



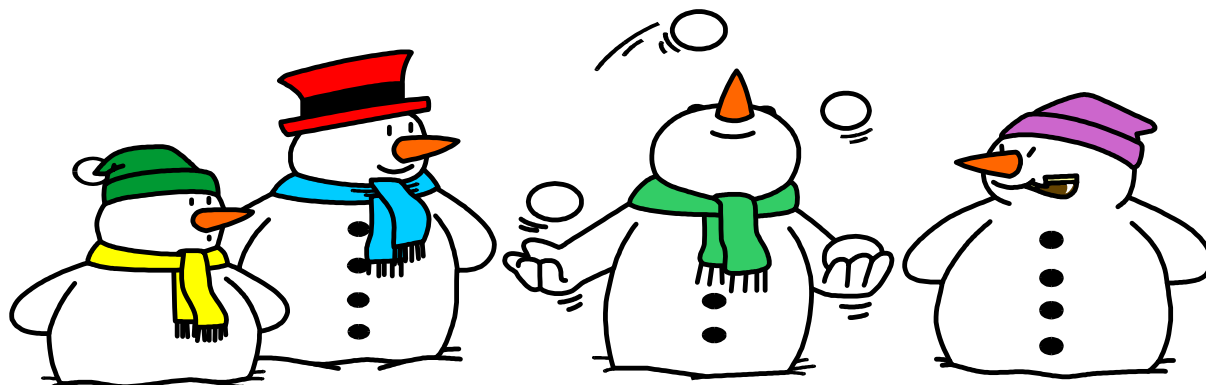
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There will be a Meeting of the Full Council on 13th January 2001 at 11.00am which is to be held at: Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrew's Road, Leicester LE2 8RE. Tel: 0116-2440028 Fax: 0116-2440645.

## A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Request for permission to be absent:
3. To formally receive the following delegates:
  - The RAeC Delegate
  - The RAFMAA Delegate
  - The RNMAA Delegate
4. To formally accept Area Delegates to Council.
5. To co-opt Technical Committee Representatives to Council.
6. To note names, and ratify if necessary, Technical Committee Chairmen, BMFA Delegates to other organisations and co-opted members of Council appointed sub-committees.
7. Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2000.
8. Matters/Actions Arising from the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2000 Meeting which are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
9. To receive a Financial Report from the Treasurer.
10. The Chairman proposed that Mr Alan Daley I.Eng. FRAeS be appointed a Vice President of the Society of Model Aeronautical Engineers.
11. To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the General Secretary.
12. To receive a report from the Vice Chairman
13. To receive a report from the Hon. Secretary to include:
  - a) To state the Policy for preparation and production of the Annual Report.
  - b) The FFTC urges the BMFA Council to consider, as a matter of urgency, whether a non-acceptance of a request for membership should be written into the Rules of the Association.

Further, it may wish to consider the conditions under which an existing membership may be cancelled, withdrawn, or suspended.
14. To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.
15. To receive a report from the Technical Secretary
16. To receive a declaration from Technical Committees to commit the sending of a team to this years' International Championships and to receive the names of Team Managers.

Information on the following International Teams to be ratified received as follows:

- a) **Scale Technical Committee** – that the following members be ratified as members of the F4C (Scale Radio Control) Team for the 2001 Scale European Championships to be held at Seville, Spain. June/July 2001.

F4C Members:	Mick Reeves	(15674)
	Richard Crapp	(52698)
	Geoff Brown	(72623)
Reserve:	Mike Trew	(42206)
Team Manager:	Graham Kennedy	(111140)

- b) **Proposal 1 from Silent Flight Technical Committee**  
That the following be ratified as team members for the forthcoming F3B World Championship

Bob Dickenson	38941
Paul Carrington	
Mike Challinor	76153
(Reserve Norman Quirk)	

Reason  
Selected by league results from published rules.

**Proposal 2 from Silent Flight Technical Committee**  
That Alan Rands BMFA 35473  
Be ratified as Team Manager For F3B World Championships 2001.

Reason  
Single Applicant, Choice of all 3 Pilots.

**Proposal 3 From Silent Flight Technical Committee**  
That the following be ratified as team members for F3J Euro Championships 2001 (Slovakia)

•**Seniors**

•Bill Dulson	79754
•John Richards	36191
•Adrian Lee	66474
•Peter Cubitt	80919 (Reserve)

•**Juniors**

•Andrew Taylor	15276
•Simon Jackson	35686
•Dylon Pace	25827

Reason  
Selected through F3J league participation by published rules

**Proposal 4 From Silent Flight Technical Committee**  
That Terry Stuckey be ratified as Team Manager for F3J Euro Championships 2001

Reason

Single Applicant at this time, long and varied F3J Career.

**Proposal 5 From Silent Flight Technical Committee**

That Sydney Lenssen be ratified as Team Manager for F3J Junior Euro Champs 2001.

**Reason**

Sydney was ratified for the previous Euro Champs (Junior Team) when their participation had to be cancelled 9 days before leaving due to the proximity of hostilities in The Balkans. He is an excellent Candidate and well liked by the Team.

