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IMPORTANT !!! SECRETARY PLEASE NOTE

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TO ALL FULL COUNCIL MEMBERS

There will be a Meeting of the Full Council on Saturday 14th May 2016 at 11.00am which is to be held at: College Court, Knighton Road, Leicester LE2 3TQ

AGENDA

(To download the Full Council Agenda Ctrl + click on the link below, or copy the link below)

<https://www.bmfa.org/News/News-Page/ArticleID/2367/Full-council-Agenda-14-5-2016>

- 1 Apologies for Absence.
- 2 Request for permission to be absent.
- 3 To verify the voting strength of the meeting.
- 4 Adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 9th January 2016.
- 5 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 9th January 2016 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.

- 6 To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer to include:
- a The progress towards the year end Accounts.
 - b To receive a paper discussing Areas funding, including the following proposals:
 - i) That in order to receive grant funding, Areas should submit a budget each year. The Honorary Treasurer and Accounts Manager will devise a suitable form for this, in advance of the budgeting process for 2017/18. In addition, a form will be provided for Areas to submit their accounts in a consistent way.
 - ii) That Area grant funding will cover the core activities:
 - Running Area meetings to discuss Area business and the Area’s viewpoint on matters to be discussed at Council;
 - Acting as a conduit between clubs in the Area and Council;
 - Resolving issues affecting clubs, where this can be done locally;
 - Promoting model flying within the Area;
 - Administering the achievement scheme in the Area (which may include running examiners workshops);
 - Support for educational activities.
 Additional activities should normally be self-funding, or covered from any surpluses from other activities, which will be considered by the Honorary Treasurer, Executive and Council as part of the normal budgeting process.
 - iii) That no funding will be paid to any area that has a bank balance at Financial Year End exceeding two years total expenditure.
- 7 To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.
- 8 To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.
- 9 To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary to include:
- a The receipt of the Affiliated Club List.
 - b The receipt of the dates for Council Meetings in the year 2017.
 - c To discuss and agree the processes for the November elections.
 - d To determine the eligibility of Jo Halman FSMAE, the Competition Secretary (having served for ten or more years in the current position) to stand for re-election in accordance with rule 1.8 of the Council Handbook, Issue 8, February 2015.
 - e To receive the following proposals:
 - i) That in the Areas Constitution Document, the section dealing with AGM procedures has the following sentence added to paragraph 12:
 “The AGM Agenda must always include the annual election of Area Chief Examiners and Area Chief Instructors. The election process used for these posts shall be decided, by simple majority, by a secret ballot of those duly authorised club representatives present and entitled to vote.”
 And also that the following sentence is added to the end of paragraph 22:
 “The actual voting figures not simply the results, whether conducted as an individual secret vote of those present or a poll vote, must be noted and recorded in the minutes of this General Meeting.”
 - ii) That the text of the first two sentences of paragraph c and sections h (i) and (ii) of Appendix P to the Council Handbook – the text dealing with the appointment and election of Achievement Scheme Controllers, be amended. (Full details appended).
 - iii) To add a new section (p) to the Terms of Reference for the Achievement Scheme Review Committee – These Terms of Reference are provided in Appendix P in the Council Handbook. (Full details appended).
 - iv) That Paragraphs (c) to (g) inclusive of Appendix P to the Council Handbook setting out the Terms of Reference of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee be changed. (Full details appended).

- 10 To receive a report from the Technical Secretary to include the following proposals:
- i) That the following paragraph be added as the first paragraph to Rule 2.3.11 Number of Competitors in the General Rules and Regulations:
A competition shall only be valid if there are at least two entries in that competition.
 - ii) Add the following to General Regulations and Rules Paragraph 1.2.4
Add after (5) the following paragraph.
(6) Video use. 5.725 GHz to 5.875 GHz. Effective Radiated Power 25mW.
Add after the final paragraph of AIRBORNE TELEMETRY the following paragraph:
The 5.8 GHz has been allocated for apparatus designed for airborne transmission of television (video). Where require associated audio may also be used. Users need to be especially aware that equipment is available (especially if sourced from America) that uses frequencies that fall just outside the permitted band.
- 11 To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include:
- a The receipt and ratification of any contests for next year's FAI Calendar.
- 12 To receive a report from the Records Officer.
- 13 To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.
- 14 To receive a report from the FAI Delegate to include:
- a The receipt of the report of the recent CIAM Meeting.
- 15 To receive the following proposals:
- a From the Silent Flight Technical Committee that a "Joining Fee" be added to the standard BMFA membership fee for Seniors only. This fee should apply to new members and those who renew after a lapse of 1 year, or more.
 - b From the Silent Flight Technical Committee that the Silent Flight Technical Committee be allowed to spend up to £900 for the purchase of a compact digital display unit.
- 16 To receive updated briefings and reports from the Technical Committees & the Power Nationals Co-ordinator for all the BMFA National Championships.
- 17 To receive any reports from the following Delegates (reports should be brief, preferably in writing and in advance).
- a Royal Aero Club (RAeC)
 - b General Aviation Safety Council (GASCo)
 - c Air Prox
 - d Sport + Recreation Alliance (formerly CCPR)
 - e General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)
- 18 To receive any reports from the following Committees (reports should be brief, preferably in writing and in advance):
- a CAA Team
 - b UK Radio Control Council (UKRCC)
 - c Education Working Group
 - d University Challenge
 - e Computer Sub-Committee
 - f Safety Review Committee
 - g Achievement Scheme Review Committee
 - h BMFA News Publishers
 - i BMFA Archivist
 - j Club Support Officer

