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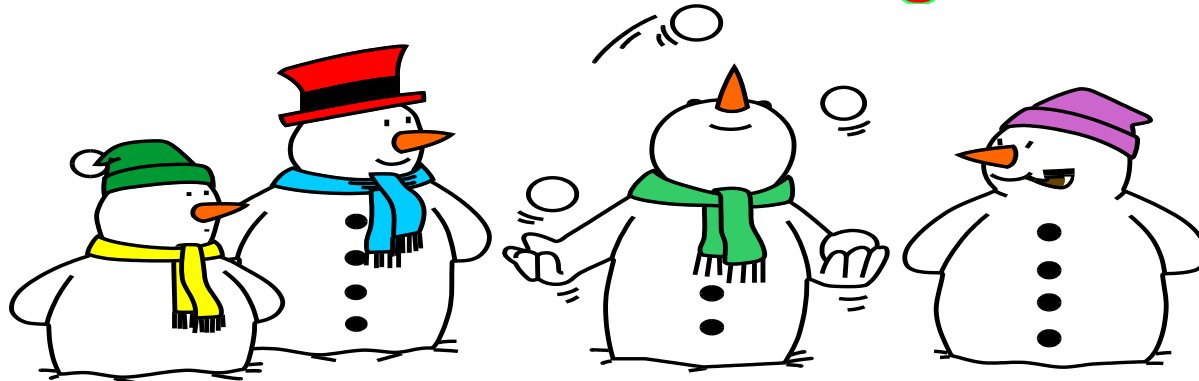


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SECRETARY PLEASE NOTE**

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<http://www.bmfa.org/Clubs/ClubBulletins/tabid/137/Default.aspx>

TO ALL FULL COUNCIL MEMBERS

There will be a Meeting of the Full Council on 14th January 2017 at 11.00am which is to be held at: College Court, Knighton Road, Leicester LE2 3TQ

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for Absence.
- 2 Request for permission to be absent.
- 3 To formally receive the following delegates:
 - a The RAeC Delegate
 - b The RNMAA Delegate
- 4 To formally receive the Area Delegates to Council.~
- 5 To co-opt Technical Committee Representatives to Council.~
- 6 To verify the voting strength of the meeting.
- 7 To:~
 - a Note names of the Technical Committee Chairmen.
 - b Ratify Alternate FAI Delegate.
 - c Ratify the BMFA Delegates to other organisations.
 - d Ratify Council appointed sub-committees.
 - e Ratify Council appointed posts.
- 8 ASRC:
 - a If necessary, the election of members to fill ASRC vacancies. (Ref: ASRC ToR item (c)) – (Ballot required, CV's will be circulated to Council Members after the December deadline for receipt of applications. Voting will take place on the morning of January Full Council Meeting)
 - b If necessary, the co-option of the ASRC Delegate to Council (if a Council Member is not already a member of the ASRC). (Ref: ASRC ToR item (a))
 - c Election of the Power or Silent Flight Controller. (Ref: ASRC ToR item (h) (ii))
- 9 Adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 10th September 2017.
- 10 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 10th September 2017 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 11 To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer.
- 12 International Teams for this year's World and European Championships:
 - a The ratification of Teams (See note appended).
 - b The ratification of Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers (where permitted) (See note appended).
 - c The receipt of declarations that it does intend to send a team from any Technical Committee that has not yet finalised a proposed team.
- 13 Confirmation of the status of SAA and LMA insurance (Ref General Rule 2.1.6 Entry to Competitions.)
- 14 To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer to include the following:
 - a) Co-option of Honorary Secretary.
- 15 To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.
- 16 To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary.

- 17 To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.
- 18 To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include:
 - a The receipt and ratification of any late contests for this year's FAI Calendar.
 - b The receipt of this year's BMFA contest fees (See note appended).
- 19 To receive a report from the Records Officer to include the following.
- 20 To receive a report from the FAI Delegate.
- 21 To receive the following proposals:
 - a From Northern Ireland Area that the BMFA agree and permit the Northern Ireland Area bid to hold an F2 European Championship in Belfast in 2019 to go forward as a submission to FAI to be considered and voted upon at the 2017 CIAM Plenary Meeting. The proposal comprises three attached papers: the proposal information; email showing the secured funding confirmed by the High Sheriff of Belfast; the proposed budget.
 - b From Free Flight Technical Committee; A - To decentralise all 'Area Centralised Contests' and introduce a straightforward mechanism for new and alternate venues to be considered. To enable this, a simple guidance note shall be added for consideration and suitability by the FFTC. Generally references to 'Centralised' shall be removed from the General Regulations and Rules Jan 2016 and means of submitting site criteria added;
B – The proposal to reduce 'Fly-Off' start time from 10mins to 5mins;
C – The proposal to provide general guidance on how to select a suitable location for a flight line - Refer detailed Sheets attached.
- 22 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)
- 23 To receive any reports from the following Committees (reports should be brief, preferably in writing and in advance):
 - a CAA Team
 - b Education Working Group
 - c University Challenge
 - d Computer Sub-Committee
 - e Safety Review Committee
 - f Achievement Scheme Review Committee
 - g BMFA News Publishers
 - h BMFA Archivist
 - i Club Support Officer
- 24 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.
- 25 Date of next meeting.

