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SOCIETY OF MODEL AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS LTD.

(T/A British Model Flying Association)

TO ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

There will be an Full Council Meeting on 21st September 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 11th May 2002.
4. Matters/Actions Arising from the 11th May 2002 Meeting which are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
5. To receive a report from the Hon. Treasurer.
Report to include:
 - a) Financial Report.
 - b) An update of current budgets.
 - c) Year end Accounts to the 31st March 2002 .
 - d) Receipt and approval of the draft budget for presentation to the AGM and recommendation of the membership fees for the year 2003.
 - e) Ratification of year 2003 fees for Associated Bodies. (Present Fee £35)
6. To receive nominations for Awards and the recommendations for Fellowships from the Awards Committee. (To be taken as the 1st item after the Lunch Break).
7. To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive.
8. To receive a report from the Vice Chairman.
9. To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary.
Report to include:
 - a) Presentation of updates to the Affiliated Club List and adoption of any new clubs.
 - b) To discuss circulation of Technical Committee Meeting Minutes.
 - c) To receive dates for Council Meetings in the year 2003.
 - d) To receive any changes to the Areas Constitution.
 - i) This was proposed by Southern Area and amended by Northern Area that “when Areas elect/propose new Area Chief Examiners at Area meetings, it is required that there is at least a two-thirds majority of those eligible to vote at the Meeting in favour of the proposed candidate, with no votes against”.

- e) Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers for World and European Championship Teams – new precedent to supersede all three precedents previously held in the Precedent List.
10. To receive a Report from the Public Relations Officer.
11. To receive a report from the Competition Secretary.
Report to include:
- a) Any events for the inclusion in the 2003 International Calendar.
 - b) Receipt of Free Flight and any other Contest Fees for 2003 from Technical Committees.
 - c) Ratification of fees for year 2003 FAI Licences. (Present Fee £5) – (Replacement Book £3).
 - d) Venue of Nationals 2003 (including ratification of 2003 Nationals Co-ordinator).
 - e) To present the following proposals for Team Members and Managers:
 - i) Proposal from Free Flight that the following be appointed as Team Members for the Space Modelling World Championships to be held in the Czech Republic on the 13th-20th October 2002. –
 Ian Dowsett (056513) Rob O’Brian (101445)
 Simon Howers (031905)
 - ii) Proposal from Free Flight that John Carter (50520) be appointed Assistant Team Manager (Flight Line) for the 2002 European Championships.
 - iii) Proposal from Free Flight to appoint the Free Flight Team for the 2002 European Championships:

F1A John Williams 063375 Alan Jack 056873 Tim Nicholson 085880 Res: Paul Chamberlain 047788	F1B Mike Woolner 057957 David Greaves 009641 Ivan Taylor 063252 Res: Brian Martin 033593
F1C John Cuthbert 051781 Phil Ball 57180 Ken Faux 052579 Res: Peter Watson 062397	
 - iv) Update of F3C Team for European Championships in Romania:
 Robert Mott J079862 Junior Member: Mark Tilbury 086164
 Dave Fisher 031112: Res Steve Roberts 043791
 Team Manager Adrian Richmond. 080911

- v) Update of F3A Team for Championships in Spain:
A Balfour AA1586 R Howarth 84443 B Ransley 32344

Note: No proposals have been received from RCPT for Team Managers or Teams. F3C and F3A Teams have been temporarily ratified by the Comp. Sec.

- 12. To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.
- 13. To receive a report from the Records Officer.
Report to include:
 - a) Request for help in collecting the Trophies ready for presentation.
 - b) Presentation of the following British Records for ratification:

Name: Malcolm Ross/Brian Turner – BMFA No: 50551/74266
Class: C/L F2C Heat – Team Racing 100 laps.
Site: Oakington. Date: 16th June 2002
Duration: 3 minutes 10.4 seconds.

Name: Phil Steventon - BMFA No: 021979
Class: R/C Thermal Soaring Glider
Site: Fish Meadow, Upton on Severn. Date: 12th May 2002
Duration: 48 minutes 00 seconds.

