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There will be a Meeting of the Full Council on Saturday 11th May 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. Request for permission to be absent.
3. Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 12th January 2002.
4. Matters/Actions Arising from the 12th January 2002 meeting which are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
5. To receive the financial report from the Hon. Treasurer to include progress towards the year end Accounts.
6. To receive a report from the Chairman including the following:
 - a) Following the Council decision to commit a delegate to the newly formed RAeC Technical Committee, I have approved the appointment of Mr Bob Cutter to fill the post. This appointment is listed for official ratification at this Council meeting.

Bob takes with him to the committee a very wide knowledge of model flying and with some 20,000 hours of full size experience behind him and will, I am certain, prove to be a valuable member of this committee further enhancing the high standards of BMFA representation within the RAeC.

Ratification of Bob Cutter as BMFA representative to the newly formed RAeC Technical Committee.
7. To receive a proposal from the Chairman that terms of reference as detailed on the attached paper be approved and entered into the Council handbook.
8. To receive a report from the Chief Executive to include any reports of the following Committees:
 - a) Joint Airprox
 - b) Central Council for Physical Recreation
9. To receive a Report from the Vice Chairman to include a report on the following:
 - a) Safety Review Committee
10. To receive the following proposals from Tech. Sec. on behalf of the Safety Review Committee:
 - a) That the attached Safety Review Committee Terms of Reference are approved by Council.

- b) To amend the BMFA recommendations on spinner/safety nut/glider nose radius as detailed on the attached sheet.
 - c) That the attached "Guide to Safe Indoor RC Flying" is adopted by the BMFA and the BMFA Handbook amended to make reference to it.
11. To receive the Hon. Secretary's Report including the following:
- a) To receive the affiliated Club List.
12. To receive a Report from the PRO
13. To receive Reports or Updates from Technical Committees to cover ALL BMFA Nationals Championships.
- a) Proposal from Control Line that Dave Rudd FSMAE be accepted as the 2002 Nationals CL Co-ordinator.
14. To receive the Technical Secretary's Report including the following :
- a) Proposal from the Tech. Sec. on behalf of the Technical Council of 2nd March 2002 –
 "That the set agenda for the annual first meeting of a Technical Committee be removed from the Council Handbook and the responsibility for it given to Technical Council.
 - b) To receive a report from the Computer Committee
15. To receive the following proposal from the Tech. Sec. on behalf of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee:

It is proposed that:

The attached second draft of the Achievement Schemes document, dated April 2002, be accepted.

There are a number of detail changes throughout the document that make it different from that which currently appears in the Members Handbook but all have either already been passed by Council or are minor clarifications which do not change the sense of the document apart from these five noted below.

Sub Proposal (a), Page 1

~~Prior to their ratification, an Area may appoint a Chief Examiner for a one-off probationary period of up to six months.~~

An Area may request that the Scheme Controller appoint a Chief Examiner for a probationary period of up to six months prior to their ratification, During this period the nomination must be submitted to Areas Council as the probationary period may not be extended.

Sub Proposal (b), Page 1

~~Generally, all Chief Examiners must have held an Examiner rating in the discipline for which they are appointed for at least twelve months although exceptions may be allowed by the Areas Council in certain special circumstances.~~

All Chief Examiner nominees must have held an Examiner rating in the discipline for which they are appointed for at least twelve months.

Sub Proposal (c), Page 3

~~Exceptionally if, in the opinion of the Examiner, either the configuration of the model or the surface of the flying area is such that a rolling take-off would not be possible, hand launches may be permitted.~~

If, in the opinion of the Examiner the surface of the flying area is such that a rolling take-off would not be possible, hand launches may be permitted.

Sub Proposal (d), Page 10

Once a certificate or qualification has been withdrawn by Areas Council, the offender will not be permitted to re-take the test for a period of 6 months from the date of withdrawal.

Previously, the Power Schemes said 6 months and the Silent Flight Schemes said 12 months.

Sub Proposal (e), Page 10

EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATIONS

The SAA Bronze Certificate is accepted as equivalent to the BMFA 'A' Certificate, Fixed Wing.

The SAA Silver Certificate is accepted as equivalent to the BMFA 'B' Certificate, Fixed Wing.

Any holder of a BMFA or BARCS Silent Flight Thermal Gold, Diamond or Diamond Star will be assumed to hold a 'B' Certificate, Silent Flight Thermal.

Any holder of a BMFA or BARCS Silent Flight Slope Gold or Diamond will be assumed to hold a 'B' Certificate, Silent Flight Slope.