**c) The Free Flight Teams for 2001 are as follows:**

**F1A** J. Williams 63375  
A Ball 80478  
C Edge 64198  
M Fantham 41722 (reserve)

**F1B** M Woodhouse 34262  
J Billam 60824  
R Peers 27418  
G Kent (reserve)

**F1C** S Screen 64182  
P Watson 62397  
J Cuthbert 51781  
P Ball 57180 (reserve)

**F1E** S Philpott 64218  
T Faulkner 13850  
P Dolby 02116  
R Sutton 683678 (reserve)

**Team Manager for F1A, F1B and F1C is Martin Dilly FSMAE with Assistant Team Manager Phil Ball.  
Team Manager for F1E is not yet decided.**

**d) Proposals from Control Line Technical Committee**

**1. That the F2A team for 2001 comprises the following fliers:**

	NAME	BMFA NUMBER
	Peter Halman	50198
	Ken Morrissey	2525
	Gordon Isles	50258
	Matthew Hart – Junior	J30844
Reserve:	Dick McGladdery	54062

**REASON:**

The Committee feels that this composition of fliers will best represent the discipline.

**2. That the F2B team for 2001 comprises the following fliers:**

NAME	BMFA NUMBER
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	Roy Cherry	63577
	Bill Draper	40352
	Barry Robinson	68248
Reserves:	John Benzing	80490
	Peter Coates	66846
	Mick Taylor	52959

REASON:

The Committee feels that this composition of fliers will best represent the discipline.

**3. That the F2C team for 2001 comprises the following fliers:**

	NAME	BMFA NUMBERS
	Ross/Turner	50551/74266
	Heaton/Broadhead	50550/37494
	Langworth/Campbell	40335/41116
Reserves:	Fitzgerald/Thomason	33566/87071
	Smith/Brown	02135/70014
	Fry/Wharton	56695/55814
	Barker/Tompkins	51784/49476

REASON:

The Committee feels that this composition of fliers will best represent the discipline.

**4. That the F2D team for 2001 comprises the following fliers:**

	NAME	BMFA NUMBER	
	D Riley	89913	
	M Jones	79655	
	P Grange	70889	
	M Whillance	88347	Pitman/Reserve
	G Ives	88421	Pitman/Reserve
1st Reserve/Pitman	S Vickers	41683	

REASON:

The Committee feels that this composition of fliers will best represent the discipline.

**5. That Dave Kenny, Control Line Technical Committee Chairman, be proposed as Assistant Team Manager for Control Line 2001.**

REASON:

The Committee feels that Dave Kenny would be an able Assistant Team Manager

**e) RCPT proposes the following Team Managers and Team Members for ratification:**

<b>Team Managers</b>	
<b>F3A Aerobatics</b>	<b>D. Tappin (43764)</b>
<b>F3D Pylon Racing</b>	<b>L. Knott (78682)</b>
<b>F3C Helicopter</b>	<b>D. Fisher (31112)</b>

**F3A Aerobatics Team** B. Ransley (32344)  
K. Caton (72281)  
K. Jackson (22351)  
J. Harrop (89390) 1<sup>st</sup> Reserve  
D. Matthias (70866) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve  
A. Balfour (SAA 1586) 3<sup>rd</sup> Reserve

**F3D Pylon Racing Team** A. Laurie (Pilot 32291)  
L. Knott (Mechanic 78682)  
G. Ferguson (Pilot 36138)  
M. Barker (Mechanic 14161)  
B. Illingworth (Pilot 74670)  
M. Illingworth (Mechanic 79899)  
R. Spencer (Res Pilot 43247)

**F3C Helicopter** M. Christy (59602)  
C. Wilshere (47104)  
M. Tilbury (86164)  
I. Doney (1<sup>st</sup> reserve 35804)

17. To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include the following:
  - a) To receive Technical Committee 2001 Contest Fees from Technical Committee Representatives.
  - b) To ratify any outstanding Contests for the 2001 FAI International Calendar
18. To receive Reports or Updates from Technical Committees to cover ALL BMFA National Championships.
19. To receive a report from the Records Officer
20. To receive a report from the FAI Delegate to include the following:
  - a) To ratify Technical Committee recommendations to the FAI Judge List.
  - b) To ratify Technical Committee recommendations to the FAI Jury List.
  - c) To ratify Technical Committee recommendations for International Sub-Committee nominations.
21. To receive a written BMAC Report to include a Financial Report.
22. To receive any reports from the following delegates, reports should be brief and preferably prepared in advance.
  - a) Royal Aero Club
  - b) G.A.S.Co.
  - c) Joint Airprox
  - d) Central Council for Physical Recreation
23. To receive any reports from the following Sub-Committees:
  - a) BMFA Accident Review Body
  - b) Safety Report

- c) Awards Committee
- d) Civil Aviation Authority Team
- e) Joint Radio Control Users Committee
- f) Education Working Group
- g) Computer Sub-Committee

24. Any Other Business.

Please note: Items for Any Other Business should be handed or sent to the Clerk to the Council in writing before the meeting commences. This will be strictly enforced. Any questions to be asked under A.O.B. should be previously advised to the Clerk to the Council to allow preparation of replies.

25. Date of next Full Council Meeting.

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**Report on Full Council Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2000.**

**SAA invitation to Areas Council** – It was noted that the SAA Delegate had not yet attended an Areas Council Meeting.

**New Accounts Manager** - The Hon. Treasurer advised the meeting that Brenda Chen had been appointed Accounts Manager from the 1st September 2000.

The Chairman said that at the Executive Meeting held the day before it had been decided that an attendance sheet must be completed at all BMFA Committee meetings and copied to the Accounts Department so that claim forms can be checked to see which meeting was attended and which Budget applies. This list is to include Specialist Body delegates as attendees even though they will not be claiming expenses. This is to help the new Accounts Manager, Brenda Chen, to become familiar with the various Budgets.

