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TO ALL TECHNICAL COUNCIL MEETING MEMBERS:

There will be a meeting of the Technical Council on 28<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. Confirmation of who is voting from those present.

3. Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Technical Council Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2003.
4. Matters/Actions Arising from the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2003 Technical Council Meeting which are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
5. To review the set agenda for the first meeting of a Technical Committee each year.
6. To receive a proposal from Free Flight Technical Committee that: ***“Funding of £1995 be made available for training of Free Flight Teams for European Championships 2004 and Junior World Championships 2004.”***
7. To appoint the current year representative to the Awards Committee.
8. To receive any reports from Technical Committees. (Preferably in writing and not concerning Agenda Items.)
9. To receive any reports from Council, sub-committees or Elected Officers.
10. Nationals Update from Co-Ordinator and Technical Committees to include:
  - a) To discuss any flightline problems
  - b) Nationals Results requirements
11. To discuss the CIAM Agenda (**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU BRING YOUR CIAM AGENDA WITH YOU**).
12. 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.
13. To receive the date of next meeting – 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2004.

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### **Report on the Full Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2004**

The Chairman commented that it was good to see the return of Louisa Stott-Clark, Midland Area Delegate, after her absence.

#### **Appointment of Council**

Council Members were formally received co-opted as appropriate, and Delegates and Members of appointed Sub-Committees were ratified.

#### **ARTF Models**

This is an issue which requires close monitoring in the future and Areas were asked for feedback, whether it is still deemed a major problem with clubs coping with vast numbers joining and the consequential increase in requirements for instructor training.

#### **Microwave emissions**

The Chief Executive had received no further reports of any problems recently but microwave transmissions still pose a potential interference source. To eliminate the problem one of the manufacturers has said that their current receiver cases are impregnated and shouldn't need screening and he thought others would follow.

It was reported that the British Rail masts carried two systems, the microwave and radio transmitter. The microwave works by line of sight, which should not be a problem. The Chief Executive advised that it is the secondary system for local communication which requires further investigation.

### **Financial Report**

The newly appointed Hon Treasurer reported that as the previous incumbent lived locally a few changes have been implemented to ensure continuity of prompt expense payments. The system is working very well and he will continue to monitor the finances of the Society to the same high standard.

### **Chairman's Report**

Since the last meeting the main event was the AGM and Dinner/Dance which was very successful and the presentation by Ann Tiivas was well received. The problems experienced at the Dinner had been addressed by the Chief Exec with the Hotel Management. We anticipate seeing a great improvement in future years.

He attended, together with the Chief Exec, the Classic Jet Event at Dalton Barracks. He also attended the Design and Technology Exhibition at the NEC and the BMAC finals at Cosford.

### **Chief Executive's Report**

Advised his hours are now reduced in preparation for when he leaves the employ of the Society in June. Dave Phipps was fully immersed into his role as General Manager and coping with the needs of clubs and members very well.

Full support was given by Council to follow up an opportunity to be involved with an organisation, which is an offshoot of the British Gliding Association, to provide a model gliding section within a museum.

It was agreed to provide clubs and tech. Committees with information we receive from Council's concerning Sports Awards. Tec. Sec. will produce a County label run to assist with distribution.

We are contemplating using a scheme for recycled Ink Cartridges which would be beneficial to the Society. It would entail providing members with a pre-printed, post paid addressed envelope to send off their cartridges. The return on these, in terms of cash to the BMFA, is around 50p to £2 per cartridge.

### **Vice-Chairman's Report**

He put forward a proposal for a further allocation of funding of £5000 towards the running of 2004 Flight Challenge. As we are already committed to the NEC to hold the Challenge in July, but not yet received confirmation of funding from BAE Systems, he thought it prudent to put contingency plans in place, hence the proposal.

This proposal was carried unanimously.

### **Honorary Secretary's Report**

A proposal was received from Free Flight Technical Committee that FFTC should be relieved of all responsibility for Space Modelling and Model Rocketry. Their reasons were that the committee feel they don't have the necessary expertise involved to make decisions and take the necessary responsibility.

It was suggested that in the interim, UKRA and BSMA are placed primarily under the leadership of the Comp. Sec, aided by the Tec. Sec.

The proposal to relieve FFTC of all responsibility and place the onus, in the interim, under the leadership of Comp. Sec. and Tec. Sec. was carried by a majority vote.

