paul Hoey

Vacant

Education Officer	Vacant
Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator	Jason Channing
Web Master	Alan Paul

The acceptance of the officers written reports en bloc was proposed Garry Peacock. Seconded Vic Blackwood. Carried.

**7. AREA ACCOUNTS**

The Area accounts were accepted. Proposed Graham Gooch. Seconded Garry Hughes. Carried

**8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Vice Chairman – Joe Kemp	Proposed Paul Hoey Seconded Mike Woodhouse
Treasurer - Mike Woodhouse	Proposed Steve Bowles Seconded Phil Gutteridge
Competition Secretary – Steve Bowles	Proposed Mike Woodhouse Seconded Garry Peacock
Auditor – Steve Bowles	Proposed Vic Blackwood Seconded Graham Gooch

**9. RATIFICATION OF EXAMINERS**

On the recommendation of the Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator, the list of examiners was 2023:

Jason Channing - Examiner 1945 BMFA 103014  
Garry Peacock - Examiner 1495 BMFA 076014  
Graham Gooch - Examiner 1267 BMFA 080174  
Linda Easter - Examiner 2341 BMFA 172450  
Steve Riley - Examiner 2387 BMFA 172603  
Neil Garnett - Examiner 2091 BMFA 127797  
Greg Butterworth - Examiner 783 BMFA 31315  
Jon Land – Examiner 2486 BMFA 082690

Proposed by Jason Channing Seconded Phil Gutteridge. All were ratified.

**10. WRITTEN PROPOSALS**

There were no written proposals.

**11. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023. The venue to be decided dependant, upon Covid 19.

**The meeting ended at 21:55**

**BRITISH MODEL FLYING ASSOCIATION  
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CHAIRMAN & DELEGATE'S REPORT**

2023 has been a challenging year for the East Anglia Area due to 2 Committee members who each hold 2 posts being appointed to the BMFA Board of Directors. I have been appointed BMFA Honorary Secretary and Mike Woodhouse, our Treasurer/Secretary as BMFA Finance Director.

We have worked hard to recruit a successor to the Area Delegate post. We were successful in making an appointment however, due to ill health our new Delegate had to stand down. We wish him well and offer our thanks for being willing to take on the role. The search continues.

The BMFA has a strategic objective to grow the membership and the Board of Directors has a new position for an Outreach Director to initiate activity and work with Areas to increase participation in model flying. Helen Jones who joined the Board this year has been working with John Copsey who has picked up our Area outreach role to get the ball rolling. Thank you John.

Our annual Free Flight Gala at Sculthorpe in July attracted a good turnout but like many events this summer suffered from breezy weather. For those who picked the right weather there were pockets of lift to exploit and many good scores were recorded.

I am particularly grateful to Jason Channing our Area Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator and our team of Area Chief Examiners for their work to support clubs delivering the Achievement Scheme.

Looking to the future our priorities are to increase engagement with clubs and shared events, the promotion of model flying and the Achievement Scheme.

Finally, subject to the appointment of a new Chairman it is my intention to stand down this year so that I may focus on my role as the BMFA's Honorary Secretary.

**Paul Hoey**

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SECRETARY'S REPORT**

This report will reference the areas not covered by other officer's reports.

2023 The meetings have been representatives via the Zoom. The area has its own Zoom account available free to Area clubs.

The budget for 2024/25 for the East Anglian Area has been submitted.

The area is now going through a transition and has thus been very quiet. We need new blood to act.

**Michael J Woodhouse**

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COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Thanks to cooperation with the MoD, this area is very fortunate to have the use of Sculthorpe airfield, arguably the best flying site in country (from a free-flight perspective). This year we have been able to run all eight Area Centralised contests, the Area Gala and the “Models in the Air” record attempt.

Unfortunately, the weather has been less than cooperative, particularly early season and over the Gala weekend, which though well supported, was blighted by a stiffish breeze on the Saturday and was almost blown out on the Sunday, such that proceedings were terminated mid-afternoon. As last year, the best flying weather was on the record attempt day.

Despite its ageing demographic the free flight scene still attracts a fairly steady attendance of stalwart flyers.

**Stephen Bowles**

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WEB MASTER'S REPORT**

The website is kept up to date with all area documentation and meetings. It is used as a repository for area information that is easily accessible rather than an all-out website for attracting the public.