**Accounts** – The Year End Accounts up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2000 and the Draft Budget including a proposal for membership fees for 2001 were accepted by the meeting. These were subsequently accepted by the AGM on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2000.

**At the AGM it was agreed that the Membership Fees for 2001 would remain at £22 for Seniors, £12 for Juniors and Family Partners, and £8 for Family Juniors.**

**Chairman** – The Chairman reported on the huge task of preparing the Millennium Medals for presentation. After all the presentations had been made to all helpers of the Nationals and the BMFA, enough medals remained to present to the children taking part in the Final of the BMAC Challenge. Medals have also been awarded to the Universities who took part in the University Challenge. In addition letters of congratulation have been sent out to those who were not able to be personally presented with their Medal.

The Chairman had noted that model flying was acknowledged as part of the Olympics and also appeared on the introduction to Tomorrow's World. She felt this was due to the efforts put in by the BMFA to give Model Flying such a high profile. There was also a programme showing currently on cable TV Discovery called "Model Mania".

She thanked those who had helped her with the VIP Reception at the Nationals and appreciated being able to present the awards to the Silent Flight Nationals Winners, at the Gloucester Barracks, as they were so near this year. With many of the SF competitors

camping at Barkston Heath it made a much more unified event than usual and she felt it had been successful.

The Chairman had sent a card on behalf of Council to ex BMFA Chairman John Jones FSMAE on the occasion of his marriage to Jackie Hall congratulating them and wishing them lots of happiness.

The Chairman advised Council that Allan Weighell was standing down as Vice Chairman this year and she thanked him for all his support in the past.

### **General Secretary's Report –**

**Refurbishment and Maintenance** – A new combination boiler had been installed at Chacksfield House to replace the previous old boilers which had served out their time. An air-conditioning unit was to be tested today to check the level of noise such a unit would make. The use of a sound system was also being investigated to enable everyone to hear clearly in the Conference Room.

**ANO number changes – everyone should make themselves familiar with these changes: ANO 55 has been renumbered 63; ANO 56 = 64; ANO 76A = 87. The old numbers are still valid; there are no changes to the wording; a notice of the changes will be included in the Addendum Sheet to the Members Handbook which will be issued in the New Year, and a notice of the new numbers will appear in the next issue of the BMFA News.**

**Office Database** - A postcoding system has now been installed which will help considerably with accuracy of members addresses. A Bar-coding system will be introduced at the end of the year which should make membership renewals even faster than this year. Basically this involves sending a list of members who have each been allocated a bar-code to Clubs. These will be on sticky labels which can be sent to the Office as renewals are made. Renewals will be automatic on the Membership Secretary using the bar-code pen and accuracy is guaranteed. It also means that Clubs can tell at a glance who has not yet renewed because they will still have the label.

**Air Cadet 2000** – The Gen. Sec. said the BMFA was indebted for the support this event had received – McGregor Industries also provided 2 trainers plus buddy box sets and AMI had donated magazines. Prizes were also provided by Flair, Hallam Models, PAW, Sutton Publishing, Chalfont Publishing, DB Videos and Traplet.

**Vice Chairman's Report** - The Vice Chairman and Mike Colling FSMAE had attended the SATRO meeting at Aberdeen where they had supervised 4-500 children build and fly model aircraft during the week..

The Vice Chairman wished to pursue the need for a BMFA full or part-time Education Officer. He would like to add it to the forward plan of the Society. He had tabled a paper to this meeting explaining his reasons and this was discussed by Council. There was general agreement from Council that this project should be pursued.

It was agreed that a Committee be set up to look into the costs and duties of such a position and prepare a formal proposal to a future Full Council. This would be a one-off meeting and any expenses incurred outside of existing budgets would be refunded.

### **The members of this Committee would be as follows:**

**BMFA Chairman**

**Vice Chair Allan Weighell FSMAE**

**Dave Kerswell FSMAE**

**Trevor Faulkner**

**Development Officer**

### **Fellowships –**

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**Robin Jones and Ken Morrissey were recommended for Fellowship Award and this was subsequently endorsed by the AGM.**

**Honorary Membership Awards –  
Terry Watson and Dr Mike Sun.**

**Certificate of Merit Awards –  
Martin Nicholson, nominated by Terry Bailey FSMAE  
Tom Maddison, nominated by Allan Weighell FSMAE  
Gerry Le Vey, nominated by FFTC  
Mary Le Vey, nominated by FFTC  
John Cooper, nominated by FFTC  
Deryck Burton, nominated by Ramsey MAC  
Louisa Stott-Clark, nominated by the Midland Area**

**Arthur Mullet trophy Award –  
Martin Fardell**

**Ray Malmstrom Trophy Award –  
Kevin Brown**

**FAI Gold Medal –  
Derek Heaton was put forward for this Award.**

**Royal Aeronautical Society –  
Stuart Lodge was put forward for this Award.**

**Loan Option Scheme –**

The Hon. Treas. reminded members of his initial document which he had left them to study ready for this meeting. (This was appended to the minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2000).

His conclusions were still that the scheme has merit: it could be done although:

- we would have to learn procedures to cope with the various aspects:
  - we would have to consider how the rationing element would work and how upset Clubs would get if their request was refused:
- and finally if we embarked on this scheme we could not look at any other scheme which might merit consideration.