16. To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include the presentation of the following proposals:
- a) Proposal from R/C Power that David Fisher (031112) be ratified as Team Manager and Adrian Richmond (080911) be ratified as Assistant Team Manager for 2002 European Championships.
 - b) Proposal from R/C Power that David Tappin (043764) be ratified as FAI-F3A Team Manager for European 2002 Championships.
 - c) Proposal from Free Flight that Ian Dowsett (56513) be appointed Team Manager of the Great Britain Space Modelling Team at the 2002 World Championships in the Czech Republic.
 - d) Proposal from Free Flight that Martin Dilly and Phil Ball be appointed Team Manager and Assistant Team Manager respectively for the 2002 European Free Flight Championships to be held in Hungary.

- e) Proposal from the North East Area that the BMFA adopt “Local Rules” to allow the use of tethered stakes/2 person pulley launches in all F3J league competitions.
 - f) That all F3J League events be centrally located in say, the Leicester/Grantham area.
17. To receive a proposal from Martin Dilly, Fellow, that Council ratified team managers for World and European Championship teams are treated like any other official of the Society and their reasonable expenses for entry, accommodation and travel be paid in full.
 18. To receive a Report from the Records Officer.
 19. To receive a Report from the FAI Delegate to include acceptance of his report on the recent CIAM Meeting.
 20. To receive any reports from the following:
 - a) The Royal Aero Club Delegate
 - b). The GASCo Delegate
 - c) Joint Radio Control Users Committee
 - d) Civil Aviation Authority Team
 - e) Education Working Group
 21. Any Other Business.

Report on the Technical Council Meeting held on the 27th October 2001.

Nationals Update from Co-ordinator and Technical Committees.

The Nats. Co-ord. said that everything seemed to go very well. There were some problems with Aerobatics but these will have to be being sorted out with RC Power. C/L felt that the DOE charges were excessive for Control Line. The Nats. Co-ord. clarified that the licence fee for the Nationals was separated into different parts ie: an administration fee; cost per head for competitors each day; plus cost per head spectators each day. The Nationals budget pay half of the Competitors fee. This works out at a low fee compared to charges to other airfield users.

Technical Comms. are not charged for the radios they used at the Nationals and the First Aid cover is provided without cost to them. This will be clarified with the accounts department by the Chairman. Actual Dinner ticket costs to Tech. Comms. for National competition winners is also being looked at to make sure that only those attending were charged for.

There was a discussion about toilets and the problems encountered because of the electrical storm and the lack of water pressure over the weekend. Steps would be taken to ensure any lack of water pressure can be overcome in future years.

Silent Flight Tech. Comm. – reported that their Nationals had been held at Spittalgate. They had experienced some interference on the Saturday but that, in general the event had gone very well. The Chairman noted that he had received some comments about the difficulty

of driving around the site if you did not know exactly where to go and S/F agreed that some form of guidance would be helpful, possibly cones showing the driving routes.

Successful Records.

Name: Ron Green BMFA No: 025545
Class: Indoor F1D FAI – New Rules –British Record
Site: Cardington, Beds. Date: 27th August 01
Duration: 34 minutes 6 seconds.

Name: Nicholas R. Shaw BMFA No: 121277
Class: R/C Slope Soaring Glider – Duration
Site: Ivinghoe Beacon. Date: 7th and 8th September 2001
Duration: 2163 minutes 19 seconds.

It was hoped that this record would be ratified by the FAI as a World Record in the near future. The total duration was 36 hours 3 minutes 19 seconds which is the longest timed R/C flight ever achieved.

Records Officer – In conjunction with the Tech. Sec. new Record Claim Forms were being produced and would be distributed to all Technical Committees.

New classes for Speed have now been prepared and will be finalised shortly.

The Records Officer was looking into the procedure for satisfactory acceptance of Trophies by Council particularly regarding suitability of the design and choice of materials. He hoped to present his report on this subject to Full Council in the near future.

The stock of Awards Diplomas in the office was getting low and he felt we should take the opportunity to look again at the format of the Diploma, i.e. whether it could be framed in A5 or Landscape.

To receive any events for the International Calendar 2002.

Event: The Stonehenge Cup
Class: F1A F1B F1C
Date: 14th & 15th September 2002
Place: Fakenham, Norfolk

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Report on the Full Council Meeting held on the 12th January 2002.

The newly elected Society Chairman, Robin Gowler FSMAE, introduced himself to the meeting and asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

Council members were then accepted or co-opted as appropriate, and the Technical Committee Chairman, Delegates to other organisations and Council appointed Sub-Committees were accepted.

Safety Review Committee.

The Chief Executive recommended that the BMFA Accident Review Body be renamed the Safety Review Committee and would supersede and incorporate the Safety Committee,

previously Chaired by Andy Ellison. This new committee would cover all aspects of Safety. It would be composed of 4 permanent posts, namely:

Chairman	Vice Chairman
	Tech. Sec.
Co-ordinator	Development Officer
	Flying Site Consultant

In addition each Technical Committee would nominate a specialist who could be co-opted onto the Committee when required. These names should be forwarded to the Chief Executive by the Technical Committees.

