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TO ALL TECHNICAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

There will be a Meeting of the Technical Council on Saturday 22nd March 2014 at 11.00am which is to be held at: Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrew's Road, Leicester LE2 8RE. Tel: 0116-2440028 Fax: 0116-2440645. Email: admin@bmfa.org

A G E N D A

- 1 Apologies for Absence.
- 2 Request for permission to be absent.
- 3 To verify the voting strength of the meeting.
- 4 Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Technical Council Meeting held on 19th October 2013.
- 5 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 19th October 2013 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 6 To review the set agenda for the first meeting of a Technical Committee each year (Current issue appended as a separate document).
- 7 To appoint the current year representative to the Awards Committee.

- 8 To discuss the CIAM Agenda (**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU BRING YOUR CIAM AGENDA WITH YOU**).
- 9 To ratify the following British Record Claims:
 - a William Stuart McFarlane, Electric Motor – Speed in a straight line (Deferred from January 2014 Full Council)
 - b Roger Gedge, Weatherman Speed Class II (Initial notification received).
- 10 This year's Nationals updates from the Power Nationals Co-ordinator and Technical Committees.
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 - a Contest Rule Books
 - i A discussion document (Tech Sec)
 - ii BMFA Rules (Comp Sec)
 - b Draft proposal - Proposed Rule Changes to Sections 1 & 2 BMFA General Rules 2.5.2 (Tech Sec)
 - c Draft proposal – Proposed changes to BMFA General Rules, entry to contest. (Comp Sec)
 - d Draft proposal – Proposed change to BMFA General Rules, Extreme Weather 2.5.7 (Tech Sec)
- 12 To receive any reports from Technical Committees. (Preferably in writing and not concerning Agenda Items.)
- 13 To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include:
 - a The receipt and ratification of any contests for the FAI Calendar.
- 14 To receive any reports from Council, Sub-committees or Elected Officers. (Reports should be brief, preferably in writing & in advance and not concerning Agenda Items.)
- 15 Any Other Business.

Please note: Items for Any Other Business should be handed, or sent, to the Office Manager in writing before the meeting commences.

Any questions to be asked under AOB that require detailed answers should be previously advised to the Office Manager to allow preparation of replies.
- 16 Date of next meeting.

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<http://www.bmfa.org/News/NewsPage/tabid/93/ArticleID/2073/Technical-Council-Agenda-22-3-2014.aspx>

Submitting events to the BMFA Contest & Events Calendar.

Please note that event submissions for the contest and event calendar on the BMFA website and also as printed in booklet form and the BMFA news are now only accepted online through the BMFA website.

See www.bmfa.org/ContestsEvents/HowtoSubmityourEvent for details.
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BMFA SCALE INDOOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS at Nottingham
University Sports Centre, University Park, Nottingham.

(nearest postcode NG7 2RJ)

Saturday 12th April and Sunday 13th April 2014

The 2014 BMFA Scale Indoor National Championships will again be held at Nottingham University Sports Centre, but this year the event will run over two days and a further three competition classes will be introduced.

Official events will include free flight competitions for Open Rubber, CO2/Electric, Peanut, Pistachio, Kit Scale and the newly introduced Glider class. There will also be official events for new classes : Scale RC and Scale RC Flying Only. The latter event is open to RTF scale models so there's no excuse not to join in!

Contact the organiser for more information on the Glider class and for the others, please refer to the 2014 BMFA Scale Rule Book which will be published on the BMFA website (www.bmfa.org) in January 2014.

All the official events are pre-entry only by Friday 4th April 2014. Contact the organiser or refer to the BMFA Scale Technical Committee website (www.scalebmfa.co.uk) for details and an application form.

Unofficial competitions will be held for Air Race, Mass Launch and Bostonian throughout the weekend - these are free entry to competitors and fun flyers.

A raffle will be held on the Sunday for aviation and modelling related goodies. Both RC and Free Flight Fun flying will take place all day in a second hall, but please no shock flyers or large helicopters.

Slot times may apply depending on numbers attending. Both halls are overlooked by a viewing gallery with a café bar and Indoor Model Suppliers (including SAMS) on-hand.