Up to now we have been mailing area club chairmen and secretaries, but this is not always the best way to reach area members as some clubs do not pass the messages on to their members. We are considering changing some or all mass mailings so that they get sent to all area club members rather than just the club officials. This will be done on a case-by-case basis.

**Alan Paul**



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ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

The future of the workshops is changing, and the trend now is for the individual Area examiners to travel and attend individual clubs throughout the East Anglia area and for those that are doing this the clubs have found it very helpful. This is working very well from feedback that I have received Whilst other examiners are continuing their good work at a more local area it is greatly needed. It is worth noting that Two Area examiners within this area have excelled at the challenge and the effort that they have put in is greatly appreciated especially by the clubs and people that they have helped. Also, worth noting as well that some of the examiners are doing their work quietly and although not vocal it is noted that they are doing their best to help with the achievement scheme as well.

For 2024 2 training days are provisionally booked for next year at Two clubs in the area One in the norther side and the other lower down towards the M25

**Jason Channing**

**Proposed examiners for 2024 pending receipt of annual reports.**

Jason Channing	Examiner 1945
Garry Peacock	Examiner 1495
Colin Bliss	Examiner 298
Graham Gooch	Examiner 1267
Linda Easter	Examiner 2341
Steve Riley	Examiner 2387
Neil Garnett	Examiner 2091
Greg Butterworth	Examiner 783
Jon Land	Examiner 2486
Glen Rackstraw	Examiner 2155

All have reported see attached.

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ACHIEVEMENT CHIEF EXAMINERS ACEs**

**Jason Channing - Examiner number 1945**

I have helped assist with several Jet C certificates this year and have travelled to many clubs helping with training and safety. At present I have several candidates that are working steadily towards their fixed wing B and look forward to continuing this next year.

**Garry Peacock Examiner number 1495**

It's been a good year. Lots of promotion of the achievement scheme at my club and around the country mentoring for a and b certificates. I have taken 5 C certificates this year which is an encouraging sign. 3 jet "C" with Jason and a scale and an Aerobatic more recently.

Thank you for all your hard work, Jason in this role. Safe flying

**Colin Bliss Examiner number 298**

As another year ends and not much has changed, I've taken several people for the A tests and try to actively encourage several of my club members to go for their B tests in both helicopter and fixed wing. The weather seems to be very unpredictable of late here's to a great 2024

**Graham Gooch Examiner number 1267**

One of the three potential "B" certificate candidates is still spending more of his time restoring a classic car and sadly has hardly flown at all this year. The second candidate has been pursuing Drone flying and has now achieved his Commercial Drone rating but no longer interested in gaining his fixed wing "B" proficiency. The third person developed a blood sepsis and passed away a few days after being admitted to hospital. There is no one else remotely close in the club that I am Chairman of ready to mentor to gain their "B" rating. Again, in the club that I am a member of, those who have held a "B" rating for longer than six months are not interested in developing their skills to become a Club Examiner, although I am continually trying to persuade a past Committee member who holds a "B" to step up to the challenge and become a Club Examiner. One of the two Junior members that I have been working with has now relocated back to New York with his parents and will not be returning until late 2024. I will resume his training as and when he returns. The other Junior has now turned 18 and has continued in full time education but has parked his model flying pursuits for a while. Again, I am keeping in contact with him in the hope that he may find some time to resume model flying. On a personal note, I have continued my interests in precision aerobatic flying with UKF3A (formally GBRCAA), I won the UKF3A Championships, the BMFA Nationals and the National League competition for 2023 in the schedule that

I fly in and gained promotion for 2024 to the next level. I have also been a member of a sub-Committee to introduce a new initiative “Improve your Flying”. This is advertised via the BMFA classifieds for anyone wishing to come along to various venues, gain help from mentors present to support them on how best they can improve on model setup, flying abilities and general skill set. Several of the attendees have gone on to achieve their BMFA “B” proficiency certificate either via their local club examiners or on one of the ASRC days at Buckminster. I look forward to retaining an ACE and ACI rating for 2024 but will certainly not be taking and or passing anyone who fall short of the required standards.

### **Linda Easter Examiner number 2341**

As some of you know the sudden loss of my beloved husband Mike in November 2022 was a huge shock both to myself ,my family and our fellow club members and so subsequently the last year has passed in a bit of a blur.

Although I returned to the flying field in the early summer months and have continued to instruct and examine when needed I have not been as active as I have in the past .

We have been lucky enough to have some new members join us recently so I look forward to seeing them progress in the coming months as well as a few current members looking to gain their “B” certificate. I really feel I cannot add anymore to my report at this time.

