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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 9th September 2017 at 11.00am
which is to be held at:
College Court, Knighton Road, Leicester, LE2 3UF (Sat Nav LE2 3TQ)**

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 Adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 13th May 2017.
- 5 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 13th May 2017 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 6 To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer to include:
 - a The review and approval of the statutory accounts and supplementary information for the financial year ended 31st March 2017.
 - b Any issues or recommendations raised by the Auditor whilst reviewing the Accounts.
 - c The receipt and approval by Council of the draft budget for presentation to the AGM.
 - d The recommendation of the membership fees for next year.
 - e The ratification of the fees (currently £40) for Associate Bodies for next year.

- 7 To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer to include the following:
- a Report on the current progress, usage and financial status of the National Centre.
- 8 To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.
- 9 To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary to include:
- a The presentation of updates to the Affiliated Club list and adoption of any new clubs.
 - b The annual ratification of Honorary Members:
D Bishop, E Clark, Mrs P Gowler, D Hardman, H Isidro, K McCormick, Mrs M Nicholls, Dr M P Sun, P Valentine, J French, D Phipps, L Creese, M Williamson, R Wright.
- 10 To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.
- 11 To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include the following:
- a The receipt and ratification of any contests for next year's FAI Calendar.
 - b The ratification of fees for FAI Licences for next year. (Present fees: FAI stamp: Seniors £10, & Juniors £5; 5 year FAI stamp £30; Booklet: £5; replacement licences including the FAI stamp (ie lost or damaged in the current year): £5.
- 12 To receive a report from the Records Officer to include the following proposals:
- a Proposal for the adoption of the John Oliver Memorial Trophy. CLTC have requested that a new trophy be adopted for CL Vintage Combat for the Oliver Tiger competition which is held at Old Warden in September. The trophy will be available for inspection at the Council Meeting. The competition is an official BMFA event and I am happy that the trophy will be acceptable for adoption. (Background information appended).
 - b FFTC have requested the adoption of a trophy for classic power at the FF nationals. (Proposal in full appended, including background information).
 - c The following Record Claim:
Roger Gedge (034600) – Control Line Weatherman Speed Class II(2) – 28/05/17 at RAF Barkston Heath – 91.52 mph
 - d The following Record Claim:
Peter Watt (108095) – Novice Pennyplane (Rubber Duration) – 23/06/16 at Kibbie Dome, Moscow, Idaho – 14 mins 43 secs.
- 13 To receive a report from the FAI Delegate, to include:
- a The agreement of the CIAM Education Sub-Committee Delegate.
- 14 Next year's Major Events:
- a To discuss venues.
 - b To accept co-ordinators.
 - c To ratify the Power Nationals Co-ordinator.
- 15 To receive a report from the Power Nationals Co-ordinator and the appropriate Technical Committees on the BMFA National Championships held since the last Council Meeting in May.
- 16 To receive a report from the Chairman of the Awards Committee to include the following:
- a To receive notification of proposed awards for 2017.
- 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 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

19 Any Other Business.

Please note: Items for Any Other Business should be handed, or sent, to the Chairman or 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.

20 Date of next meeting.



**BMFA Indoor
Duration
Nationals**

September 16th-17th

RAF Shawbury Sports Hangar, Shrewsbury. SY4 4PF



<http://bmfa-nats.org/>



British National Model Flying Championships

*RC, CL and
Scale*



BMFA

Nationals 2017
26th - 28th Aug
www.bmfa-nats.org

RAF Barkston Heath - NG32 2DQ on the B6403, 5 miles North of Grantham
by kind permission of the Commandant RAF College Cranwell

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GOVERNMENT PUBLISHES CONSULTATION ON THE SAFE USE OF DRONES IN THE UK

The Department for Transport (DfT) has now published the outcome of their consultation on the safe use of drones in the UK. The document can be viewed here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/631638/unlocking-the-uks-high-tech-economy-consultation-on-the-safe-use-of-drones-in-the-uk-government-response.pdf

The document has evidently caused some concern within the model flying community and has set some 'hares running'. As such, I thought that it would be useful to comment on the DfT publication and clarify the situation.

The DfT document sets out their thoughts on the basic plan for the future regulation of unmanned aircraft in the UK. However, the details of how any new regulations will be developed and implemented are still to be negotiated which will take some time, so nothing will happen instantly.

The DfT proposals generally align with those developed by the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA). The general principle is that (for those operating outside the framework of an established model flying association) the regulations for unmanned aircraft will be more restrictive than those currently in place with additional requirements for training, registration and a 400ft/120m height limit. This is comparable with the 'Open Category' requirements proposed by EASA.

Within the EASA proposals, established model flying associations would operate within the 'Specific Category' under an authorisation granted by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) which would essentially allow us to operate as we do today. The DfT's proposals do not change this. Essentially, the CAA would issue us with an authorisation (or exemption) defining our agreed operating parameters which would reflect how we operate today (including operations above 400ft/120m).

In terms of registration requirements, we maintain the position that membership of one of the UK's established model flying associations provides an appropriate form of 'registration' and the DfT/CAA remain amenable to this option as referred to in the publication:

"The Government will work with model aircraft flying clubs to examine ways in which it may be possible to exempt members of model aircraft flying clubs with adequate safety cultures and practices from certain elements of registration and other educational requirements, or where their club will be permitted to undertake regulatory requirements on their behalf. Flyers of model aircraft who are not members of a club, or are members of a club not deemed to have adequate standards will, however, not be excluded from registration or other requirements."

Negotiations are continuing with the DfT/CAA on a positive basis, to try and ensure that we are allowed to operate largely as we do today and keep the impact of regulations written principally to deal with the 'drone issue' to a minimum for UK model flyers.

Dave Phipps

CEO

FROM 1ST September 2017

Ordinary full membership fees

SENIORS £17.00 JUNIORS £9.00

Family Membership Fees

SENIORS £17.00 PARTNERS £11.00 JUNIORS £7.00

GBR TEAMS BRING BACK CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS

At the recent F1 (Free Flight) World Championships the GBR F1C team powered their way to the Team Bronze medal with their internal combustion piston engined aircraft. The team of Alan Jack, Ken Faux and Simon Dixon flew superbly well in difficult conditions and against a field of top level pilots and their efforts were well rewarded with the Team Bronze medal.

The GBR team of Duncan Osbourn, Alexander Hawtin, Dave Fisher and Aaron Cole took the Team Silver medal in the Senior Freestyle Helicopter class in Wloclawek, Poland at the FAI World Championships. Duncan & Alexander were in the top 10 finals – two team members in a finals is a first for any British team in any Radio Control class at this level of competition – and Aaron Cole, still only 16 years old, placed 11th and missed competing in the finals by one place! The team drew with Germany for the gold medal. A count-back to the best placed individual in the German and British teams put Britain in the silver medal position overall.

GBR took the gold medal at the 2016 European Championships and podium medals at two consecutive FAI Championships shows that Britain's Freestyle Helicopter pilots are at the top of their game.

16 year old Aaron Cole has taken the World Championship crown and gold medal in the Junior Freestyle Helicopter class at the recent FAI World Championships in Wloclawek, Poland. With some of the most exciting flying in this heavily fought competition, Aaron kept his head and showed the rest of the world just how it was done!

In his first FAI Championship last year Aaron took gold at the 2016 European Championships and this year he showed that it was no fluke: consecutive FAI Championship gold medals for a young flier on the up & up and with a fantastic future ahead of him.