Martin said there would be some problems in setting up the loan scheme but he felt they were not insurmountable. If everything was put on a good business footing he did not envisage any charge of favouritism being levelled that the Society. We would need expert help on some things.

Martin Surrey put an argument against other points which had been raised as a possible problem area. He finished by urging Council to think of the grass roots of the members and not to concentrate on a nice shiny new Headquarters.

The discussion then opened up to the rest of the members of the meeting.

The Hon. Treas. replied that his concern was that the money could only be used once and he had not wished to bias his view on either of the schemes.

He still felt that Clubs would get upset if they were refused a loan, and assessing a business case was not really appropriate in this instance, having a look at their financial status was more appropriate.

If it came to selling the land in the case of a default it would be difficult to know what the value was etc. It is another area of uncertainty.

Free Flight said the scheme seemed fundamentally unsound, we would have to charge an interest rate greater than that we could get through investment of such an amount and on top of that recover fairly large amounts to cover the services we would have to provide.

The Chairman pointed out that we were not discussing using Society money, this was the Club's money and not all of them would be interested in applying for a loan.

Northern Ireland said that land values go up and down. He also felt it would be easy to alienate Clubs who put forward an unworkable scheme.

Scale felt that giving a loan to a Club would not work, he felt we would be advised to deal with one person in the same way as a bank does. He also felt that land was so expensive that a few thousand pounds would not be of interest. The loans would have to be bigger and this worried him.

The Tech. Sec. felt that we still needed to know a lot more details before we could consider the scheme seriously. Club officials change and over a five year period there could be a complete change of officers.

The Hon. Treas. felt that though we still did not know all the fine details of working the scheme we had sufficient knowledge to know whether we wanted to go ahead and find out more or not.

Midland Area was concerned about Clubs becoming a Limited Company in order to buy land, when there was no way the Club would be responsible for paying off any debts and this left us very vulnerable. A piece of land may remain unsold for many years leaving us no way to recoup our investment.

South Midland said he and his Area were against this proposal from the start and in spite of everything they had heard they were still against it. There was no way a Club could give proper security against a loan. He moved for a vote.

**South Midland proposed that we should stop any further progress on the Loan Scheme.**

Seconded by Scale.

Voting:                      For:    18  
    Afs:    2  
    Abs:    2

Carried by a majority vote.

**To discuss the option of a new National Headquarters complex.**

The Gen. Sec. reminded the meeting of the rough figures based on the purchase of 100 acres of land – cost £2,500 per acre ie £250,000. To put a building on that land, a single storey of 625 sq. metres would cost an additional £750,000. A two storey building containing a very small museum area would cost about £1,000,000. An indoor flying hall just meeting minimum requirements for indoor flying would be another £250,000 and a good indoor flying hall ideal for flying would be approximately £750,000. You would have to add £50-100,000 costing for fitting out etc. Obviously we could afford none of the above.

There would also be removal costs and if we were relocating in another area, redundancy costs may have to be met.

The way forward would have to be through a lottery grant, in a deprived area this could be up to 90% of the total cost.

Any such lottery bid would have to be done professionally to stand any chance of success and we could be looking at £20,000 unrecoverable costs just to put the bid in.

The Chairman said the choice of this meeting was either to abandon the whole idea or to go ahead and secure the services of a lottery adviser and start the ball rolling.

The Tech. Sec. said he felt we did not have enough information to go ahead and the Hon. Treas. felt that unless we found land in a deprived area we only had the means to invest in the lowest of the options listed above.

The Gen. Sec. said we must first decide what area we would like to move to: whether there was any suitable property within that area and whether we could get planning permission for what we wanted to do. Before a lottery bid can be put together all these things will have to be decided.

The Chairman said firstly we must decide whether, in principle, we want to do it.

After a discussion on whether we need a flying site in addition to the building and where the building ought to be a vote was called for.

**The Hon. Treas. proposed that we ask the Gen. Sec. to carry on looking for a suitable Centre of Excellence without a flying site.**

Seconded: Hon. Sec.

The Hon. Treas. said this proposal made way for investigating the way forward, whether it was simply a move into another building, or to look at one or more of the combinations of the original plan drawn up by the Gen. Sec.

Voting:                    For: 17  
                                  Ags: 1  
                                  Abs: 2

Carried by a majority vote.

**Council Meeting dates for the year 2001 -**

<b>1<sup>ST</sup> FULL</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> FULL</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>
<b>3<sup>RD</sup> FULL</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> AREAS</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> AREAS</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>
<b>3<sup>RD</sup> AREAS</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> TECHNICAL</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH</b>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> TECHNICAL</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>

**Changes to the Areas Constitution -**

a) To bring the Achievement Scheme Co-ordinators Terms of Reference into the Areas Constitution. Under Officers of the Committee between the Education Co-ordinator and the Auditors.

- a) Keep the Area Chief Examiners (ACE's) up to date with Council precedents pertinent to the Scheme.
- b) Respond to and deal with any enquiries from Area members or individual members of member Clubs or individuals wishing to take part in the scheme
- c) Provide feedback to the Area Committee on the work of the ACE's
- d) Provide a framework under which ACE's can meet for the purpose of maintaining or improving the standards of Examining across the Area.

b) The second change, suggested by the Hon. Sec. was to formalise the attendance of Vice Presidents at Area Meetings:

To change: "Fellows and Elected Officers of the Society living within the Committee's jurisdiction but not representing member Clubs may attend ordinary meetings and request notice thereof and shall have no right to vote."