The Hon. Secretary announced that due to personal reasons, he was unable to continue on the Executive Committee. He was thanked for his past services to the Society.

It was proposed that, in the interim, the Tec. Sec. be co-opted as Honorary Secretary and Company Secretary until the next AGM. This was carried unanimously.

### **Technical Secretary's Report**

He submitted a proposal that European Championship Team Members be funded for the payment of event entry fees, this funding to be in the form of a grant similar to that allocated to World Championship team members for their entry fee payments.

This proposal was carried unanimously.

Proposal from Tec. Sec. –

#### **2.7 Validity of BMFA Events**

##### **2.7.1 BMFA Centralised Events**

Centralised events shall only be considered to be valid if their date, venue details and the disciplines to be flown have been entered on the BMFA Contest and Events Calendar.

##### **2.7.2 Team Trials Events**

Team Trials events shall only be considered to be valid if their date, venue details, disciplines flown and the fact that they are Team Trials have been entered on the BMFA Contest and Events Calendar.

##### **2.7.3 Area Centralised Events**

Area Centralised events shall only be considered to be valid if their date and disciplines to be flown have been entered on the BMFA Contest and Events Calendar.

The above carried unanimously.

### **Appointment of Team Managers/Members**

**Team Manager** for Control Line World Championships - Jo Halman BMFA No 67756.

**F2A team** for the 2004 World Championships comprises the following fliers:

Ken Morrissey (BMFA No 2525)      Peter Halman (BMFA No 50198)  
Paul Eisner (BMFA No 57093)      Matthew Hart-Junior (BMFA No J30844)  
Reserves:      Dick McGladdery (BMFA No 54062)  
                    Gordon Isles (BMFA No 50258)

**F2B team** for the 2004 Control Line World Championships comprises the following fliers:  
Bill Draper (BMFA No 40352), Barry Robinson (BMFA No 68248), Roy Cherry (BMFA No 53577)

Reserve:      Richard Handscombe (BMFA No 45272)

**F2C team** for the 2004 Control Line World Championships comprises the following fliers:

Smith/Brown (BMFA Nos 2135/70014)  
Fitzgerald/Thomason (BMFA Nos 33566/87071)  
Langworth/Broadhead (BMFA Nos 40335/037494)  
Reserves:      Fry/Whorton (BMFA Nos 56695/55814)  
                    Miles/Yeldham (BMFA Nos 70015/30971)  
Barker/North (BMFA Nos 51784/24195)

**F2D** team for the 2004 Control Line World Championships comprises the following fliers:  
Mervyn Jones (BMFA No 79655)     Mike Whillance (BMFA No 88347)  
Johnathon Crabtree (BMFA No 23913)  
Ben Johnson-Junior (BMFA No J28779)  
1<sup>st</sup> Pitman David Riley (BMFA No 89913)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Pitman Peter Grange (BMFA No 070889)

**Team Manager** for the F3J World Championships 2004 - Adrian Lee (BMFA No 66474).

**F3J** team for the World Championships 2004 comprises the following:

Seniors

Simon Jackson S35686             Reserves Phil Jackson S60043

Adrian Lee S66474             John Richards S36191

Sven Zaalberg S111981         Tony Vale S100240

Junior Jonathan Wells J116281

**Team Manager** for the F5B World Championships 2004 - Kyri Christodoulou (S43409).

**F5B** team for the World Championships 2004 comprises the following:

Seniors             George Shering S26644

                           Dave Dixon S104465

                           Mike Seale S60744

**Team Manager** for the Scale UK Team at the Scale World Championships in Poland 23 July to 1<sup>st</sup> August 2004 Graham Kennedy (S111140).

**R/C Scale** Team for 2004.

Peter McDermott (BMFA 66173)     David Knott (BMFA 47166)

Mike Goldby (BMFA 88465)

Reserves:     1<sup>st</sup> Alec Kennedy, SAA 130, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mick Reeves, BMFA 15674, 3<sup>rd</sup> Gordon Warburton, BMFA 58428

**Team Manager** for the 2004 European F3C Championships (Germany) - Bruce Naylor (BMFA 50887)

**F3C** team members for the F3C European Germany 2004.

Mark Christy (BMFA 59602), Robert Mott (BMFA 79862), Dave Fisher (BMFA 31112)

**Team Manager** for F3A European Championships 2004 - Nick Middleton (BMFA 118750).

**F3A** Team 2004 European Championships.

A Balfour (SAA 1586), B Ransley (BMFA 32344), R Howarth (BMFA 84443), Reserve K Caton (BMFA 72281).