*******CLUB SECRETARIES, PLEASE NOTE*******

Dear Club Secretary

We receive a high number of requests in the office for information on “drone friendly (multi-rotor/quad)” clubs, recreational and sporting drone flying, including aerial photography is a valid and welcome recent addition to the disciplines of model aircraft flying however information on drone friendly clubs is something we do not have readily available and as such I would like to create a register of clubs where the recreational drone operator can go along and join and benefit from the club’s experience and assistance.

Despite the hysteria in the media about drones the majority of drone operators are responsible individuals who wish to operate lawfully and safely and this new aspect of our sport integrates well at clubs.

The increasing popularity of drones both for racing and for aerial photography presents an opportunity to clubs both to increase membership numbers but also to help us spread the message about safe and lawful operation. Clubs that have welcomed drone operators have found that these new members often also then take up the more traditional aspects of our sport too.

If you are happy to accept drone operators in to your club, or would like advice on integrating drone flying and operation into your current activities please could you contact me at andy@bmfa.org or on 0116 244 1081 and I will add your club to the register.

Also get in touch if you would like further information on FPV drone racing, we have a set of airgates, turn flags and course markers available for clubs to borrow if you would like to try hosting a racing event. Also consider hosting a “Drone Aware” open day in 2017 to further spread the drone aware message. Please contact us for further details and assistance.

Kind Regards

Andy Symons
BMFA Club Support Officer

The staff and all at the BMFA would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Please remember that if you haven't renewed your BMFA membership either with your club or as a country member by 1st January your insurance will have lapsed.

The office opening times over the festive season are as follows

Dec 23rd - 9am – 2pm

Dec 24th – 27th Closed

Dec 28th – 30th 9am – 4pm

Dec 31st – Jan 2nd Closed

3rd Jan onwards as normal

2017 Royal Aero Club Trust Bursaries – apply now!

The Royal Aero Club Trust, as part of its Flying for Youth program administers a Bursary Scheme for young people.

50 bursaries were offered in 2016 and the lucky recipients were able to start training in April. Bursaries include The President's Award (two bursaries each worth up to £750), a further bursary worth up to £1,000 (The Peter Cruddas Foundation Scholarship), the Breitling Bursary also worth up to £750, the MacRobert Trust Bursaries (two bursaries each worth up to £500, and the Bramson Bursary also worth up to £500 as well as a number of additional bursaries worth up to £500 each to suitable candidates. No applications were received in 2016 from balloon flyers who are encouraged to apply for future bursaries.

The scheme is divided into four categories of Bursaries:

1. Flying Bursaries/Grants for those wishing to advance from one recognised level of air sport to the next higher level and wish to upgrade their existing qualifications;
2. FlightSim Bursaries/Grants for Computer Flight Simulation enthusiasts wishing to gain practical experience of flying or an air sport.
3. Aeromodelling Bursaries to enable flyers upgrade equipment or to gain further qualifications.
4. Follow-on (Advanced) Bursaries to enable well qualified air sports persons enter international or national competitions or other prestigious events or to advance their existing qualifications to a higher level to the benefit of the sport (eg to gain an instructor qualification).

The scheme and the bursaries comprise all types of air sports and aviation-related activities including: paragliding, gliding, hang-gliding, parachuting, microlight aircraft, helicopter, light aircraft and the designing, building and flying model aeroplanes (including multi-rotary wing - eg drones).

Applicants for these grants must hold British Citizenship and be permanently resident in UK and aged 14-21 years (Follow-On (Advanced) Bursary - 24 years).

Apply

Applications for 2017 bursaries are now available and can be downloaded via links on this page. Closing dates for applications is 31 March 2017.

The British Model Flying Association

14th -15th Jan 2017



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