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IMPORTANT !!! SECRETARY PLEASE NOTE

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TO ALL TECHNICAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

There will be a Meeting of the Technical Council on Saturday 18th March 2017 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

AGENDA

- 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 22nd October 2016.
- 5 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 22nd October 2016 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 6 Website.

- 7 To appoint or confirm 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 This year's Nationals updates from the Power Nationals Co-ordinator, Technical Committees and RC Power Specialist Bodies to include:
 - a Discussion on flightlines.
 - b Nationals results requirements.
- 10 To receive a proposal from the Technical Secretary that a sub-committee of the Technical Council be formed to consider the Modellers' Handbook by reviewing its contents and planning future amendments. The sub-committee to comprise the Technical Secretary as Chairman, the Chief Executive Officer, the Development Officer and two elected members from the existing Technical Council. The committee shall meet once a year during the first quarter of the year.
- 11 To receive any reports from Technical Committees and RC Power Specialist Bodies. (Preferably in writing and not concerning Agenda Items.)
- 12 To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include:
 - a The receipt and ratification of any late UK hosted contests for the FAI Calendar.
- 13 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.)
- 14 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.
- 15 Date of next meeting.



NEWS! NEWS! NEWS! NEWS! NEWS!

We are pleased to announce that arrangements to hold both the 2017 Free Flight Nationals and the 2017 Power Nationals at RAF Barkston Heath have been confirmed. The Free Flight Nationals will take place over the late May Bank Holiday weekend (27-29 May) and the Power Nationals will take place over the August Bank Holiday weekend (26-28 August).

The construction work which rendered the airfield unavailable to us last August for the 2016 Power Nationals has now been completed and the RAF have re-affirmed their long established and ongoing commitment to support our two Nationals wherever possible, subject to operational requirements.

We would like to express our gratitude to the Commandant of RAFC Cranwell and his team for their assistance and cooperation in facilitating our continued use of RAF Barkston Heath for 2017.

Further details will be made available in the BMFA NEWS and on the BMFA website (see <http://bmfa-nats.org/power-nationals>) in due course.

To download the Full Council Ratified Minutes, 10th September 2016
Ctrl + click on the link below

https://www.bmfa.org/The-BMFA/Minutes-Archive?Command=Core_Download&EntryId=2087



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Check out the new ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME WEBSITE (*Ctrl + click on the link below*)

<http://achievements.bmfa.org/> and check out the Achievement scheme on Facebook
at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1282198665159020/>

Forgotten Something?

If you have forgotten to renew your BMFA membership, **NOW** is the time to do it. If you do not renew your BMFA membership, then you will be missing out on all of the other benefits that we provide.

The BMFA provides an extensive range of services to support its members including an excellent insurance scheme (with £25 million legal liability cover and £35 thousand personal accident cover), the BMFA NEWS, Members Handbook and the Education, Training and Achievement schemes. In addition, specialist advice is available to all members on a range of subjects including flying site planning and protection matters, legal issues, safety, 'drone' flying and display flying.

During the past year, we have assisted dozens of our clubs with planning issues, noise issues and legal challenges to help safeguard their most valuable asset – somewhere to fly. In addition, we have also provided them all with insurance cover for their club equipment!

We have commenced with the Development of a National Centre which will be opening in the next few months and we have also committed considerable resources to leading the fight against the ongoing threat of disproportionate European Regulation aimed at drones from having a negative impact on our established rights (and those of our fellow flyers throughout Europe). All of this with no increase in subscriptions!

We are only able to provide this level of support and service thanks to the ongoing support of our members.

All of this at a cost of less than 64p per week for Senior members and less than 33p per week for Juniors! So why not give us a call on 0116 2440028 or visit www.bmfa.org and renew your BMFA membership today!

I hope that you will continue to support us and take this opportunity to renew your membership with the BMFA to help us continue our work in protecting and developing model flying in the UK.

Best regards
Dave Phipps
Chief Executive



BMFA Northern Area Fly-in

Pontefract Race Course

22nd – 23rd July 2017

Why not come along and enjoy the BMFA Northern area Fly-in. It's your opportunity as a BMFA member to come along and enjoy the two day event.

Where the emphasis is definitely on fun and simply enjoying the flying

For further details please visit us @

<http://northern.bmfa.org/>

Thursday 20th April 2017
The BMFA North Eastern Area.

Thursday 20th April 2017, at the Malleable Social club, 345 Norton Road, Norton, Stockton TS20 2PH. The North Eastern Area, intend to give its members the opportunity to discuss all things BMFA. Including changes to the achievement scheme, rule changes, anything to do with your insurance cover, but most of all get an insight to ***The BMFA National Centre***, from the people who are involved, instead of listening to all the inaccurate rumours.

In attendance on behalf of the BMFA will be, Manny Williamson Development Officer, who will discuss anything to do with model flying and the BMFA, but as a starting point Manny will cover insurance, and the National Centre. Andy Symons Club Support Officer, will cover the Achievement Scheme, and developments in terms of proposed European legislation and the work that is being undertaken to protect model flying in the UK.

The Evening will be fairly informal, with the members leading the discussion, subjects being led by the questions that are raised.

So, the North-Eastern Area invite any club or country member, to come and chat with your Area Officers and some of the Bmfa staff, to try and resolve any issues you may have with model flying and its legislation. You can get accurate and up to date information on the most prestigious project the BMFA have undertaken. The meeting starts at 19.30, the club has a large car park and an excellent range of beers and lagers as well as most spirits on sale.

The Malleable club is easy to find as its about 1/2 a mile of the A19 on the A139, Norton road, heading towards Stockton. heading towards Stockton, for more information contact Thomas Jones North Eastern Area Delegate on 07728290784.