**Free Flight Euro Champs** in Romania July 25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> 2004 Team members:

F1A: A Ball (80478)             F1B: K Chamberlain (47794)

M Fantham (41722)             R Peers (27418)

M Dilly (7851)             M Woolner (57957)

Reserve D Bartle (67661)     Reserve D Greaves (9641)

F1C: S Screen (64182), P Harris (2668), P Watson (62397)

No Reserve

Free Flight were concerned that their teams would not be ratified until May Council, due to the lateness of submission of the proposals. It was pointed out that his concerns were unfounded, as the Comp. Sec. in her rightful capacity, had provisionally accepted the notification of teams submitted by Free Flight.

### **Contest Fees for 2004**

#### **BMPRA**

Single Entry Fee F3D	£10 (Association Members)
	£15 (Non Members)
Nationals entry	£20 (all disciplines)
Team Selection Trials	£35

#### **GBRCAA**

##### **Contest Fees:**

Nationals	£25 + £5 BMFA
Centralised	£16
Master	£16
Senior	£14
Standard	£10
Sportsman	£10

##### **Subscriptions:**

Senior	£30 (£15 first year)
Junior	Free under 16
Supporter	£15
Overseas Supporter	£18

#### **AHA**

**Membership Fees:** £        }        No information received  
**Contest Fees:**                }

#### **IMAC**

**Contest Fees One Day**    £ 8    }  
                                  **Two Day**        £12    }2003 figures – no updates for 2004  
**National Entry Fee**       £25    }

#### **SCALE**

##### **Contest Fees -:**

	R/C	C/L	F/F	Indoor
Centralised Events	£12	£10	£5	£10 Registration
	fee + £3 per event			
Season Tickets	£60			
NATS	£23	£14	£13	£7
Team Trials	£15	£15		

(Juniors 50% of above fees)

**Centralised events R/C, was changed to read £12 not £10.**

## **SILENT FLIGHT**

### **Contest Fees:**

Single entry Fees	F3B/F5	£7
	F3J	£8
<b>Season Ticket:</b>	F3J	£28 for 4 single day events
	F3B	£30 for 5 single day events
	F5B	£35 for 6 single day events
		Juniors ½ normal fee
<b>Nationals Entry</b>	<b>TBD</b>	

## **FREE FLIGHT**

### **Contest Fees:**

1 day events	First entry	£5
	Subsequent entries	£3
	Juniors	free
(Decentralised meetings first entry £3 plus area charge for site)		
2 day events	First entry	£10
	Subsequent entries	£6
	Juniors	free
	No Season tickets.	

**Nationals:** £8 registration + £6 per contest or £25 unlimited.

## **INDOOR**

### **Contest Fees:**

Manchester Velodrome	£8
Cardington/Millennium Dome	£10

These fees are for persons wishing to fly at the venues. The competition is free to those who wish to enter. This also applies to Nationals and team trials.

## **CONTROL LINE**

### **Contest Fees:**

All single event entry fees are £15.

No Season tickets.

Nationals entry fees have been postponed to next Control Line Technical Committee meeting.

Team Selection event entry fees £15 for Seniors, half price for Juniors.

### **National Championships Reports from Tech Committees**

**Indoor** – The Indoor National Championships 2003 were held at the Millennium Dome and were very successful. It is expected the 2004 Championships will be held at the Millennium Dome possibly in May.

**Scale** – Indoor Scale Nationals 2004 will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> April at Nottingham. To dispel rumours that they have been cancelled, Scale confirmed that these Nationals are going ahead. Everything is in hand as much as they can be for the main Nationals in August.

**Control Line** – Details of 2003 Nationals were included in a previous report. 2004 Nationals will be discussed at their next meeting in February.

**Free Flight** – Planning for 2004 Nationals is at an advanced stage and a contract has been agreed with a ground facilities organiser. They were awaiting confirmation that Barkston is available. Chief Exec stated that we had received confirmation from the C.O. for both Nationals to be held at Barkston this year.

Free Flight announced that they would be holding a national Free Flight Conference on March 13<sup>th</sup> 2004, examining the future of Free Flight. A notice will appear in the next BMFA News.