Doors open at 09.30 am and will close at 10.00 pm on the Saturday and 7.00 pm on the Sunday. Competition flying will commence at 10.00 am on both days.

Spectators: £6.00 per day or £10.00 for a two day ticket

Fun Flyers: £12.00 per day or £20.00 for a two day ticket.

Accompanied children and those under 18 years: free

Contact the organiser for official competition entry.

For more information contact the organiser, Andy Sephton:

Email: andrewjsephton@gmail.com

Tel: 07872 625279

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Report of the Full Council Meeting held on 11th January 2014

Appointment of Council

Council Members were formally received or co-opted as appropriate and Delegates and Members of appointed Sub-Committees were ratified.

World/European Championships

Ratification of Team Manager, Assistant Team managers and Teams for 2014 World/European Championships were ratified.

There are no championships for F3B, F3C, F3N, F3K, F3P
In 2014.

2014 Contest Fees

Received as follows:

FREE FLIGHT

Juniors: All classes/all events Free

Season Tickets: Not available

Centralised: Site Access Charge £6
1st Class £4
Subsequent classes £2 per class

Area Centralised: Site Access Charge As set by Area
1st Class £4
Subsequent classes £2 per class

Team Selection: Seniors £25(pre-entry mandatory)
for the single meeting spread
over two weekends. One fee
enters all 3 classes.

Nationals: Airfield Pass: £10 for three days
£5 for one day
1st Class £10 For Championship events
1st Class £5 Non Championship Events
Subsequent classes £10 For Championship events
Subsequent classes £5 Non Champ
Unlimited classes £45
Pre-entry requested for all events. On field entry at 50% surcharge.

Events

F1E Meetings Same as Area Centralised

FAIR Site charge only for all meetings
including trials

INDOOR

Single event Senior pre-entry £10 per day single event - £2 per additional class flown
Senior on the day £15 per day single
Event - £3 per additional class flown
Junior pre-entry £5 per day single event
No class charges

F1D Senior Team
Trials Entry Fee £25 per day

F1D Junior Team
Trials Entry Fee £10 per day

CONTROL LINE

Post Meeting Note: Information subsequently provided by CLTC Secretary as follows:

CL Entry Fees

Centralised Competitions including Team Selection:

- Speed £20
- Aerobatics £20
- Team Race £25
- F2D £20
- Juniors half the entry fee

No season tickets

CL Nationals Entry Fees

Speed:

- Handicap Speed £15
- Vintage Speed £15
- Weatherman Speed £15
- No reduction for subsequent classes
- Juniors half the entry fee
- OTD Entries double normal fee

Aerobatics:

- F2B £25
- Vintage/Other £15
- No reduction for subsequent classes
- Juniors half the entry fee
- OTD Entries double normal fee

Team Race:

- F2C £15
- All other Classes £15
- Battery Man £ 5
- No reduction for subsequent classes
- Juniors half the entry fee
- OTD Entries double normal fee

Combat:

- F2D £18
- First class £18
- Second Class £14
- Third Class £10
- Fourth Class £5
- Juniors £5
- OTD £20

Carrier:

- Basic and Class 1 £8 (if only one class is entered)
- Second Class £5
- Junior entry fees £5

SILENT FLIGHT

- Fees for all events/contests with a Team Selection element – Including all entrants – F3B/F3J/F5B/F3K/F3F. CD's will set a daily Entry fee which could vary with site overheads **but must generate A a £5/day excess to be paid to the SF TT fund. NB Juniors are free in all contests.**

- Fees for all other non-TT competitions F5J, eSoaring, 100S etc **£7 NB Juniors are free in all contets.**

- No Season Tickets

- Nats TBA

RADIO CONTROL POWER

	BMPRA	GBRCAA	AHA
Classes	Pylon IC & Elec Aerobatics	Heli Aerobatics	
Juniors	n/a	n/a	n/a
Season	None	None	None
Centralised	None	None	£10
Team Selection	£40 F3D & F5D	£26 per class	£10
Nationals	£25 all classes	£30 per class	£20