- 14. To receive a report from the FAI Delegate.
- 15. To receive any reports from the following delegates:
 - a) Royal Aero Club
 - b) G.A.S.Co.
 - c) Joint Air Prox
 - d) Central Council for Physical Recreation
- 16. To receive any reports from the following Sub-Committees:
 - a) Civil Aviation Authority Team
 - b) Joint Radio Control Users Committee
 - c) Education Working Group
 - d) Computer Sub-Committee
 - e) Safety Review Committee
 - f) Flying Site Protection Officer Report

- 17. Any Other Business.

Report of the Full Council Meeting held on the 11th May 2002.

Flying Site Consultant.

The Chief Executive confirmed that since the 1st April 2002 Roger Bellingham had been employed full time as the BMFA Flying Site Consultant.

International Team Budget.

Council agreed to an overspend on the International Team Budget up to a maximum of £1,200 for this year only, to cover the expenses of three Juniors joining International Teams.

The Hon. Treas. confirmed that Junior expenses would be budgeted for in future years.

BMFA Representative to the newly formed RAeC Technical Committee.

Bob Cutter was appointed to this committee by the Chairman.

Chairman's Report.

The Chairman had attended the Scale Indoor Nationals, Sandown Park and the GAAC AGM with Roger Bellingham. He had also attended the RAeC Awards Evening with the Chief Exec, FAI Delegate and the RAeC Delegate to support our Vice President, Kath Watson FSMAE, when she was presented with the RAeC Silver Medal.

The Executive had discussed the possibility of each individual person having a vote in the elections of Executive Officers and Technical Committees, instead of only member clubs being able to vote. This means that Country members would also be entitled to a vote. Obviously there are a lot of logistical problems to be overcome, however it was decided to pursue the possibility of going away from block voting in these modern times.

Richard King FSMAE has resigned from his post of BMFA News Co-Publisher. The Executive have approved the appointment of Allan Weighell FSMAE to partner Kath Watson FSMAE in this venture.

The Vice Chairman asked that Council gave their heartfelt thanks to Richard King FSMAE for all the work he has done in the past with the BMFA News. Without Richard the BMFA News would not be as successful as it is today. Council agreed whole heartedly.

Joint Airprox – The Gen. Sec. reported that we have had an air proximity report initiated by a model flying club who approached us with their concerns. The proximity was such that they were able to read the registration number of the plane. Therefore we were able to identify which association the pilot belonged to. We wrote to them and have received a letter of apology. It happened as a result of a misunderstanding which has now been sorted out.

Use of Airfields - The Chief Exec. mentioned that we use any airfield as an invited guest and if people do not abide by the rules we may not be permitted to use the airfield again. It is very important that when we use an airfield, particularly an operational one that we do not breach any of the rules that are put in front of us. He was investigating a breach of rules that may possibly lose the Society the use of an airfield. However no details were available at this time.

We have arranged an agreement with the BHPA for joint use of North Luffenham airfield. Our events have now been re-instated alongside the hang-gliding events.

28 day rule – The Government are reviewing their policy on recreational use of land of up to 28 days a year without a change of use agreement being put in place. This review was particularly aimed at Sunday markets and motorised events being held for more than 28 days a year. The Chief Exec. had written to the Government on behalf of our 32,000 members putting the model flying point of view.

Minister of Sport – The Chief Exec had received a letter from the Minister of Sport promising a range of benefits to sports organisations on being given charity status. However on reading to the end he found that model flying was not included because it does not meet the criteria of a healthy recreational sport. The Chief Exec will be writing putting the case for Model Flying with the intent of changing this polarised view which, incidentally, covers all other aviation related sports.

Safety Review Committee – The Safety Review Committee Terms of Reference were approved by Council.

Council agreed to amend the BMFA recommendations on spinner/safety nut/glider nose radius. These recommendations will form part of the new Member's Handbook due to be distributed to all members later this year.

“Guide to Safe Indoor RC Flying” was adopted as a stand alone document and the new edition of the Members Handbook would be amended to make reference to it. The document would initially be made available as an interim Guideline document and would be amended if necessary at a later stage.

Set Agenda for the first Technical Committee Meetings – It was agreed that this document would no longer form part of the Council Handbook. This would allow the Technical Council to carry out a major update to bring it into line with up to date procedures.

