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TO ALL TECHNICAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

There will be a Meeting of the Technical Council on Saturday 19th October 2013 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

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 Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Technical Council Meeting held on 23rd March 2013.
- 5 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 23rd March 2013 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 6 To review the set agenda for the first meeting of a Technical Committee each year (Current issue appended as separate document).

- 7 Tech Sec reminder to Technical Committees of their responsibility to send in the Technical Committee's Annual Return immediately after their first Committee meeting after the BMFA AGM.
- 8 To receive proposals for FAI Rule changes: (Full proposals appended)
 - a From Silent Flight Technical Committee: F3J TX Rule Change.
- 9 To ratify the following British Record Claims: (Full proposals appended)
 - a P Fox Weatherman Vintage Speed Class II (1 of 2) (*Initial Notification received*)
 - b P Fox Weatherman Vintage Speed Class II (2 of 2) (*Initial Notification received*)
 - c P Fox Weatherman Vintage Speed Class III (*Initial Notification received*)
 - d A Goodger Weatherman Vintage Speed Class V (*Initial Notification received*)
 - e D Smith Weatherman Vintage Speed Class III (*Initial Notification received*)
 - f A Hebb F1D Rubber (*Initial Notification received*)
 - g R Hart F2 Speed (*Initial Notification received*)
 - h M Newnham F3F Slope Racing (*Initial Notification received*)
- 10 To receive **FAI/CIAM Technical Sub-Committee List** recommendations from Technical Committees.

Free Flight (Includes Indoor)

Control Line

R/C Power (F3 Aerobatics; F3 Helicopter; F3 & F5 Pylon Racing)

R/C Silent Flight (F3 Soaring; F5 Electric)

Scale

Space Modelling

- 11 To receive **FAI/CIAM Judges List** recommendations from Technical Committees:

Control Line (F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D)

R/C Power (Aerobatics, Helicopter)

Scale

Space Modelling

- 12 Barkston Heath Bookings 2014.

- 13 To receive:

- a De-briefing reports on this year's National Championships from Technical Committees.
- b A report from the Power Nationals Co-ordinator.
(Reports should be brief, preferably in writing & in advance.)
- c Updates on the results from this year's National Championships.

- 14 To receive any reports from Technical Committees. (Reports should be brief, preferably in writing & in advance and not concerning Agenda Items.)

- 15 To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include:

- a Receipt and ratification of any contests for next year's FAI Calendar.
- b Proposal for RC Scale to be the responsibility of the Scale Technical Committee.

- 16 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.)
- 17 To receive the list of nominations that the Competition Secretary has submitted to the BMFA Chairman for re-presentation of International Awards at the BMFA annual prizegiving dinner. (Invitations are at the discretion of the Society Chairman and depending on the numbers, not all nominees may be successful.)
- 18 To receive the dates of the 2014 Technical Council Meetings:
1st Technical Council – Saturday 22nd March 2014
2nd Technical Council – Saturday 18th October 2014
- 19 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.
- 20 Date of next meeting.



Achievement Scheme Controller Vacancy

The Power Controller position of the BMFA's Achievement Scheme becomes vacant and due for election at the end of this year. The Power Controller is a key position which must be filled and the period of service, following election, will be two years. If you wish to apply please get in touch with the BMFA office at Chacksfield House who will give you details and a pro-forma CV. You will be required to submit your CV to Full Council for consideration. Potential members should be experienced flyers, preferably with background as scheme Examiners and/or Instructors, and they must have a real interest in the aims and objectives of the Achievement Scheme. Successful applicants get a standing seat on the Achievement Scheme Review Committee and will be required to attend at least two meetings per year at Chacksfield House. CV's are required to reach the BMFA office no later than the end of October.

Robin Sleight MBE,
BMFA Honorary Secretary

Achievement Scheme Review Committee Vacancies

Three members of the existing Achievement Scheme Review Committee (ASRC) will retire by rotation at the end of this year, although they may apply for re-election. There are therefore vacancies on this important committee; do you think that you could be a useful member? If so, get in touch with the BMFA office at Chacksfield House who will give you details and a pro-forma CV. Potential members should be experienced flyers, preferably with background as scheme Examiners and/or Instructors, and they must have a real interest in the aims and objectives of the Achievement Scheme. Successful applicants will be invited to join the ASRC and will be required to attend at least two meetings per year at Chacksfield House. CV's are required to reach the BMFA office no later than the end of October.