	IMAC	FUN FLY
Classes	Aerobatics	Aerobatics
Juniors	£15 all classes	Free
Season	None	None
Centralised	None	None
Team Selection	None	None
Nationals	£35 all classes	£20 per class

Note: IMAC & Fun Fly are Nationals entry fees only

SCALE

Centralised	RC	£15
	Season Ticket	£70
	CL	£11
	FF	£3
	Indoor	£15 registration – no class fee
Nationals	RC	£30
	CL	£16
	FF	£12
	Indoor	£16.50 registration plus £3.50 per class
	Helicopter	£20
Team Trials	F4B,C,H	£20 per class
Juniors (under 18)		Free for all events

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	1st Class	£4
	Subsequent classes	£2 per class
<u>Area Centralised:</u>	Site Access Charge	As set by Area
	1st Class	£4
	Subsequent classes	£2 per class
<u>Team Selection:</u>	Seniors £25(pre-entry mandatory) for the single meeting spread over two weekends. One fee enters all 3 classes.	

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		£5 for one day
	1st Class	£10 For Championship events
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	Senior on the day £15 per day single Event - £3 per additional class flown
	Junior pre-entry £5 per day single event
	No class charges
F1D Senior Team Trials	Entry Fee £25 per day
F1D Junior Team Trials	Entry Fee £10 per day

Proposals

The following proposals were carried.

From the Competition Secretary.

“That whilst the RCPT is suspended, a representative from each of the Radio Control Power Specialist Bodies (RCP SBs) is empowered to vote at Technical Council Meetings. “

From the Honorary Secretary.

Clarification required to proposal carried at September 2013 Full Council Meeting.

The Chairman agreed to accept the following amendment as a Matter Arising.

The proposal in full, including amendment in bold italics:

“That this Council agrees to meetings of the Areas Council no longer being formally scheduled and being called only when there is adequate business to properly justify such a meeting. As and when any such meeting is then called, two month’s notice of the intended date of this meeting shall be provided. In particular it is proposed that the September 2013 Areas Council Meeting will not take place.

The ASRC shall nominate a Delegate to Full Council and Council may then co-opt that Delegate as a member of Full Council, ***in the event that the ASRC membership does not already include a Full Council member.***”

From the Honorary Treasurer.

“Following the Area AGM the Area is to submit its ‘Annual Return’ within two weeks. That ‘Annual Return’ is to include the Officers for the subsequent year, its audited accounts and the confirmed Minutes of the previous year’s AGM. Failure to do this means the Area Grant will be withheld, at the discretion of the Honorary Treasurer”.

Record Claims

The following Record Claims were approved:

Ben Jones/Geb Jones (89029)/(85217)
F3D Pylon Race – 7/9/13 at St Martin le Beau, France
Heat: 0 mins 57.29 secs

Reports

CAA Team

The annual meeting was held at the end of November, attended by the CEO, Development Officer and Honorary Secretary, in his capacity as BARCS rep.

It is always a very worthwhile meeting and on this occasion the BMFA led on most agenda points. The Minutes are available on the BMFA website.

The CAA will be inspecting three shows in 2014 and we have specifically asked them to attend the Power Nationals.

Various aspects were covered including metal helicopter blades on Scale models. Concerns were raised arising from the availability of increasingly cheap and fast turbine powered models and more work is required in this area.

Some revisions to the exemption relating to FPV were agreed. FPV were represented at the meeting.

We looked at failsafe settings for multi rotor aircraft. New technology is evolving all the time and our current recommendations may not be the most appropriate so there is work to be done there.

Chairman

Beginning his report, the Chairman sadly announced the death of Ron Firth, Fellow, who died just prior to Christmas. He was 85. The Chairman requested the assistance of any Delegates or Fellows who knew Ron very well to help put together an obituary for the website.

The Chairman attended, in his previous role as Vice Chairman, the AGM and Dinner Prize Giving presentation. He attended two meetings of the Executive one of which was mainly focused on BMFA Strategy.