They submitted a proposal to request the support of Council for expenses towards the Conference costs of £500 for room hire.  
This was carried by a majority vote.

**R/C Power** – All disciplines within RCPTC have agreed to continue as normal running their championships at Barkston.

**Silent Flight** – Intend to hold their Nationals over the same weekend as the Power Nationals but the venue has yet to be finalised.

F3J Interglide, which is also a BMFA league event, is taking place on 17/18/19 July 2004 at Upton on Severn. An F3K event will be taking place on the Friday. Silent Flight made a conscious decision not to include it on the FAI Calendar so that competitors do not have to incur FAI Licence fee costs.

**Tec. Sec.** - He reported that negotiations are under way for the Power Nationals. We might not have all the airfield facilities available to us this year as in past years as a new management team is now in place.

#### **Ratified British Records**

Name: Bob Bailey                      BMFA No 002479  
Class: 35cm Indoor Model Extensible Motor  
Site: Millennium Dome              Date: 17<sup>th</sup> September 2003  
Duration: 36 minutes 50 seconds

**To receive a proposal from Control Line Technical Committee that the Soundcraft Delta Trophy (No 105) be re-allocated from "F2E Diesel at all Centralised Contests" to "1/2 A Combat at the British National Championships."**

Carried unanimously

**To receive a proposal from Control Line Technical Committee that the Knokke No 1 trophy be awarded annually for the most meritorious performance in any domestic Control Line discipline by any individual or team during the year. The recipient of the trophy to be decided by a majority of the Control Line Technical Committee and after full consideration at the end of each flying season.**

Carried by a majority vote.

**Records Officer formally requested permission, because it was outside the 2 year rule, to bring back a proposal from January 2003 Council, for consideration of this Council.**

Carried unanimously

#### **General Rules. New Rule 2.6.**

**The Results of Area Centralised and Centralised events and all Nationals events (sometimes run on behalf of the BMFA by Specialist bodies), plus any BMFA league events and their final placing must be reported to the BMFA as follows.**

- (a) **Each Technical Committee must ensure that a person is appointed to co-ordinate the sending of these results to the BMFA Records Officer as follows:  
1.2.3's of each event (with BMFA numbers for identification) within 28 days.**

The above proposal was carried by a majority vote.



### **Top Gun UK 2004**

A proposal was submitted by R/C Power Tec Committee for Council's support and backing for the event. Les Eagle provided some background information and details of costs involved.

This was carried by a majority vote.

### **Club Child Welfare funding**

A proposal was received from Western Area for funding from central funds for training of Club Child Welfare Officers. After a lengthy debate it was agreed an amendment to the proposal was required. Silent Flight offered to produce an amended proposal and refer back to Council.

### **FAI/CIAM Judges List/International Sub-Committee Members**

Recommendations to FAI/CIAM Judges List and International Sub-Committee members nominations were ratified.

### **FAI Delegate Alternate**

Nick Neve FSMAE was ratified as FAI Delegate Alternate.

### **CAA**

A notice will be included in CAP 658 regarding take-off performance of jet models. The Upper weight limit for small (model) aircraft remains the same i.e. 20kgs dry. Above this weight model aircraft have to undergo inspections by qualified engineers at various stages of construction and have to complete a formal flight test programme before an 'Exemption' certificate will be issued by the CAA.

The CAA will be approaching all UAV operators using 35MHz with strict instructions not to use this frequency.

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## **ROYAL AERO CLUB** **ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY**

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## LOST AND FOUND.....

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### **COULD ANYONE HELP?**

Does anyone know of the location of the Burns-Brown Combat Trophy, awarded for Control Line Combat in the South Midland Area. Its existence was last known when it was awarded in the late 1980s, and despite asking around, we can find no one who knows its whereabouts. If anyone has any information relating to it, would he or she please contact the Area Secretary (Ian Self – [ian\\_self@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ian_self@yahoo.co.uk)) or any member of the South Midland Area Committee. Thank you.

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### **POWERED GLIDER MODEL FOUND FLOATING IN THE CONWY ESTUARY.**

It was found a couple of weeks before Christmas and can be easily identified by the writing on the wing.

Please contact Gareth – [gareth@firewall.co.uk](mailto:gareth@firewall.co.uk)

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## DIARY DATES.....

### **SWAPMEET and SEMINAR**

Haigh Hall near Wigan – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2004 – To book tables telephone Dave on 01925 811763.

