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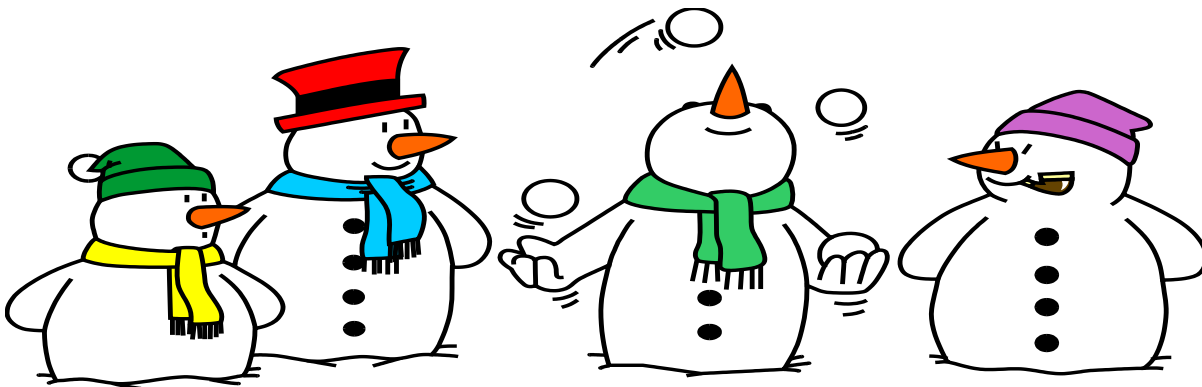


CLUB BULLETIN

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**IMPORTANT !!!
SECRETARY PLEASE NOTE**

**THIS IS THE ONLY COPY OF THE CLUB BULLETIN SENT TO YOUR CLUB.
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AS APPROPRIATE, TO YOUR CLUB MEMBERS.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT AN UPDATED COPY OF THE "EVENTS AND CONTEST
CALENDAR" IS AVAILABLE FROM CHACKSFIELD HOUSE ON RECEIPT OF A
STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE**

TO ALL FULL COUNCIL MEMBERS

There will be a Meeting of the Full Council on 7th January 2012 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 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 Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 10th September 2011.
- 9 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 10th September 2011 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 10 To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer.
- 11 International Teams for this year's World and European Championships:~
 - a Ratification of Teams, Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers (where permitted) from submitted proposals as follows:
 - i F1E Euro Champs Team Manager, Assistant Team Manager (including CVs) and Team
 - ii F2 World Championships Team
 - iii F3A Euro Champs Team Manager (including CV)
 - iv F3A Euro Champs Team
 - v F3C Euro Champs Team Manager (including CV)
 - vi F3C Euro Champs Team
 - vii F3N Euro Champs Team Manager (including CV)
 - viii F3N Euro Champs Team

ix F5D World Champs Team Manager (including CV)

x F5D World Champs Team

xi Space Modelling World Champs Team

- b Receipt of declarations from any Technical Committees that has not yet finalised a proposed team that it does intend to send a team. :~

12 To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.

13 To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.

14 To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary to include the following proposal:

- i To Amend the June 2011 (Issue 6) version of the Council Handbook to bring it in line with the November 2011 version of the Society's Articles of Association. See the attached Appendix for details. Given Council approval, the Council Handbook, when so revised, will then become version 6A of January 2012. In addition incorporate a minor clarification on voting for the first meeting of any Technical Committees.
- ii To amend the June 2011 (Issue 6) version of the Council Handbook to add the text of Appendix B – Code of Conduct for Directors and Fellows. See the attached Appendix for the text of this proposed Code. Given Council approval, the Council Handbook, when so revised, will then become version 6A of January 2012. Note this Appendix is currently blank in anticipation of this section being added.

15 To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.

16 To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include:

- a Receipt and ratification of any outstanding contests for this year's FAI Calendar.
- b Receipt of this year's BMFA contest fees.~

17 To receive a report from the Records Officer to include the following:

- i) British Record Claims: (Appended in full)
 - a) Bruce Illingworth – F3D Pylon Race
 - b) Ben Jones/Geb Jones – F3D Pylon Race
 - c) Ben Jones/Geb Jones – F3D Pylon Race
- ii) Request from Silent Flight Technical Committee that they wish to re-allocate the Importeknik Trophy (115) from F5B 7 Cell to the F5B League (open class). The F5B 7 cell class was not contested in 2011 and appears to have been overtaken by technology.

18 To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.

19 To receive a report from the FAI Delegate.

20 To receive the following proposals:

- i) From Control Line Technical Committee that the cut-off date for nominations for the BMFA "Pilot of the Year" trophy should be the end of third week in October in the year of achievement.
- ii) From Control Line Technical Committee that the cut-off date for nominations for flying related RAeC and FAI awards should be the end of third week in October in any year notwithstanding the specific rules of the RAeC.

- iii) From Control Line Technical Committee that in the event of extreme weather conditions which make flying unsafe at the RC, CL & Scale British National Championships, classes may be postponed and flown at a later date, provided that the class was attempted to be flown at those National Championships. If a class competition is postponed under these extreme weather conditions then it must be flown no later than the fourth Sunday in October of the same year.
- iv) From R/C Power Technical Committee that Council uses 50% of the additional money raised from the increase of the BMFA Membership fee (over and above that requested by the Hon Treasurer) to build up the GB Teams Competition fund.
- v) From R/C Power Technical Committee that Council review with urgency the situation regarding Team Funding with the aim of forming a new policy for significantly increasing the central Team Fund.