The Vice Chairman proposed that the above recommendation from the Chief Executive was put in place.

The Chairman would write to the Chairman of the previous Safety Committee to detail Council's action and to thank him for the work done by that Committee.

Flying Site Consultant – The Chief Exec. reminded the meeting that Council had approved the appointment of a full time Flying Site Consultant. The present Flying Site Consultant had been approached and was prepared to work full time within the budget allocated at the last Council meeting.

The Chief Exec. would consult with the Hon. Treas. and arrange for the appointment to be taken up as soon as possible.

Ray Malmstrom Award - The Chairman was sorry to learn that Ray Malmstrom had died recently. He would be writing to Mrs Malmstrom to convey Council's condolences.

The Chief Exec. said that **Ron Hellen** had been too ill to attend the AGM to receive his award of the Certificate of Merit. In his absence, and at his request, the Certificate had been presented to the retiring Chairman. As the Chief. Exec. had passed through Lincoln after the AGM he took the opportunity to deliver the Certificate in person instead of sending it through the post. Ron had been very pleased to see someone from the Society and sent his regards to everyone.

Financial Report. There was a discussion about helping to sell some of the stock of Dart Paper at present held by the Society. Eric Clark as an ex-printer was looking into it and suggestions were made that the FAI Del. could raise the matter with any interested parties at the CIAM meeting. Approaching SIG or advertising on the CIAM Website could also be looked at.

Chairman's Report. Since being appointed Chairman he had attended two one-to-one meetings with the Chief Executive one of which included the retiring Chairman to hand over paperwork and give him a briefing on the job.

He had Chaired one Executive Meeting which had been in two parts the first in December which was then adjourned until January 2002 to complete the business.

The Chairman had also attended and awarded the prizes at the BMAC Finals in December at Cosford. He felt the finals were a first class effort and congratulated the Development Officer and the BMAC Co-ordinator on the event as a whole.

Paul Masterman FSMAE. The Chief Exec. reported that we are losing the services of Paul Masterman FSMAE, as he is moving to the USA. The FAI Delegate will be taking over the position on the Parliamentary Committee and the Flying Site Consultant will be taking over on the GAAC.

Another post has come up within the RAeC. They have decided to have a Technical Committee to which we feel we should nominate a BMFA person who has a wide breadth and knowledge of interests in both aeromodelling and general aviation. A member is being approached to take up the post but as we have not yet got confirmation, the name will not be disclosed for the time being. (Note: this post has been taken up by Bob Cutter.)

Insurance – The first proposal from Sun Alliance was that we would suffer a 45% increase in premiums for 2002. This has now been reduced to 10% this year with the addition of a further 10% next year, providing our claims record stays the same. We are the only Nationals Body so far that they have given this concession to.

The BMFA News will carry an article on this under the liaison of the Hon. Treas. and the BMFA News Editor.

Accounts. The Chief. Exec. reported that the Accounts no longer pay expenses etc. through the BOBS system as we are now permitted by the Barclays Bank to make our own payments. This means we can now make payment direct from the Office more regularly and with greater speed.

Hon. Secretary's Report.

The Hon. Sec. passed round the Brooch presented to the retiring Chairman at the AGM. The other presentations she had received were also on show. This included a Waterford Crystal bowl from the Society and a Punch Bowl and Cups from the Areas. The RAFMAA and SAA had also presented her with gifts on her retirement.

PRO's Report.

The PRO is still looking for photographs for the stands, some of the existing ones are outdated so please help if you can. The photographs will be scanned only and returned to the owner if required.

London Area suggested it was time to have another photographic competition. The winner being the person who produces the best photograph for use on the stand.

Website – Any articles for inclusion on the Website must be sent to either the Office or direct to the Tech. Sec. Unless special arrangements are made, this is the route to follow. The Tech. Sec. felt that a person to review the contents of the Website was required to suggest removal of out of date material and any necessary updating.

London Area Delegate offered to take up this duty, and would be reviewing the Website and reporting to the Tech. Sec. or e-mailing direct to the Webmaster with a copy to the Tech. Sec. This was made an official appointment by the meeting.

The FAI Delegate said he was delighted to hear that photographs and position details of all Council Members would be published on the Website in the near future.

Teams and Team Managers.

Jo Halman was ratified as Team Manager for the 2002 Control Line World Championships.

John James, BMFA Number 58506, was ratified as Assistant Team Manager for the Control Line World Championships 2002.

The Tech. Sec. confirmed that Assistant Team Managers are only allowed for the Control Line and Free Flight Teams because of the number of Teams flying at the same time. This is an FAI ruling.

The **F2D** team for the World Championships 2002 comprises the following fliers:

Team: M. Jones	79655
M Whillance	88347
P. Grange	70889
N. Crabtree Jnr	AJO23913 (provisional inclusion)
G. Ives	88421(Pitman)
D. Riley	89913 (Reserve Pilot)

And that a second pitman, un-named at this point be provisionally included.

