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SECRETARY PLEASE NOTE**

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YOUR CLUB. WOULD YOU PLEASE ARRANGE FOR ITS
CONTENTS TO BE DISTRIBUTED, 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 AREAS COUNCIL MEMBERS:

There will be an Areas Council Meeting on Saturday 8th February 2003 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. Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Areas Meeting held on 5th October 2002.
4. Matters/Actions Arising from the 5th October 2002 Meeting which are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
5. To ratify the following members of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee:

Terry Rounce – Chairman	Dick Whitehead
Mike Sun	Des Farthing FSMAE
Chris Bromley FSMAE	Bob Mahoney
Roger Bedford FSMAE	Peter Spurway
Joe Hanna	
6. To receive a proposal from the East Anglian Area that Keith Whiddett, Membership No 018280, be appointed Area Chief Examiner (Fixed Wing) for the East Anglian Area.
7. To receive a proposal from the South West Area that the Achievement Scheme Committee consider an incentive scheme to increase the number of ‘A’ and ‘B’ certificate holders.
8. To receive reports from the Achievement Scheme Controllers.
 - a) Power
 - b) Silent Flight
9. To approve a change of Area for Sevenoaks & District MAC, moving from South East Area to London Area.
10. To receive any reports from committees or co-ordinators related to the business of this meeting.
 - a) Achievement Scheme Review Committee
 - b) BMAC
 - c) Education
11. To receive reports from Area Committees. (Please ensure your Area prepares a maximum of 1 x A4 page synopsis of your report for the meeting. Photocopying facilities are available at Chacksfield House if required.)
12. To receive any reports from the Office and any Elected Officers specifically relating to Areas Council.
13. Any Other Business.
Note: Items for Any Other Business must be handed to the Chairman of the Meeting IN WRITING before the meeting commences. This will be strictly enforced.
14. To confirm date of next Areas Council meeting.

PROCEDURES FOR DISMISSAL OF A MEMBER FROM A CLUB

Unfortunately, when all else fails a club has to consider dismissing a member for conduct unbecoming their position as responsible club member. The process and deliberation of dismissal must give consideration to The Laws of Natural Justice to ensure the member is dismissed lawfully as clubs, although private organisations, still have to abide with law.

The BMFA has sought legal advice and recommends the following procedure is undertaken to lawfully dismiss a member:

- a. The member is to be given a verbal warning by an authorised committee member in which the member is made aware of his misdemeanour and what he is reasonably required to do to make amends.
- b. If the member does not respond, he is to be given a written warning by an authorised committee member to advise him of his misdemeanour and what he is reasonably required to do to make amends.
- c. If he still fails to respond, the Committee should invite him in writing to meet with them at a previously agreed date and time to discuss the situation, advising they are considering withdrawal of his membership.
- d. If he still fails to respond to reasoning or fails to attend without reasonable cause, the Committee can advise him in writing that his membership is withdrawn, stating the reasons why this decision was reached. Reimbursement of his club subscription would depend upon the Club's Constitution. If it is not set out, it is recommended his full membership subscription is returned.
- e. When the member is advised of withdrawal of his membership, he must be given the right of appeal. If he opts to appeal, this would normally be to the Club membership at an EGM which the Committee would call on his behalf at a previously agreed date and time. The motion to uphold the membership withdrawal or reverse it must be in accordance with the voting procedures set out in the Club Constitution.

In the case of gross misconduct, elements "a" or "a" and "b" may be omitted but this should only be for exceptional circumstances. It is recommended that advice is sought from BMFA HQ in this instance.

Refusal of renewal of annual membership is tantamount to dismissal.

The above process should be included in the Club Constitution to prevent misunderstanding and to advise members of their rights.

For further advice contact the Chief Executive or Development Officer at Chacksfield House.

Remember –dismissal should only be used as a last resort and must be carried out fairly and with due regard to the law.

EVENTS

CALLING ALL HELI ENTHUSIASTS

This is your chance to win THE JR Vigor CS kit won by Curtis Youngblood at the 2002 3D Masters Competition. Curtis and the 3D Masters organisers kindly donated the kit to the Aerobatic Helicopter Association (AHA) to raise money for the British Heli Team attending the F3C World Championships in Japan in May / June 2003.

Raffle tickets are £1 each (£10 per book). The AHA Mega Draw will take place on Sunday 4th May 2003 at the Sandown Model Symposium at the AHA stand.

For information about how to get tickets for your club members to purchase, contact Julie Fisher on 020 8841 6781 or check out the AHA website on www.aha-online.org.uk

Saturday March 8th 2003

Tabletop Sale hosted by Brightlingsea Model Flying Club
At the YMCA Hall, Brightlingsea, Essex
At 10.00am to 12.00noon. Admission £1, tables £3
Contact Roy Emeny 01206 303960, email roy@forjac.co.uk

Swapmeet

North Staffs MAC
on February 23 2003 at 10am – 3pm
at St Josephs College, London Road, Trent Vale, Stoke on Trent
Entrance £2 includes 1 raffle ticket, Tables £3
Tel John on 01782 644098 or Phill on 01782 330290
Email jbungy@tiscali.com

SUPPORTERS AT WORLD FREE FLIGHT CHAMPIONSHIPS IN HUNGARY

The 2003 World F/F Championships will be held at Kunszentmiklos, Hungary from July 27th to August 2nd and will be followed by the Jenő Voros World Cup contest, open to any flyer with an FAI licence.

Our supporters can make an important contribution to the success of the UK team, so if you want to be part of the premier event on the free-flight calendar, contact the team manager, Martin Dilly before Feb 20th. Send a s.a.e. to him at 20, Links Road, West Wickham, Kent BR4 0QW. Fax or phone on 0208 777 5533 or email martindilly@compuserve.com