The only change is the insertion of the words Vice Presidents - to read "Vice Presidents, Fellows, and Elected Officers of the Society....."

### **PRO Report –**

The PRO passed round the list of events that had taken place during 2000 and asked to be updated on any events which would be repeated in 2001.

43 events had been fully staffed without him this year, and this had helped considerably with his workload. He would like to thank the 100-150 volunteers who had helped over the year. He also thanked the Office staff for all the preparation they now had to do, often with very little warning. for all these shows.

We were now having great success in locating permanent displays in the Museums. He hoped to extend this to other areas. At the moment displays are in the Museum in Ulster, Northern Ireland: RAF Museum at Hendon: we are negotiating for one at Middle Wallop and also Swansea Maritime Museum.

He asked Areas to look at this – he was happy to provide a stand for display and this would need to be updated every now and then by someone local.

### **Competition Secretary's Report –**

FAI Licence fee for 2001 – to remain the same - £5.

R/C C/L and Scale Nationals 2001 to be held at RAF Barkston Heath.

2001 Nationals Co-ordinator – Chris Bromley FSMAE.

### **To retrospectively ratify the following F3A Aerobatics Team Members -**

**K. Caton (072281) K. Jackson (022351) B. Ransley (032344) Reserve: R. Howarth (084443)**

The Chairman said this was the last time such a proposal would be accepted. The Chairman said that it was not appropriate that we ratify a team retrospectively. The RCPT were not happy with the way the Aerobatic team insist that they put forward teams in this manner. The organisers of the next Championships in 2001, require the fees to be sent in by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2001 or there will be a penalty. Council agreed that if the names of the team have not been presented by the Technical Council Meeting in March, we will ratify the people we are being asked to ratify today or cancel the Team altogether.

### **The following British Records were successfully ratified -**

**Name: AC Eifflaender/J Allcock (64147/77136**

**Class: British Goodyear Heat – 80 laps**

**Site: Three Sisters Date: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2000**  
**Duration: 3 minutes 27.3 seconds.**

**Name: Bruce Illingworth (74670)**  
**Class: FAI F3D (Pylon)**  
**Site: Barkston Heath Date: 16<sup>th</sup> July 2000**  
**Duration: 1 minute 06.6 seconds.**

**Name: Verney Montague (37195)**  
**Class: S4C Rocket Powered Boost Glider**  
**Site: Stalisfield, Kent Date: 4<sup>th</sup> August 2000**  
**Duration: 1 minute 32 seconds.**

**Name: Barry Hobson (18153)**  
**Class: Open Indoor HLG Ceiling up to 8m. Record No:**  
**112a**  
**Site: Prodesse Court Hall. Date: 1<sup>st</sup> August 2000**  
**Duration: 8.54 seconds.**

**Name: Neil C. Page (10339)**  
**Class: Ind Mod Ext Motor – Duration – Ceiling up to**  
**8m. Record No: 32a**  
**Site: Prodesse Court Hall. Date: 1<sup>st</sup> August 2000**  
**Duration: 20.22 seconds.**

**Name: Richard Fry (10782)**  
**Class: Electric Powered R/C Heli – Duration (FS) FAI**  
**Record No: 199**  
**Site: Kay House Farm. Date: 29<sup>th</sup> July 2000**  
**Duration: 13 minutes 38 seconds.**

**Name: Richard Fry (10782)**  
**Class: R/C Heli Piston Motor Altitude – Record No: 37**  
**Site: Kay House Farm Date: 5<sup>th</sup> August 2000**  
**Altitude: 1280 feet.**

**Name: Trevor Main (88105)**  
**Class: Duration F3A R/C Piston Motor Record No: 20**  
**Site: Marston, Nr Grantham. Date: 29<sup>th</sup> June 2000**  
**Duration: 828 minutes 51 seconds.**

The Records Officer drew attention to the final Record, he pointed out that 828 minutes equalled 13 hours 48 minutes. He had inspected the machine and it was beautifully made and Trevor Main had kept his team around him for almost two years while he completed the project. At the start of the meeting Trevor's Dossier had been passed round for appraisal.

Council asked the BMFA News Editor to include a Record Column in each BMFA News issue, which should include a different set of records each time for members to attempt if they wished.

**JRCUC** - The Tech, Sec. reported that the new Frequencies are all in place. Reasonably new equipment should have no problems with the new frequencies. At the Nationals there was the usual 10% initial failure, which reduces to 1% after crystals have been changed. However, this year we tested some Silent Flight transmitters, F3B and F5B and the failure rate was 40%..... including some of the most modern sets available. The main reason was

probably that with modern sets you have to use the particular crystals for that set. Otherwise you could be transmitting across two or more frequencies.

At this point the Chairman presented Jim Carolan with his Nationals Medal as she had not been able to stay until the C/L flying finished at Barkston Heath.

**Education** – Mike Colling FSMAE reported that the Aberdeen event went off very well and in total he and Allan Weighell FSMAE had built about 200 foam models. They have been invited back again next year and have also been asked to take part in an event in Duxford during Nationals Science week.

Next year the Science Education meeting will be held in Guildford where he has booked a 4 metre space for the stand.

The Dart Kits are now being produced by a packing company which employs disabled youngsters.

About 2 months ago we sold the 40,000<sup>th</sup> Dart.