**NORTHWICH SWAPMEET** – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2004 10am to 2pm – More details at [www.northwichswapmeet.co.uk](http://www.northwichswapmeet.co.uk)

**ANNUAL PHOENIX – NW AREA SWAPMEET** – March 30<sup>th</sup> 2004 at the Deanwater Hotel, Wilmslow to Poynton Road. Doors open at 7.30pm admission £2, raffle included. Tables free. Contact Rick Stokes on 0161 456 6504 if table required.

**BEFA Annual General Meeting** March 7<sup>th</sup> at Royal Spa Centre, Royal Leamington Spa at 2pm. Traders Fair opening hours set-up at 8am and trading to public from 9.30am. Bring and Buy stand trading between 9.30am and 1.30pm. Contact Jan Bassett at [editor@befa.org.uk](mailto:editor@befa.org.uk) or telephone 01935 472 743.

**BEFA East Anglia Fly-in** 25<sup>th</sup> April 2004, organised and hosted by the Phoenix Model Flying Club, Lowestoft. Details of the site and directions can be found on the Phoenix MFC website [www.phoenix-mfc.freemove.co.uk/site.htm](http://www.phoenix-mfc.freemove.co.uk/site.htm)

**CLUB CLASSIC RUBBER COMPETITION** Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2004 at SAM 1066 Free Flight Rally at Middle Wallop. Bournemouth Model Aircraft Society will be running the following competitions: P30, Mini-Vintage Rubber, A Frame (3 flights), Spark Ignition (Precision), Vintage Open Glider – max 100m tow-line. Combined Vintage/Classic HLG and CLG. Special event “Club Classic Rubber”. Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April is Rod Audley’s Glider Day and Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April is Croydon Wakefield Day, both at Middle Wallop. For more details contact Roy Tiller [roy@41delisle.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:roy@41delisle.fsnet.co.uk)

## **THE BRITISH MODEL FLYING ASSOCIATION'S NATIONALLY BASED WORK**

Some examples of work in this in no particular order are:

The BMFA obtained exclusive use of the 35MHz band for model flying to prevent other users' interference. Remember the 27MHz days, CB etc?

The BMFA obtained expansion of the 35 MHz band to give clubs greater flexibility.

The BMFA successfully rebutted CAA proposals to restrict all model aircraft to 400ft altitude and a maximum weight of 2 Kg. This actually resulted in the BMFA being granted the status of a delegated self regulatory body, answerable directly to the CAA.

The BMFA negotiated a national agreement with the National Trust for the use of their land for model flying.

The BMFA negotiated a national agreement with the Home Office to prevent local authorities amending bylaws that would affect model flying without consultation.

The BMFA put in place a watertight insurance for model flying. Incidentally, the SAA, the RAFMAA, the RNMAA and MACI use the same insurance as ourselves which is CCPR approved.

The BMFA is rebutting the revision of Planning Policy Guidance Document 17, The Use of The Countryside for Recreational Purposes, as it is likely to have an adverse affect on airport.

The BMFA is monitoring The Public Access to The Countryside Act to ensure it has no adverse effect on model flying.

The BMFA secured model flying as a sport thereby opening up the opportunity for the use of public land for model flying, club grants and funding, subject to application approval.

The BMFA secured the use of MOD land for model flying, subject to the commanding officers approval.

The BMFA has secured the use of national airspace under the same rights as all other users; i.e. The Air Navigation Order. For example: Following an airmisss between two Tornadoes and a model aircraft the pilot of the model aircraft was cleared of any blame.

The BMFA secured CANP reporting procedures as detailed on Page 10 of the Handbook.

The BMFA introduced a nationally recognised safety code on which CAP658 is based.

The BMFA introduced nationally recognised training and achievement schemes.

The BMFA introduced a model aircraft building programme for schools.

The BMFA negotiated a national noise code to give the local authorities objective guidance thereby preventing arbitrary closure of flying sites.

The BMFA monitored the impact of EU directives concerning the use of IC engines for non vehicular use.

Please note these are activities which are above those services routinely given to Clubs and members.

All of this costs money and time and the beneficiaries are all model flyers not just BMFA members. Fundamentally, those who do not belong to the BMFA depend on those that do. The majority of model flyers are BMFA members otherwise model flying would not survive as we would not be big enough nor have the resources to be effective.



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