Report from the Computer Committee – The Tech. Sec. reported that there were no problems with the Computer suite in the Office. Some updating had been put in place recently. The standard quarterly meeting will be held with the Computer Company on 17th June. 2002.

The Chief Exec. said that most of the sorting was now done using the Postcode software which had been installed. The report from Portsmouth, where the printing of the BMFA News is done, shows that the database is now approximately 99.6% correctly postcoded.

It was confirmed that Technical Committee details (addresses etc) could not be put on the BMFA Website because of Data Protection restrictions. If Technical Committees have their own Website and wish to make these details available, a link could be made from the BMFA Website. It should be borne in mind that these details would then be available world wide. Anyone wishing to get in touch with a member of a Technical Committee could do so through the Office.

Achievement Scheme Booklet update – This has now been completed and updated copies were available from Head Office.

Team Member and Manager ratifications.

David Tappin 043764 was ratified as F3A Team Manager for the 2002 European Championships.

Ian Dowsett 56513 was appointed Team Manager for the UK Space Modelling Team at the 2002 World Championships in the Czech Republic.

Martin Dilly FSMAE was appointed Team Manager for the 2002 European Free Flight Championships to be held in Hungary.

F3J League Events – After discussion on the proposal that all F3J League events be centrally located in say, the Leicester/Grantham area, the conclusion was drawn that the majority of the venues chosen would appear to be fairly evenly distributed throughout the centre part of the Country. It was agreed that this proposal was referred to the Silent Flight Tech. Committee for their consideration.

Presentation of British Trophies.

It was agreed by Council that “Unless prior arrangements have been made with the Records Officer, all BMFA trophies will only be presented at the Annual Dinner Dance and Awards Presentation Evening.”

Joint Radio Control Users Committee – The Chief Executive reported a recent meeting between the Chief Exec. the Development Officer and the Secretary of the JRCUC. In the next issue of the BMFA News we shall be asking for anyone with radio investigative skills to contact us. We are trying to set up a similar system to aircraft inspections so that we can help Clubs doing radio investigations all round the country. The JRCUC is engaged in buying the equipment needed.

Report on the Areas Council Meeting held on the 15th June 2002.

Ratification of Chief Examiners.

Kevin Krellin SO85551 was ratified as Chief Examiner in the Midland Area for Fixed Wing and Helicopters.

It was pointed out that neither an Examiner or a Club should nominate a person to become an Area Chief Examiner. The Area should approach a person to ask if he/they would be willing to consider becoming a Chief Examiner. If a Club feels that one of their Examiners is of the right calibre they may suggest to their Area that he/she be considered for the post and the Area Co-ordinator would then investigate the background and if a new Area Examiner is needed, consider nominating that person.

Peter Hubbard S13454 was ratified as Chief Examiner in Silent Flight for the Midlands Area.

Colin Prior 59284 was ratified as Chief Examiner in Fixed Wing Power for the Midland Area.

Change to Areas Constitution.

It was agreed that when Areas elect/propose new Area Chief Examiners at Area meetings, it is required that there is at least a two-thirds majority of those eligible to vote at the Meeting in favour of the proposed candidate, with no votes against.

Southern Area said this was to prevent any further controversial decisions on acceptance of proposed new Chief Examiners. On one occasion the Chairman had to make a casting vote on such an appointment. In his view such an important proposal should be accepted unanimously with no votes against.

Sometimes a large number of people attending a meeting abstained from voting because they did not personally know the Examiner put forward. However if the Area Co-ordinator had carried out the necessary background searches he should be able to put forward a case to convince the members present that the person chosen would do a good job for the Area. Also the item would have been agendered so that the members could take steps to find out about the Examiner concerned before the meeting took place.

Area Funding.

After extensive discussions a proposal was put forward from the Midland Area that the Contingency Fund be incorporated back into the Budgeted Amount for the Areas and that the base rate per Area be raised to £600 plus the amount per club.

Note: The Chairman had approached the Hon. Treas. with this proposal and he had agreed to put it in place as follows:

Bearing in mind that the Areas had already had a pay-out based on the old rate, they would get a further pay-out to bring the total for each Area to £600 plus an amount per club to equal the amount of £15,000 budgeted for 2002-2003 in accordance with Area Council wishes. This also included £300 to the South West Area agreed under AOB.