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### **Report on Areas Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2000.**

#### **Meeting of Area Treasurers in June -**

The Hon. Treas. understood that the meeting he held with the Area Treasurers was an experiment to see whether it was useful to involve Area Officers in meeting other Officers holding the same position in other Areas, and for them all to come to Head Office and meet the Executive Officer in that position.

The meeting of Treasurers had been useful although he was disappointed so few (only four) had attended. There was a high quality of debate and a lot of useful ideas had been passed backwards and forwards during the meeting. The Hon. Treas. felt it had been a useful exercise and recommended that other Area Officers be involved in similar get togethers.

There followed a general discussion in which some Areas felt it should not be extended and other Areas who thought that it would be useful for Education Co-ordinators, Achievement Scheme Co-ordinators and PRO's etc.

It was also discussed whether a specific Area Officer ie Treasurer or Secretary should be involved in Area policy decisions other than where it affected the particular job they were doing.

The Hon. Treas. had not had too fixed an Agenda as he wanted the participants to bring up the subjects they wished to discuss.

North West said that if it was organised as a Seminar for training purposes rather than a meeting, with those who attended suggesting the Agenda subjects, it could get more positive results.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that the idea of holding the meeting/Seminar at the same time as the Areas Council Meeting was so that expenses would be minimal, ie in most cases the two Officers could travel together so the additional expense would be the cost of lunch only.

The Tech. Sec. said that the final draft of the Treasurers Guidelines booklet should be ready for presentation to Area Treasurers by the June Meeting next year. He suggested that a Club Bulletin

further meeting of Area Treasurers run on Seminar lines be held then so that the final document be approved ready for presentation to Council for ratification as an Area Document.

It was agreed that we continue with holding Seminars for Area Officers in conjunction with other meetings where possible.

### **Area Funding -**

The Hon. Treasurer had received various suggestions about the way forward with the Area Funding.

Basically these were as follows:

- To make a straight per capita payment to Areas based on the number of Clubs or members.
- Allocate a percentage per capita as above but keep a contingency fund which could be called upon by Areas when needed. (The present system.)
- For Areas to put in a well prepared Budget for consideration for funding. Effectively using the funding for those Areas who work hard on promoting the sport.

Putting a restriction of funding on those Areas with a substantial cash balance which is not being used to promote the sport.

The Hon. Treas. said that it was too late to make changes this year except that any contingency fund remaining after allocating to special requests from Areas, should be rolled forward to next year and not spread round the Areas as has happened for the last two years.

The Hon. Treas. had prepared a comprehensive proposal for the allocation of Area Funding, which he wished the Areas to discuss at their next Area meetings and bring it back for further discussion to the February Areas Council Meeting in 2001.

### **Agenda Item 7 – (3 proposals from the Northern Area pertaining to the Achievement Scheme).**

These were referred to the Achievements Scheme Review Committee for their comments.

### **Agenda Item 8 (proposed Silent Flight Slope “A” and “B” Certificates) –**

It was agreed that with slight amendments these “A” and “B” Tests would be implemented into the Achievement Scheme starting 1<sup>st</sup> January 2001. They would be published in the next issue of the BMFA News and would appear in the addendum sheet to the Members Handbook to be issued in the new year.

### **Development Officer Office Report -**

The Membership figures now stood at 29,729 and 642 Clubs (at the AGM the Membership figures had exceeded 30,000). The Development Officer thanked everyone who had helped at the Air Cadet 2000 event.

The Safety Seminar for Clubs will be rerun on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2001. It will be held at Chacksfield House again.

A PRO Seminar will be run early in the new year – date to be confirmed.

### **Tech. Sec. report -**

**Synthesised Frequency Radios** - Western Area had reported a problem experienced with two sets of Synthesised radios, in particular when they were switching on and off the radios seemed to be hunting through the frequencies for several seconds and caused problems with other models.

Western Area were initially advised that they were probably faulty sets which should be returned for checking but it now seems that the sets were purchased in the USA. This complicates matters as it is highly unlikely that the sets have been tested and issued either a CE mark or an MHTF/SMAE sticker and their use in Europe may be illegal. Western Area were advised to check the sets for marks and report back to Graham Lynn as this may be a JRCUC matter.

The Tech. Sec. warned that synthesised frequency radios will be on the market fairly soon and that modules are already available abroad which do NOT meet UK requirements.

If you are considering buying a synthesised frequency set in the future there are two things to look for. First be sure to check that it has MHTF/SMAE and/or CE labels. Secondly, the transmitter must have a two-stage switch on, i.e. on initial switch on the set must not transmit but it must give you a clear indication of the frequency it will be transmitting on. This will give you time to operate your flying site's frequency control system before operating the final switch on and actually transmitting.

If these two requirements are not met then you may not be able to use the set in the UK.

**New Frequencies** – 23 channel interference – after discussion at the JRCUC technical meeting, it was decided that all the evidence currently available supported the conclusion that you do not need to worry about this.

**Crystals** – On all sets it is important that you use crystals matched to the individual transmitter and receiver and to remember that not all crystals are the same.

On modern sets it is becoming increasingly apparent that you **MUST** use the correct Manufacturers crystals for that particular set otherwise you may have problems yourself or cause severe problems to other users.

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## **Report on Technical Council Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2000.**

### **Silent Flight Nationals -**

Silent Flight said that holding the S/F Nationals at Spittalgate this year had been a success. There were one or two problems to sort out before it was a perfect venue.

