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**IMPORTANT !!!  
SECRETARY PLEASE NOTE**

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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**

TO ALL AREA COUNCIL MEMBERS:

There will be an Areas Council Meeting on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2004 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.

**AGENDA**

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Request for Permission to be Absent.
3. Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Areas Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2003.

4. Matters/Actions Arising from the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2003 Meeting which are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
5. To appoint a representative to the Awards Committee for 2004.
6. 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
Peter Spurway	Joe Hanna
7. To receive a proposal from East Anglia Area that Keith Whiddett, Membership No 018280, be appointed Area Chief Examiner (Helicopter) for the East Anglia Area.
8. To receive a proposal from Midland Area that Steven Mason, Membership No 082940, be appointed Area Chief Examiner (Fixed Wing) for the Midland Area.
9. To receive a proposal from Southern Area that Ken Gale, Membership No 067821, be appointed Area Chief Examiner (Helicopter) for the Southern Area.
10. To receive a proposal from Southern Area that Terry Weeks, Membership No 034961, be appointed Area Chief Examiner (Silent Flight) for the Southern Area.
11. To receive a proposal from Northern Area that:  
*“R/C Power Club Examiners are appointed to test members of their own club. Testing members of other clubs can be done only if requested to do so by the candidate’s own club committee or by the Area A.S. Coordinator. If testing a member of another club, the safety rules of that club must be obtained before the test is carried out so that these can be included in the questions (as required by the AS guide).”*
12. To receive a proposal from the Tec. Sec. on behalf on the Achievement Scheme Review Committee, as follows:

**It is Proposed That:**

The following section be added to the Fixed Wing and Helicopter ‘A’ and ‘B’ Certificate Guidance Notes documents.

**Disabled and Young Candidates**

When disabled or young candidates present themselves for the test it may be that they will not physically be able to perform all the actions that most candidates can. There will be times when you, as an Examiner, will think ‘how much can I relax the test requirements for this person’.

Many Examiners make the decision to make no allowances at all but this effectively bars many people from attempting the tests. If we think of the achievement scheme as a true national scheme then we must consider how we can accommodate candidates, not how we can stop them from participating.

The answer, of course, is that you, as an Examiner, must make on-the-spot decisions about what you will allow during the test and, in such cases, you are within your authority to take such decisions.

For instance, a disabled flyer may have difficulty handling the model and may not be able to carry it out to the strip or retrieve it after the flight. The sensible use of a helper is certainly allowable in such cases but it is essential that they only do what the candidate asks them to do. Pre-flight checks and engine starting may be another problem area that can be overcome by a helper but you should expect the candidate to do as much of the work as possible themselves and they should be able to talk you through anything that the helper does for them. Be sure to discuss all this with the candidate before starting the test.

All of these comments can apply to younger flyers too but there is an added complication with engine starting. Many parents are very unhappy about letting their children near a running engine and will not allow them to start their own engines. This is a perfectly valid view and, again, is a case where a helper can be used. If this situation does occur with the younger candidates, however, you should insist that they do all the pre-flight and preparation work themselves, up to applying the starter to the engine. If they cannot do this then they should not pass.

After engine start, the helper can adjust engine controls and carry the model but only on the instructions of the candidate.

**In all cases:**

- (1) **If, at any time, the helper takes over the decision making process from the candidate then the candidate must fail.**
- (2) **You can make no allowances whatsoever for anyone during the flying of the test. The candidate can either perform the flight manoeuvres as specified or they can't. If they can't then they must not be passed.**

**Make sure in your briefing that both the candidate and the helper are fully aware of both of these points.**

13. Update on County Based Structure (*Chris Bromley FSMAE*)
14. Review of ARTF Models.
15. To receive a proposal from Mid West Area that Steve Haughey, Membership No 062414, be appointed as Area Chief Examiner (Helicopter) for Mid West Area. **PLEASE NOTE: This is a late entry and submitted on an incorrect proposal form.**
16. To receive reports from the Achievement Scheme Controllers.
  - a) Power
  - b) Silent Flight
17. 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
18. 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.)
19. To receive any reports from the Office and any Elected Officers specifically relating to Areas Council.
20. 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.
21. To confirm date of next Areas Council meeting.

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**THE BMFA's CHILD AND VULNERABLE ADULT PROTECTION POLICY,  
PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES**

**HELP LINES**

Further to the note in the previous Club Bulletin with regard to the above, please accept our apologies for a couple of errors which slipped in. Roger Payne is actually located in the East Anglia Area (not the North East!) and Colin Smith is in the North West Area (not East Anglia!).

The corrected list of advisers who can assist Clubs on the interpretation and implementation of the Policy, Procedures and Guidelines is as follows:

**BMFA HQ**

Graham Lynn – Chief Executive – Tel No. 0116 2440028 – email: admin@bmfa.org

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**Southern Area**

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**Western Area**

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**East Anglia Area**

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If your Club is outside of these Areas, then contact your nearest Area help line or BMFA HQ.

In addition to these help lines, the BMFA will be providing road shows to talk to Clubs and Areas on the implementation of the Policy, Procedures and Guidelines. Areas will be advising on arrangements for the Area presentations. To arrange Club talks contact the General Manager or the Development Officer at BMFA HQ.