- 19 Any Other Business.
Please note: Items for Any Other Business should be sent or handed to the Office Manager in writing before the meeting commences. This will be strictly enforced.
Any questions to be asked under AOB that require detailed answers should be previously advised to the Office Manager to allow preparation of replies.
- 20 Date of next meeting.



LIST OF REDUCED FEES - FROM 1ST JULY 2016

ORDINARY FULL MEMBERSHIP FEES

SENIORS £25.00 JUNIORS £13.00

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP FEES

SENIORS £25.00 PARTNERS £17.00 JUNIORS £10.00

LIST OF REDUCED FEES - FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER 2016

ORDINARY FULL MEMBERSHIP FEES

SENIORS £17.00 JUNIORS £9.00

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP FEES

SENIORS £17.00 PARTNERS £11.00 JUNIORS £7.00

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2016 BMFA SCALE INDOOR FREE FLIGHT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2016 BMFA Free Flight Scale Indoor National Championships will be held in the same venue as last year; the University of Wolverhampton Sports Centre, Gorway Rd, Walsall, WS1 3BD.

Official events will include free flight competitions for Open Rubber, CO2/Electric, Peanut/Pistachio, Kit Scale and the newly introduced Glider class.

Unofficial competitions will be held for Air Race and Mass Launch – these are free entry on the day to competitors. There will be an additional £6.00 entry fee for non-competitors. Pre-entry for this is not required.

Access to the site and parking facilities are excellent and there is a viewing gallery with a restaurant that will be open all day.

Doors open at 8.00am and will close at 6.00pm.
Competitors pre-entry only; Spectators £6.00
Accompanied children and those under 18 years: free.

Achievement Scheme Handbook & Achievement Scheme Website Launched

The new Achievement Scheme Handbook has now been launched and can be downloaded from the new achievement scheme website at <http://achievements.bmfa.org>

The new Achievement Scheme website is your one-stop shop for everything relating to the Achievement Scheme. The intention is to make all Scheme materials easier to access. **We strongly recommend that all examiners, instructors and anyone with an interest in the scheme subscribe to the website.** This only requires registering your name and e-mail address, and doing this means that you will then automatically receive email notifications of any scheme updates, examiner workshops and other important announcements.

The website contains all of the 2016 test standards and guidance booklets, which are available to view on PC's and mobile devices without the need to download the documents, although you can of course download and print out any of the publications too.

The website also features a new interactive quiz based on the 20 mandatory questions about model aircraft flying legal controls. The quiz is in a multiple choice format, which we hope will be fun for members to have a go at. We are already planning to generate additional quizzes to capture other areas (for example 'A' & 'B' tests for the various disciplines) if it proves popular. So please have a go and let us know what you think.....

Don't forget that the questions and answers are also available separately on the website and in the new standards and guidance booklets.

The website is obviously a new development and going forward we hope to add more features, so if you have any suggestions, just let us know. We welcome your feedback about this and any other Achievement Scheme matters, and you can use the website contact page to get in touch.

It's that time of year again to start thinking about who deserves recognition for their modelling achievements or for their support to your Club, area, Tech Committee, Specialist Body – Indeed, anyone who puts themselves out for the benefit of others in the sport.

There is a wide range of BMFA, Royal Aero Club and FAI honours and awards available to any member and some for non-members, who deserve acknowledgement of their contribution; whether it's for a particular achievement or for sustained effort over a number of years.

The full list of awards and their qualification criteria is listed on the BMFA website; click on Awards and Honours under the BMFA tab where you will also find the Nomination Form and Awards Booklet to download (which can also be requested from the office).

Submitting a nomination is easy; just fill in the nominee's details and write a short citation (no more than 450 words) explaining why they deserve recognition. Nominations may be made by Affiliated Clubs, Area Committees, Technical Committees and Fellows of the Society so you will need to get your nomination agreed and signed by an official of the club or committee.

Then submit it, preferably electronically, to the BMFA Office Manager for the attention of the Awards Committee Chairman. You can do this at any time but nominations for this year's awards ceremony must be received no later than August 1st 2016.

All nominations will be acknowledged and we will let the sponsor know the outcome after the Awards Committee's recommendations have been ratified by the BMFA Council in September. Winners will be invited to attend the BMFA Annual Dinner in November to receive their awards.

If you are not sure whether to go ahead you can always contact the Chairman of the Awards Committee via the BMFA office, for advice.

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