

Dear Scotland Area club secretary,

The official notification of the Scotland Area AGM for this year has just been sent out as a block email by Andy Symons.

I hope that you received yours, but I know that the email system lets emails for some members fall through the cracks sometimes. Would you be kind enough to check with your clubmates and if any did not receive the block email pass on this copy (and note their details so that we can patch up the system).

Ideally all BMFA affiliated clubs are expected to be represented by at least one delegate who will be that club's voting member, and who will propose and second nominations for posts or other proposals put before the meeting. But all club members are encouraged to attend, and may speak at the meeting.

Everyone wishing to attend the AGM must register in advance by clicking on the link below

<https://bmfascotland.org/register-agm24>

You enter your name, a few details including your BMFA membership number, the computer checks your number and sends back a link that you click on to join the zoom call. Keep it safe. After the AGM business concludes, we will carry on into an Ordinary members meeting. That's because we are not allowed "Any Other Business" at an AGM, so anything the clubs wish to bring up can be dealt with afterwards.

Please find below the Agenda of the AGM, and the Agenda of the Ordinary meeting that follows. You can also download the year's financial Report by the Area Treasurer from

<https://bmfascotland.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/2024-AGM-Treasurers-report-issued.pdf>

There is also a brief report from the Area Chairman and Competition Secretary below.. Reports of other officers will be delivered at the AGM.

Agenda of AGM meeting on 20th Nov at 7pm of BMFA Scotland Area on Zoom

- 1) Apologies for Absence.
- 2) Club Attendance and Establishing Voting Strength.
- 3) Minutes of Previous AGM held on Wed 22nd Nov 2023.
- 4) Matters arising.
- 5) Consideration and adoption of Area financial report, Mark Christie
- 6) Reports from Officers
 - Chairman. Alasdair Sutherland
 - Vice-chairman. Neil Diment
 - Secretary, Andrew Twort
 - Area Delegate to BMFA, Iain Nicol
 - Competition Secretary, Malcolm Balfour
 - Achievement Scheme Coordinator, Andy Pirie, propose list of ACE, ACI
 - Drone 1 rep Graham
 - Communications Officer & Webmaster Kenneth Kennedy
 - Event Coordinator, Paul Furze stepping down
 - Country member rep ???
- 7) Elections for vacant posts, (others continue for second year) * denotes required by constitution
 - * Chairman
 - * Secretary
 - Event Coordinator (not required by const)
 - Flying Disciplines Representative (Competition secretary)

- Drone 2 (Michael)
- Country member rep (not required by constit)
- Outreach Officer

8) Dates of next/future meetings. Tuesdays? How many annually? 4 (minimum in constitution), 5 or 6, or whatever? AGM in Nov 2025

Link for submission of nominations to AGM

<https://bmfascotland.org/nominations/>

Agenda of BMFA Scotland Area members' meeting on 20th Nov to follow after 7pm AGM of BMFA Scotland Area on Zoom

1) Apologies for Absence. (as for AGM?)

2) Club Attendance and Establishing Voting Strength. (as for AGM?)

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

4) Matters arising

5) Reports from Officers (as delivered already for AGM?)

- Chairman. Alasdair Sutherland
- Vice-chairman. Neil Diment
- Secretary, Andrew Twort
- Treasurer Mark Christie.
- Area Delegate to BMFA Iain Nicol
- Competition Secretary Malcolm Balfour
- Achievement Scheme Coordinator Andy Pirie
- Communications Officer & Webmaster Kenneth Kennedy
- Event Coordinator Paul Furze

6) Any other Business

feedback from membership.

7) Dates of next/future meetings. As discussed at AGM

Reports from officers to AGM

Chairman. Alasdair Sutherland.

At last year's AGM I was elected vice-chairman of Scotland Area, and after the unexpected resignation of Sir Brian Donohoe I acted as chairman until the May members' meeting when I was co-opted as chairman until this AGM.

Arrangements for a joint Fly-in with the SAA were already underway. I was disappointed that the Glenrothes Fly-in had to be cancelled after all the hard work that Paul Furze put into it.

I picked up the BMFA Gazebo from Sir Brian. After discussing with Andy Symons, the Club Support Officer on BMFA staff, and the CVF club, I decided to place the gazebo in the CVF on-site storage unit and make it available for the use of any club in Scotland for events. Any club wishing to use it may contact myself, or another CVF committee member to arrange pick-up.

After raising it with Andy Symons, a couple of clubs have been added to Scotland Area, notably Drem who were left behind in NE Area by mistake and Balbedie who had failed to register a BMFA member as a contact, now sorted.

I emailed all secretaries of affiliated clubs and received replies from all but one, so any news we wish to pass on should get spread around the clubs by their secretary.

I am unable to attend the AGM of BMFA Central, at Buckminster on Saturday 2nd November at 1.30 pm.

Competition Secretary, Malcolm Balfour

I started the year by trying to contact some of the different flying disciplines to see if there were many competitions taking place. I spoke to the F5J representative who was well placed to run the

events, though I believe they have been hindered by weather and by only having one airfield to hold contests.

I spoke to a Scale enthusiast who runs an annual event at their club field Warrix which attracts fliers from England and Scotland. IMAC managed to run an event at the Angus Model Flying Club which though had limited entries was a success. All these disciplines or events are self-sufficient and didn't require my input for running the events and were aware of being able to put events on the BMFA calendar. F3A is the series of events I run along with my brother David, we organised eight events throughout Scotland and have managed to get a number of new pilots involved which is great. We also ran the Triple Crown event between Scotland, England and Ireland at East Fortune. Pleased to report Scotland won this. I would like to thank all the clubs throughout Scotland who welcome us to hold these events and hope the events have a positive impact on the club. My term is coming to an end this year and I don't intend to run again I believe the disciplines are able to run their own competitions without a competitions reps input. I will continue to run the F3A series of events and hope this acts a meaningful way of putting back into our hobby and encouraging safe enjoyable flying. I wish the committee the best of luck for the coming year. Malcolm Balfour

Reports expected at the AGM

Vice-chairman. Neil Diment

Secretary, Andrew Twort

Area Delegate to BMFA, Iain Nicol

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