Education Report – Last month Mike Colling, FSMAE had attended an event at Belfast run by Bombardier. He was approached by someone from WFIVE who wanted more involvement with the BMFA next year, the Centenary Flight year. She was impressed with the Dart except for the fact it carried both “British” Model Flying Association and the Union flag formed part of the logo. She would require 5,000 models and he proposed to put the SMAE logo on these Darts instead of the BMFA logo. Most of Council were happy with this suggestion if it would enable children to learn to fly model aircraft. The Chairman pointed out that these Darts were built by Mike Colling FSMAE and not the BMFA and therefore he was at liberty to adapt the logo or other markings according to where and to whom he was selling the Darts. The important thing was to get children interested in flying.

The Chairman asked Mike to look into this further, discuss it with Northern Ireland and report back to Council if the order goes ahead.

The University Challenge was held last weekend and Dave Kerswell FSMAE wished to thank all those people who had helped to run the event. He reported that it was a successful event with eleven entries of which three were scrapped, the standard of models was higher than before. Strathclyde won carrying a weight of approx. 3 ½ kilos. Dave will be producing a report of the event.

The Chairman thanked both Mike Colling FSMAE and Dave Kerswell FSMAE for their hard work.

Midland Area – reported that the Area had purchased a noise meter and frequency tester for loan free of charge to their Clubs.

South West Area asked “That the Area Council approve an increase of the funding of the SW Area, of £300, to enable the Area Committee to progress an Area investigation into whether a high standing Model flying field can be established in the south of Devon.

Current Area funding is insufficient to allow the committee to allocate more than a token amount to offset Mr Goring’s expenditure in carrying out this investigation on behalf of the SW Area Committee. Council agreed to this request.

Awards Committee - The Chairman had forgotten to include the Agenda Item to select a representative from the Areas Council to attend the next Awards Meeting. In retrospect he had asked Gordon Warburton to attend on our behalf. Gordon is both a sport and competition flyer.

LOST AND FOUND AT THE NATIONALS

The following items were handed in at the National Championships over August Bank Holiday Weekend:

F/F Model Sunday evening – 28” wingspan, blue wings, yellow fuselage. White tail, tail wheel. ED BABY (REPLICA) (0° 32cc). CONTACT Graham Martin 01455 272601.

Protech battery + leads.]	
Yuasa battery.]	CONTACT BMFA 0116 2440028
Mobile phone]	
Small purse/wallet]	

We thank you all for coming to the Nationals and hope you enjoyed your time there, in whatever capacity you attended; your support is invaluable to us and we look forward to seeing you there again next year.

DIARY DATES

Leafields MAC Autumn Swapmeet
Sunday 27th October 2002

Leafields MAC are holding their autumn Swapmeet at Pinxton Miners Welfare, Derbyshire on Sunday 27th October 2002. The venue is only 2 miles from J28 of the M1, just follow the signs. Entrance is £1.00pp, and some tables are available at £3.00p/table. Refreshments will be available on the day.

For details or to book a table ring Eric Platts on 07817 258753 or home 0115 944 7495. Email EP130562@aol.com or visit our website at Leafields.com.

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FURTHER DETAILS ROGER BROWN 01604 890925

LLEYN MODEL AERO CLUB

BRING AND FLY 2002

Hosted by the Lleyn Model Aero Club, the Bring and Fly is a three day event on September 27, 28, 29th 2002.

Location – the Old Penrhos airfield on the A499 near Pwllheli Gwynedd North Wales. A non-competitive event with the emphasis on friendly flying in congenial company with a Social get-together on the Sat night.

Please note due to organisational problems, slope soaring “foamies” and “combat” type flying will not be permitted. Contact **Frank Pilling** on **01758 712673** or **07050 363030**. Email **lleyn.mac@virgin.net**

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		Seniors	Juniors	Fam	Partner
Fam Junior					
NATS & Sept	£6	£3		£3	£1
Oct	£7	£4		£4	£2
Nov	£8	£5		£5	£3

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FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER EACH YEAR*