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

There will be a meeting of the Technical Council on 26th October, 2002 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. Confirmation of who is voting from those present.

3. Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Technical Council Meeting held on 2nd March 2002 .
4. Matters/Actions Arising from the 2nd March 2002 Technical Council Meeting Minutes which are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
5. Nationals Update from Co-Ordinator and Technical Committees.
6. Discussion on Nationals financing and distribution of Nationals Surpluses.
7. For the Hon. Sec. to remind Technical Committee Chairmen of their responsibility to send in the Technical Committee's Annual Return straight after their plenary meeting each year.
8. To discuss reporting of competition results, requested by the Records Officer.
9. To review the First Draft of the Agenda for the First Meeting of a Technical Sub-Committee, including the mid year reminder letter to be sent out by the Technical Secretary.
10. Further discussion of the future development of Technical Committees. – Deferred from October 2001 Technical Council.
11. To discuss Centralised/Area Centralised Event terminology – General Rules.
12. To receive nominations for re-presentation of International Awards at the AGM Presentation Evening. Invitations will only be to nominees from this meeting and are at the discretion of the Society Vice-Chairman. Depending on the numbers, not all nominees may be successful.
13. To discuss funding for Coaching, Training Etc. – deferred from March 2002 Technical Council Meeting.
14. To discuss the initial draft of the Terms of Reference for the CIAM Tech. Sub-Committee – deferred from March 2002 Technical Council Meeting.
15. To receive any reports from Technical Committees.
16. To receive any reports from Council, sub-committees or Elected Officers.
17. To receive the following Proposals to CIAM:

From the Silent Flight Technical Committee:

Proposal for rule amendment, class F3F.

- (a) 5.F.S.
 - d) The model fails to pass above a horizontal plane, level with base A, within five seconds of exiting the course, due to circumstances beyond the control of the pilot, duly witnessed by the official judges.

- (b) 5.F.6.
h) the model fails to pass above a horizontal plane, level with base A, within five seconds of exiting the course.

From the Control Line Technical Committee:

- (c) PROPOSAL: Half a Metre

That the FAI Sporting Code Section 4, Sub-Section 4.3 Class F2C – Team Racing Model Aircraft para 4.3.9 (k) be amended to read **“If the mechanic steps into the flight circle with both feet or lies down in the circle to retrieve his model.”**

- (d) PROPOSAL: Inner Circle

That the FAI Sporting Code Section 4, Sub-Section 4.3 Class F2C – Team Racing Model Aircraft paragraph 4.3.2 be amended to read **“A team racing site must consist of three concentric circles which shall be marked on the ground.”**

and

that the FAI Sporting Code Section 4, Sub-Section 4.3 Class F2C – Team Racing Model Aircraft paragraph 4.3.2 has an additional paragraph (c) **“Circle at 2m radius, and known as the inner circle, shall be marked with a broken line in a contrasting colour.”**

- (e) PROPOSAL: Team Classification

Change Rule 4.3.10 (f) second paragraph to read:

All teams not participating in the finals will be classified according to their best time in any single eliminating race. Classification of any team that retired from any race, or exceeded the official time limit for any race but was not disqualified, shall be ranked according to the number of laps completed.

and

- (f) Change Rule 4.3.11 to read:

International team classification is established by adding the best time achieved by each of the individual teams in the eliminating races. A junior team's best time may be considered as one of the times. The team with the lowest combined time is ranked first etc with complete three-team teams ahead of two-team teams which in turn are ranked ahead of single team entries.

From the FAI Delegate.

- (g) That all the safety rules and organiser guides which were in the Supplement to Sections 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d and 4e of the January 1997 edition of the CIAM Sporting Code, *including the General Organisation of a World Championship*, which was omitted from the 2001 edition of the CIAM Sporting Code, now be included in CIAM Volume ABR, Section 4 or in an appropriate place in the rules.

- (h) That the sentence in B.5.1. "That the advice in the organisers' Guides be followed" is deleted and replaced by the following: "NACS organising such contests should ensure that those responsible for planning the event are cognizant of the CIAM documents "General Organisation of a World Championship", the relevant Safety Guides and other Organisers' and Judges' Guides, and that the guidance contained therein is followed.
18. To receive any events for the International Calendar 2003.
19. Notification of change to Tech. Committee Terms of Reference.
20. To receive the dates of the 2003 Technical Council Meetings.
1st Technical Council – 1st March 2003
2nd Technical Council – 25th October 2002
21. Any Other Business.

MESSAGE FOR CLUB SECRETARIES

As membership numbers continue to rise, it is important to make cost savings.

You can help in two ways:

1. Payments collected from new/renewing members should be sent in on a monthly basis (rather than weekly). This will not affect the insurance element for your members as they are of course covered with effect from the date on which **you** receive their payment.
2. Whenever possible payment to the BMFA should be made using only one cheque. This not only creates savings in administrative time, but also significantly reduces bank charges.

Accounts Department.

2002 BMFA FREE-FLIGHT FORUM

The nineteenth BMFA Free-Flight Forum will be held in the Walmesley Room, at the Holiday Inn, Coventry on Nov. 24th, starting at 10 a.m. This is the day after the BMFA AGM and prizegiving at the same venue, so you can attend the AGM, enjoy the dinner, meet other flyers in a relaxed atmosphere and then follow it up the next day by catching up on the developments, techniques and aerodynamics of free-flight at what has become one of the annual fixtures of British model flying.

Among the topics will be:

Mike Fantham - Compass, Map and GPS - The Tools of the Retriever

John Barker - Aspect Ratio for Limited Span Aeroplanes

John Cuthbert - Geared Engines

Martin Dilly - Block-Sawn Carbon-Capped Laminated Ribs

Chris Edge - Dihedral Jig +

Bernard Hunt – Rubber Testing - A New Method

John Cuthbert – Moulding Carbon Props

Dave Clarkson - Flat-Bottomed Sections for Power Models

John Barker - Data for Flight Simulation

Lunch will be available and finish will be at around 5 p.m. The cost for the session will be just £7, with proceeds going towards the very heavy expenses of the teams that represent us all at World and European F/F Championships. Pre-booking will ensure that you get a seat, so send your cheque, payable to 'BMFA F/F Team Support Fund', to the BMFA at Chacksfield House, 31, St. Andrews Road, Leicester LE2 8RE, marking the envelope 'F/F Forum 2002'.