A further meeting of the Executive will be held to continue discussions on BMFA Strategy taking into account some of the key points and input from the survey and also a paper which the Development Officer is putting together.

We take the feedback very seriously. It is not an easy task but we are making it a prime objective to decide where we are heading as an organisation.

FAI Delegate

In addition to his written report the FAI Delegate advised that he recently did some investigation on carriage of lipo batteries. With the increase in the number of people flying Electric it is important to understand what you can and cannot do with lipos when travelling on an aeroplane.

Essentially you can take two lipo battery packs up to a certain capacity and certain kilowatt grading in your hand luggage, you cannot carry them in the hold luggage at all.

Details will be published in the BMFA News magazine and on our website.

As always the best advice is to contact the airline beforehand so they can provide the relevant paperwork to get through Security.

FAI Delegate also reported that Red Bull Races are back on in 2014 and there will be an event in the UK at Ascot Race Course 16/17 August. He suggested that the CEO investigates having some software written for the event for use on our simulator, for the public to 'have a go'.

An issue was raised with regard to the exclusion of model flying on some travel insurances. The CEO advised that we are looking in to this.

Honorary Secretary

Discussion document on the BMFA Areas.

The Honorary Secretary guided the meeting through the discussion document with the aid of a power point presentation and provided a summary.

Comments were forthcoming and the Honorary Secretary asked for those comments to be submitted to him in writing so that he can evaluate and decide on a way forward.

The response from the Area Delegates present was generally negative towards the concept of dissolving Areas.

Records Officer

Indoor provided an update on the commission of a new trophy in memory of the late Laurie Barr FSMAE whose family donated a substantial amount of money for this. Indoor have commissioned Ian Dowsett to produce the trophy. It will be in the form of a scale model of Cardington, in which will be hung a miniature F1R model. It will hopefully be completed in time for display and adoption at May Full Council and will then be ready for being awarded for the F1R Class at 2014 Indoor Nationals.

CEO

Prior to Christmas there were rumours about the status of BMFA insurance arrangements, suffice to say there was no truth to the rumours. Our brokers have been taken over by an American company (Integro) but there is no change and they will continue to trade as Doodsons for the foreseeable future with no change of personnel. To that end, as we are entering our 3rd and final year of the three year deal and we are in negotiations about extending that. We have secured pricing for the Legal Liability insurance for the next 3 years. There is a slight increase in Personal Accident cover.

At the previous Full Council meeting an action was placed on the CEO and Club Support Officer to look at the acquisition of a company van for use when we attend shows. A formal proposal will be put together for the Full Council Meeting in May.

We require an upgrade on some IT equipment. An item will be included on the Agenda for Full Council in May.

The new website is working very well. A new Contest and Events calendar system has been launched whereby contest organisers/event organisers can enter their competition or event directly on to the website. The notices require approval before they appear but generally they are listed within 24 hrs of being received.

We had some good news which unfortunately was followed by some very sad news. Our Membership Secretary Helen Feaver, gave birth to Ellie-Mae Lola slightly premature, prior to Christmas and sadly Ellie-Mae died 16 days later. The Minutes record Council's condolences to Helen.

Membership is coming in very well. We are slightly down on the same period last year, only by few hundred, but we were later starting the process. More country members are now using online payment system.

Phase two of the system, to have a similar facility for clubs to administer memberships online, will be rolled out to a few clubs to try this year with a view to having it ready for renewals next year.

As part of the new website we integrated a survey function. The first survey was in relation to the development of a model flying centre. The CEO handed over to the Club Support Officer who had collated the results of the survey.

This concluded the CEO's report.

Club Support Officer

The Club Support Officer provided a power point presentation and guided the meeting through the Survey Results booklet which had previously been circulated. All comments/ questions have been logged. There were 1,268 replies in total with very conflicting views. There will be a mention in BMFA News magazine to go to the website for the results.

In order to achieve a better response, Jim Wright proposed we extend running the survey and publish a more prominent notice in BMFA news magazine. It was agreed we would extend it till the end of March 2014 and a notice will be published in the next BMFA News.

Thanks were recorded to the Club Support Officer for putting the results together.