Hopefully next year things will have improved significantly.

### **Steve Riley Examiner number 2387**

This year started good then went to a dribble. We had four new members three have passed. There is one “A” fixed wing and one who is trying hard. The achievement seem is working very well. I have four members practicing for their “B” Fixed wing. So, fingers crossed for next season. And who knows they could all pass.

### **Neil Garnett Examiner number 2091**

Workshops Attended or Given: None this year

Presentations on Aeromodelling or BMFA topics attended or given nothing specifically

Approved Instructors mentored or assessed with results: Raydon MC BMFA instructors

Orwell MC BMFA instructors

Club Examiners mentored or assessed. Tests taken with outcomes: Orwell Model Club would like more examiners as due to people leaving, they are light, therefore some mentoring has been given on this.

Mentoring/assessment of students to a higher level, especially outside your Club with results: I have mentored a few people this year with fixed wing IC, jets and helis.

Achievement Scheme tests taken during the year, in which discipline, with results: 2 x Fixed Wing A, both passed 1 x Heli A, passed

### **Greg Butterworth Examiner number 702**

Nothing much to report from myself for the eastern region this year as no requests have been made of me. I remain active and available and have done several tests around the South Midland Area where I am due this year to take over the treasurer post at the AGM.

I recently spent a day with a local club coaching their examiners and undertaking a variety of tests including drone “A/B/examiner” alongside traditional fixed wing.

### **Jon Land Jon Examiner number 2486**

I have completed the following tests during 2023.

David Cornell BMFA No 226193 A Cert Passed 21 January.

Shea Kennedy BMFA No 221628 A Cert Passed 19 February.

Ben Ponsonby BMFA No 188272 B Cert Passed 19 February.

Garry Keiller BMFA No 230190 A Cert Passed 22 April.

Henry Pauley BMFA No 203025 A Cert Passed 17 May.

Damian Smith BMFA No 230637 A Cert Passed 3 June.

Wayne Norman BMFA No 226173 B Cert Passed 29 June.

Lewis Smith BMFA No 231289 A Cert Passed 23 July.

Adrian Addison. Club Examiner Test Passed 5 June.

6 BMFA A Certificates.

2 BMFA B Certificates.

1 Club Examiner Certificate.

### **Glen Rackstraw Examiner number 2155**

This year has been spent organising the new club entrants training for “A” certificates. The pilots under training towards their “B” certificate have also received many hours mentoring. I also organised and reported on the “Round the world” exercise run by the BMFA early in the year. Encouraging and helping people to improve their flying has also taken up much time particularly with pilots who have joined from other clubs where they seem to have received little to no help at all.

As one of the only multi-disciplined examiners and importantly Heli /drone I am happy to undertake tests across the region of required.

External activities e.g., talks to youth groups, scouts, ATC, adult groups etc.: Promotion of the BMFA at the LMA shows I have flown I have also visited multiple different clubs promoting the BMFA or Achievement Scheme. This year has been no different and I

have given my contact details out to many people, various training and pointers have also been given out.

Visits/presentations to other Clubs: As mentioned above but this is not limited to clubs, but also events held locally.

Any other relevant activities: I am flying regularly at the LMA & JMA events and meeting different people from all over the country and promoting the BMFA with other flyers and spectators.

**East Anglian Area BMFA - Accounts 2022-23**

**(01/04/22 to 31/03/23)**

<b>2022</b>		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>		<b>2023</b>
	<b>Expenditure</b>			<b>Income</b>	
5.22	Secretary	4.63	946.00	BMFA Support	2,000.00
-	Room hire	507.70	731.00	Airfield	837.00
971.00	Airfield	1,684.00			
8.00	Mileage	47.60			
-	Achievement Scheme	222.28			
143.88	Zoom	143.88			
56.00	Website	-			
212.29	NPOD	-			
491.99	"100"	232.20			
(211.38)	Surplus/Deficit for the year	(5.29)			
<b>1,677.00</b>		<b>2,837.00</b>	<b>1,677.00</b>		<b>2,837.00</b>
<b>Balance Sheet</b>					
11,069.53	Surplus brought forward	10,858.15	10,858.15	Bank	10,852.86
-	Creditors	-		Debtors	-
(211.38)	Surplus/Deficit 2022-23	(5.29)			
<b>10,858.15</b>		<b>10,852.86</b>	<b>10,858.15</b>		<b>10,852.86</b>