### **Protest Procedures -**

There was a discussion about a protest raised at a recent free flight event. This was difficult to action because the model in question was removed from site without the engine being checked or the modeller taking part in the competition. However the protest is on file with the Tech. Comm. and the relevant engine would be checked at the earliest opportunity.

Indoor said that we do not check models and engines as much as other countries, we tend to take the pilot on trust. If all models were regularly checked and pilots knew they would be checked as a matter of course, this sort of incident would not happen.

### **Transmitter Testing for the Silent Flight Nationals Competitors –**

The Tech. Sec. said that this had produced some interesting results, most F3B and F5B transmitters had been checked and 30-40% of the transmitters had failed initially. Some interference had been experienced in Electro flying on 62.

Silent Flight felt that testing should take place at Spittalgate in future. Possibly a permanent checking station should be provided. This would be looked into.



It was felt by the Nats. Co-ord that the exercise carried out with Silent Flight was well worthwhile, and bore out the theory that at least some of the interference experienced by Silent Flight in the past may have been self inflicted.

#### **Transceivers –**

The Chairman confirmed that there were 12 hand held transceivers now available for use by Committees for Championships or events. Free Flight had first call for World and European Championships because they had initiated the purchase. Applications for the use of the transceivers should be made to the office, in plenty of time please, as we will be operating a grading system for allocation.

#### **Team Manager, Helicopters –**

RCPT reported that Gavin Duke had done an exceptional job of Managing F3C .

#### **PRO –**

The PRO was still looking for photographs for display on the various stands including those in museums. He needed good clear photos from all disciplines that could be enlarged for display. All photographs would be handled carefully and returned to the sender.

#### **To receive a proposal from the RCPT that Change rule No. 2a.9.1. (Contest Rules section 2a – Records – Special rules for distance in Closed Circuit Records.) to read:**

For radio controlled models, the length of the circuit must be over a straight base of 500m for piston/electro type powered models, and over a base of 100m for gliders. For UK records only, a base length of 250m may be used as an option for piston/electro type powered models. The use of this option should be reflected in the supporting documentation.

NB – It should be noted that it is disadvantageous to fly the 250m option as it requires more turns (i.e. flying time) outside of the measured distance.

RCP explained that this change was to enable Clubs to participate in this Record if they wished without having to find a large area outside of their own Club site. Most Club fields would not have the area required for the 500 m course.

Council agreed this change.

#### **Ratification of British Records –**

**Name: Paul Ferenc Eisner (57093)**

**Class: 111 C/L Speed**

**Site: Barkston Heath Date: 27<sup>th</sup> August 2000**

**Duration: 10.89 seconds.**

**Name: Neil Page (10339)**

**Class: 112b Open Indoor HLG Duration**

**Site: Barkston Heath Hangar Date: 27<sup>th</sup> August 2000**

**Duration: 13.62 seconds.**

**Name: Neil Page (10339)**

**Class: 113b 12" Span Indoor HLG Duration**

**Site: Barkston Heath Hangar Date: 27<sup>th</sup> August 2000**

**Duration: 13.41 seconds.**

**Name: Dave Smith (01784)**

**Class: Formula 21 C/L Speed**

**Site: Barkston Heath**  
**Duration: 12.12 seconds.**

**Date: 27<sup>th</sup> August 2000**

**Free Flight Contest Entry Fees –**

Free Flight reported that their fees would remain the same as last year ie:

Centralised Events	£5 First
	£3 Second
Area Events	£3
Season Tickets	£45
Juniors	Free

**Records Officer –**

The Records Officer wished to state that the McGregor Pylon Trophy for Club 20 Pylon Racing at the Nationals would not be awarded this year as there had been no Club 20 event at the Nationals. This had been agreed by the Competition Secretary.

The Chairman said the Club 20 has been established for some years in the Rule Book but that this year at the Nationals the event flown was Club 2000 which was not in the Rule Book. The differences in the two classes are that the model specification has been changed significantly, making it in effect a new class. He had not been informed by RCP of any new rules or of any intentions to run Club 2000 instead of Club 20 therefore the Nationals entry form had said Club 20.

RCP Tech. Committee confirmed that no rules had been passed through the Tech. Committee for Club 2000.

It was reported that some Club 20 flying had been done at the Nationals but no official reports or any results had appeared.

If it was felt that the McGregor Trophy should be presented for Club 2000 in future years then Council will have to reallocate the trophy. Representations for this to happen should be made through the R/C Power technical Committee.

**Events for the FAI International Calendar –**

a) The organisation by the BSMA of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Canterbury Cup World Cup Space Models event:

Venue -	Stalisfield, Nr Canterbury
Dates -	4-5 August 2001
Events -	S6A Streamer duration <u>World Cup</u>
	S8E RC Rocket Glider <u>World Cup</u>
	S4A Boost Glider
FAI Entry -	£20

b) The Free Flight Stonehenge Cup to be run at Sculthorpe of 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> September 2001. Entry Fee £18.

**Technical Committee Support –**

Control Line had been asked by his Technical Committee Treasurer to try to arrange for the Hon. Treasurer to talk to Tech. Comm. Treasurers to help them with the financial aspects of carrying out the duties of Tech. Comm. Treasurer.

Possibilities of inviting Tech. Committee Chairman and Nats. CD's were also discussed, and a forum of Tech. Committee matters was suggested, lead by the Hon. Treas. the Tech. Sec. and any other Officers felt necessary to support such a forum.