R/C Power Technical Committee wishes to express its deep concern to Full Council regarding the future funding of GB Teams taking part in World and European Championship events. These events are getting ever more expensive to attend with the result that often the GB teams do not always comprise of the best available fliers due to those individuals being often financially constrained through lack of sufficient support.

21 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)

22 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 Flight Challenge
- e University Challenge
- f Computer Sub-Committee
- g Safety Review Committee
- h Achievement Scheme Review Committee
- i BMFA News Publishers
- j Flying Site Adviser's Report
- k BMFA Archivist

23 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.

24 Date of next meeting.



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CLUBS

Reciprocal membership arrangements with the SAA

We are pleased to confirm that following discussion with insurers, the long established reciprocal agreement between the BMFA and SAA will remain in place without change. As such, SAA members will continue to be welcome to join BMFA affiliated clubs and vice versa without impacting upon the arrangements for the insurance cover provided to clubs by the insurers of the respective associations. The insurance provided to SAA members will continue to be accepted at BMFA clubs and the insurance provided to BMFA members will continue to be accepted at SAA clubs.

BMFA Office Opening hours over Christmas

And the New Year



Friday 23rd December – close at lunchtime
Monday 26th December – Closed
Tuesday 27th December – Closed
Wednesday 28th December – Open
Thursday 29th December – Open
Friday 30th December – Closed
Monday 2nd January - Closed

2012 CLUB CHAIRMAN'S CONFERENCE

We have recently written to the Chairmen of affiliated clubs in four Northern Areas i.e. Northern, North East, North West and Midlands (Northern part) inviting them to attend the 2012 Club Chairman's Conference to be held on Saturday March 10th in Brighouse.

This Conference is the second one to be held in the Northern Area and whilst aimed primarily at the North does not preclude clubs in other areas from attending. Should any club outside the four Northern Areas wish to attend please contact the Leicester Office and full details will be sent immediately.

A quick reminder to those Chairmen that have already received an invitation – **BOOK YOUR PLACES NOW!!** Don't be disappointed.

It is a very enjoyable but useful and informative day out!

CHANGES TO YOUR BMFA INSURANCE

One of the most important aspects of the BMFA membership package is the insurance benefits that are provided both to individual members and affiliated clubs. The insurance package provides a number of benefits but the important principal is that members are protected in circumstances where a statement of claim is made against them (in other words a member is sued in relation to model flying or related activity).

For a number of years the BMFA policies have been placed with Royal and Sun Alliance and Ace Europe through our broker Perkins Slade.

For 2012 following extensive research and negotiations, Doodson Broking have been appointed as the BMFA insurance brokers and new policies underwritten by Mitsui, Chubb and Q.B.E Insurance are being implemented.

There are a number of benefits available under the new scheme that see an improvement in the overall package provided to BMFA members, whilst Doodsons Broking Group are a relatively new “player” in the specific field of sports insurance they are an established provider of imaginative insurance solutions in the fields of motor sport and event cover and already provide cover for a number of National Governing Bodies.

The last 18 months have seen a large amount of work dedicated to arriving at a position where we felt confident in placing the BMFA business with the new provider, there are a number of benefits contained within the new scheme and the highlights are bullet pointed below.

- Increased level of indemnity from £10 million to £25 million (legal liability policy).
- Increased level of cover from £25,000 to £35,000 (personal accident policy).
- Increased death benefit from £5,000 to £35,000 (personal accident policy).
- Removal of age limits and reduced benefits (personal accident policy).
- Increased flexibility with claims handling.
- Reduced timeframe from incident to settlement.
- Transparent claims handling procedure.
- Clearer claim process for third party.
- Preferred vehicle repairer option.
- Sponsorship for BMFA related activities.
- Performance related benefits available to the BMFA including of profit share related low claims experience.

The 2012 membership documents will contain details of the new benefits and increased levels of indemnity and paperwork supplied to affiliated clubs will also outline the changes.

Club secretaries and event organisers will be able to request the 2012 insurance synopsis document for use when booking venues or completing lease agreements.

On a day to day basis the changes will have little effect from a member’s perspective other than the confidence of increased levels of cover and the knowledge of improved procedures in the event of a claim.

Manny Williamson
Development Officer

Can anyone help with the following:

LOST MODELS:

David Boddington R.M. AEROBAT. Membership number on left wing and name AEROBAT on the right with a BMFA sticker.

Junior 60, vintage yellow Solartex, launched from Blacketts Farm, nr Conyer in Kent. (further details on request)

MODELS FOUND:

Model found in a lake in Ripe in Sussex. Further details and photograph of model available on receipt of further information.

LONDON MODEL ENGINEERING EXHIBITION

Friday 20th January – Sunday 22nd January

One of the South's largest model Engineering and Modelling Exhibition – one not to be missed!

<http://www.londonmodelengineering.co.uk/>

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London N22 7AY

10.00 – 5.30 Friday and Saturday

10.00 – 4.00 Sunday

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