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SOCIETY OF MODEL AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS LIMITED

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, EXHIBITION AND ANNUAL DINNER/PRIZE GIVING
30th NOVEMBER 2013

This year the AGM will be held again at HINCKLEY ISLAND HOTEL, Watling Street, Hinckley, Leicestershire LE10 3JA. Signing in will be from 10am.

Exhibitions of models from the various Technical Committees will be on display. Lunch will be available from 12noon until 1.30pm.

The AGM will start at 1.30pm.

The Dinner and Prize-giving will be held in the evening commencing at 7.15pm.

Dinner Tickets will be £26 and the overnight room charges will be £52pppn for a single room and £80pn for a double room all including full English breakfast. Dinner Ticket and overnight booking forms will be available from the BMFA office from the 16th September 2013.

Toasts and short after dinner speeches will be made and the presentation of the Society's Trophies to the current years' winners will take place. It is quite a spectacle to see all the gleaming trophies lined up – if you have never seen it, you do not know what you are missing!

After the excitement of the Award presentations, we adjourn to a late bar to help things along.

The Free Flight Forum starts at 10am on Sunday morning 1st December, or you could visit the Sports Centre in the hotel, so why not make a weekend of it.

We look forward to seeing you there.

For your interest the Menu for the Evening Dinner is as follows:

Smoked salmon and prawn tian, lime, dill and cucumber salsa

Pan fried chicken supreme, fondant potato, spiced cabbage
Vegetarian Alternative: Roast vegetable tart with red pepper sauce and dressed leaves

Apple, pear and rhubarb crumble tart with vanilla ice cream

Freshly Brewed Tea or Coffee

New BMFA Website

Hopefully by now you will have seen the new website, one of the features of the new site is a number of "news feeds" that members can subscribe to by entering their email address at the links below.

Please encourage your members to do so as they will then receive automatic notifications of important news and announcements.

www.bmfa.org/News

General News announcements, meeting minutes, Nationals Announcements, Obituaries etc

www.bmfa.org/Info/RCAchievementScheme/RCAchievementSchemeNews

Achievement Scheme notices, updated standards booklets, examiner workshop notifications etc

(Please ensure all your club examiners subscribe to this)

www.bmfa.org/TheBMFA/Areas/AreaNews

News from Area committees

www.bmfa.org/Clubs/ClubBulletins

Latest Club bulletins.

Coming online very shortly will be a new interactive Contest and Events Calendar, please use this to submit your club events.

We are now working towards an online "club portal" for club officials to administer BMFA membership online. Please look out for announcements about this.



The poster features a central circular logo with a red and white design and the letters 'BMFA'. The text 'Electric Indoor Masters' is written in a stylized, glowing orange font around the logo. Below the logo, the event details are listed: '1st - 2nd FEB 2014 @ The Metrodome Arena Barnsley, S71 1AN'. Contact information for the BMFA is provided: 'Contact the BMFA for further details & entry forms: 0116 2440028 admin@bmfa.org www.bmfa.org'. A diagonal banner at the bottom left says 'COMING SOON!'.

BMFA Example Club Constitution updated.

The sample club constitution has been updated and extra advice and guidance has been added. The updated documents can be downloaded from www.bmfa.org/Clubs/ClubSupport along with various other useful documents. As we approach AGM season it would be worth spending time ensuring your club constitution is fit for purpose.

2014 MEMBERSHIP FEES

2014 membership fees will be set at the Society AGM on Saturday 30th November 2013.

Confirmation of fees will be announced on the BMFA website www.bmfa.org as soon after the AGM as possible.

BMFA Simulator Trailer – Bookings for 2014

If you would like to discuss booking the trailer for your club's event, then in the first instance Email on admin@bmfa.org or ring on the main office number to discuss the details, you can also view the simulator calendar at www.bmfa.org.dnnmax.com/Info/BMFASimulatorTrailer to see the various events that the simulator will be attending through the year and of course to check availability, if you would like to make a booking request then complete and return the booking request form that can be downloaded from the link above to register your clubs interest and request your desired dates.

National Model Flying Site & Heritage Centre Survey.

The BMFA is in the process of considering some options for its next stage of development and needs input from as many members as possible.

Some options that have been suggested by members relate to the establishment of either a National Flying Site or an Aero-modelling Museum, Library and Heritage Centre.

Please encourage your club members to complete the survey at the link below.

www.bmfa.org/News/NationalModelFlyingCentreSurvey

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