The Chairman of the meeting agreed that he would contact the Hon. Treasurer to try to schedule a meeting and report back to the Tech. Committees. It would have to be a meeting supported by Full Council. A possible date would be the Sunday after the first Areas Meeting ie 11<sup>th</sup> February 2001.

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## **CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS**

**Please note the Office will be closed from 12 o'clock  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2000 until 9am on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>  
December 2000 and again from 5pm on 29<sup>th</sup> December  
2000 until 9am on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2001**

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## **SEASONS GREETINGS**

The officers of the Council and the staff at Chacksfield House wish all of our Clubs and members the very best for Christmas, and a safe and rewarding New Year. Thank you all for your valuable and unstinting support during a very successful 2000 and we look forward to working with you in 2001 to continue to protect and promote model flying for all.

Norman Couling, Fellow, and his wife Gwen apologise for not personally sending their greetings for the festive season but unfortunately they have not been able to do so because of illness. However, they would like to take this opportunity to extend their best wishes to all friends and colleagues for a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

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## **CALLING ALL CHIEF EXAMINERS!!.....**

**Please note change of date of meeting for which invites and notices informing of change of date have already been sent out – DATE OF MEETING IS NOW 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2001 not 24<sup>th</sup> March 2001.**

Meeting will cover various aspects: *Update on Silent Flight Scheme; presentation of new schemes; Design of embroidered badges for Silent Flight; Chief Examiners' problems; Power related problems; presentation by Tony Baker (Southampton Soaring Society) on Large Scale Aero-towing.*

Please come along and support the meeting with your views and suggestions.

Roger Bedford – Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator for Silent Flight

# **SAFETY SEMINAR**

**24 February 2001**

Following the success of the Safety Seminar held earlier this year, it will be repeated at Chacksfield House on the 24 February 2001 starting at 11 am. The seminar will discuss such issues as risk assessment, Failsafes, frequency management, interference reporting and monitoring, and accident investigation. There will be plenty of time for discussion and an opportunity to practice your new found knowledge in some practical exercises!

The cost of the seminar is £10, including lunch, and limited to the first 25 applicants. In order to encompass as many clubs as possible, only one delegate per club will be eligible to attend.

Applicants are requested to complete the form below and return it to:

Mike Goldby  
Development Officer  
British Model Flying Association  
Chacksfield House  
31 St Andrew's Road  
Leicester  
LE2 8RE

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## SAFETY SEMINAR

Please book me a place at the Safety Seminar on the 24 February 2001. I enclose a cheque for £10 payable to the BMFA.

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BMFA No.....

Club.....

Club No.....

Signature.....

# FREE PRO's SEMINAR

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## 2001 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 22nd December '00	1 <sup>st</sup> Full Council Meeting Agenda/Club Bulletin despatch
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2001	1 <sup>st</sup> Full Council Meeting
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> January	1 <sup>st</sup> Areas Agenda Deadline
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> January	1 <sup>st</sup> Areas Council Meeting Agenda/Club Bulletin
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> January	1 <sup>st</sup> Full Council Meeting Minutes despatch
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> February	1 <sup>st</sup> Tech Council Agenda Deadline
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> February	1 <sup>st</sup> Tech Council Agenda Despatch/Club Bulletin
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> February	1 <sup>st</sup> Area Council Meeting
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	1 <sup>st</sup> Area Council Meeting Minutes despatch
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	1st Tech Council Meeting
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Nationals Planning Meeting
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> March	1st Tech Council Meeting Minutes despatch
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> April	2 <sup>nd</sup> Full Council Agenda Deadline
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> April	2 <sup>nd</sup> Full Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> May	2 <sup>nd</sup> Full Council Meeting
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> May	2 <sup>nd</sup> Area Council Agenda Deadline
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> May	2 <sup>nd</sup> Area Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Full Council Meeting Minutes despatch
26/27/28 <sup>th</sup> May	Free Flight Nats
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> June	2 <sup>nd</sup> Area Council Meeting
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> June	2 <sup>nd</sup> Area Council Meeting Minutes despatch
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> August	AGM 1 despatch
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> August	3 <sup>rd</sup> Full Council Agenda Deadline
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> August	3 <sup>rd</sup> Full Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin
25/26/27 August	R/C Power, Scale, C/L Nats, Indoor Nats, S/F Nats
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> September	3 <sup>rd</sup> Area Council Agenda Deadline
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> September	3 <sup>rd</sup> Area Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin
Sat 15th September	3 <sup>rd</sup> Full Council Meeting
	Council Delegate's Annual Report Deadline
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> September	3 <sup>rd</sup> Full Council Meeting Minutes despatch
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> October	2 <sup>nd</sup> Technical Council Agenda Deadline
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> October	2 <sup>nd</sup> Technical Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin
	AGM 2 despatch
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> October	3 <sup>rd</sup> Area Council Meeting
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> October	3 <sup>rd</sup> Area Council Meeting Minutes despatch
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> October	AGM 3 despatch
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> October	2 <sup>nd</sup> Technical Council Meeting/Rule Change deadline
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> November	2 <sup>nd</sup> Technical Council Meeting Minutes despatch
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> November	54 <sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> December	2002 1 <sup>st</sup> Full Council Meeting Agenda Deadline
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> December	2002 1 <sup>st</sup> Full Council Meeting Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin

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