The **F2C** team for the World Championships 2002 comprises the following fliers:

Team: Ross/Turner	50551/74266
Smith Brown	02135/70014
Fitzgerald/Thomason	33566/87071
Fry/Whorton	56695/55814 (Reserves)
Miles/Yeldham	70015/030971 (Reserves)

The **F2B** team for the World Championships 2002 comprises the following fliers:

Team: Bill Draper	40352
Roy Cherry	63577
Barry Robinson	68248
Paul Winter	26885 (Reserve)
Mick Taylor	52959 (Reserve)

The **F2A** team for the World Championships 2002 comprises the following fliers:

Team: Peter Halman	50198
Ken Morrissey	2525
Gordon Isles	50258
Matthew Hart Jnr	J30844
David Brewin	58722 (Reserve)

The **F4C** (Scale Radio Control) Team for the 2002 Scale World Championships to be held from 12 – 21 July 2002 in Tillsonberg, Ontario, Canada.

Team: Pete McDermott	66173
Mick Reeves	15674
David Knott	47166

Reserves:	Geof Brown	72623
	Richard Crapp	52698
	Jim Reeves	80379

Team Manager: Graham Kennedy 111140

The UK **F1D** Team to be entered in to the 2002 Indoor World Championships to be hopefully held at Slanic, Romania, on a date as yet not set.

Team:	Bob Bailey	02479
	Ron Green	25545
	Derek Richards	65309

And to ratify John Tipper (59980) as Team Manager

Contest Fees for 2002.

BMPRA	Entry Fees F3D	£15
	Nationals entry	£18 (all disciplines)

GBRCAA	Competition Fees	
	Centralised	£16
	Standard/Sportsman	£10
	Senior	£14
	Master/FAI	£16
	Nationals	£25

AHA	Competition Fees:	
	F3C Members	£10
	Non Members	£15
	Sportsman Members	£ 7.50
	Non Members	£10
	Nationals	
	FAI F3C	£30
	Sportsmans	£20

SCALE	R/C	£12
	C/L	£10
	F/F	£5
	Indoor	£7
	Season Tickets	£60
	Team Trials	£15
	(Juniors 50% of above fees)	
	National Entry Fees	
	Scale R/C	£23
	C/L	£14
F/F	£13	
Indoor	£7	
(Juniors 50% of above fees)		

SILENT FLIGHT

Contest Fees	
F3J	£8
F3B	£
F5B	£5
F3F	£
Season Ticket	
F3J	£25 for 4 events

INDOOR

Seniors

Juniors

(Still awaiting confirmation of costs, which will be done when flying site is confirmed.)

CONTROL LINE Competition Fees
Centralised Meetings £15

NATIONALS

All classes would be £15 plus £10 for each subsequent event.

No Competition Entry Season tickets for 2002

Successful Records.

Name: Paul F Eisner BMFA No: 57093
Class: 27A F2A Class 11 (131) 1.01cc – 2.50cc C/L Speed.
Site: Esher, Surrey. Date: 13.10.01
Speed: 335.20 KPH

This Record is also a World Record and the Dossier prepared for the FAI submission was passed round for members to see. This Dossier will now be forwarded to the FAI.

Name: Bruce Illingworth BMFA No: 74670
Class: F3D Pylon
Site: Barkston Heath Date: 15th July 2001
Duration: 63.9 seconds

Name: Chris Barker/Trevor Tomkins BMFA Nos: 51784/49476
Class: British Goodyear Team Race Heat (100 laps)
Site: RAF Barkston Heath Date 27th August 2001
Duration: 4 minutes 24.6 seconds

To receive a proposal from the Southern Area that the BMFA should advise Model Manufacturers and/or Importers that many of the engine spinners fitted to currently available ARTF and RTF Model Aircraft do not meet the BMFA guidelines on minimum radius and should be changed to comply.

Southern Area said this was an increasing problem because more and more beginners were buying models with engine spinners which do not comply with the BMFA Guidelines. Therefore they were learning to fly with these machines and applying for "A" tests with a model that does not comply with the guidelines.

The Chairman proposed that this matter be referred to the Safety Committee for them to consider the way forward and subsequently brought back to Council for reconsideration.

Appointment of PAS Controller.

Peter Spurway was appointed to this position.

Education Working Group – The Education Working Group Chairman said the year was already busy. He and David Lloyd-Jones had attended the Association of Science Education Conference and Exhibition in Liverpool. About 5000 delegates involved in science and education attended and they had a very successful time.

He had been helping the SAA to "tartanise" the Dart – the design has now been sent to the printers. The SAA model is to be called the "Osprey" and should be in production in a couple of months. Over 48,000 Darts have now be produced.

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