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TO ALL AREA COUNCIL MEETING MEMBERS:

There will be a meeting of the Area Council on Saturday 12th June 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 7th February 2004.
4. Matters/Actions Arising from the 7th February 2004 Meeting which are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
5. To receive a proposal from the South West Area that Steve Tremaine (Mem No 086420), be appointed Area Chief Examiner, Fixed Wing, for the South West Area.
6. To receive a proposal from the North West Area that Richard Budd (Mem No 060409), be appointed Area Chief Examiner, Fixed Wing, for the North West Area.
7. To receive a proposal from Mid West Area that Doug Evans (Mem No 077553), be appointed Area Chief Examiner, Helicopter, for the Mid West Area.
8. To review Northern Area proposal *“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).”*
9. Reminder that Chief Examiner ratification is now annual at Area AGM’s.
10. To consider the adoption of Electric ‘Up and Away’.
11. To receive reports from the Achievement Scheme Controllers.
 - a) Power
 - b) Silent Flight
12. To receive any reports from committees or co-ordinators related to the business of this meeting.
 - a) Achievement Scheme Review Committee
 - b) Flight Challenge
 - c) Education
13. 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.)
14. To receive any reports from the Office and any Elected Officers specifically relating to Areas Council.
15. 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.
16. To confirm date of next Areas Council meeting.

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Examiners Workshop

Following enthusiastic feedback from the Examiners meeting at Leicester in March, it is proposed to hold the first 'Examiners Workshop' at the Phoenix (London Area) MFC site, on 1 August 2004. The site is situated just outside of the M25 between the M1 and A1.

As a first step in trying to get some equality of standards, all examiners of any discipline are invited. The aim is to make everyone familiar with the standards required for the Heli A, and Heli B certificates. Any Examiner may take a candidate for a non-discipline A test. The purpose of this workshop is to give guidance of a practical nature to clarify any points from the Guidance Notes. It is hoped that some Area Chief Examiners will be present to pass on their experience.

Any willing candidates for Heli tests should be able to be accommodated. It is hoped that examiners from all areas consider attending, and that there will be every opportunity for exchanges of views.

Thanks to the Committee and members of PMFC in allowing this get-together to take place. Club web site www.pmfc.org.uk

Peter Spurway
Controller RCPAS

COMPLETION OF FORMS REQUIRED FOR CRB DISCLOSURE

With the Child Protection recommendations being taken up by many clubs and individuals we are now in the full throes of handling CRB disclosures. However, as with any new system we are hitting some teething problems which will be addressed in the first review of the BMFA's Policies, Procedures and Guidelines. However, in the interim the following will help us and you to progress disclosures more efficiently:

1. Ensure that the applicant completes both the BMFA's Self Declaration and Application Forms.
2. Ensure the applicant advises us of the date and month he/she moved in to their current address in the "Address" block on the Application Form. (The CRB has requested this since the forms were produced and the form will be amended to include this.)
3. Advise the applicant to complete the CRB's application form in black ink. Any other colour will cause it to be rejected.
4. Advise applicants to complete the CRB's application form in accordance with the instructions the CRB provides. They are clear and concise and help the applicant to get it right first time.
5. Original identification documents as required by the CRB's instructions must accompany the CRB application form to enable us to countersign the application. It is advised they are sent to us by registered post and we will ensure they are returned the same way and with the minimum of delay. However, see Paragraph 6 for the exception on this.
6. Should a club already have a member that holds an enhanced disclosure certificate which has been obtained through the BMFA, this member may confirm the applicant's identity by completing Section "X" on the CRB Application Form. The applicant is then no longer required to send us their original documents to prove identity. However, this does not preclude the applicant sending their application form and documents directly to us should they wish to do so.

Sometimes a quick telephone call can prevent problems so please do not hesitate to contact either Mike Goldby or Dave Phipps at BMFA HQ on 0116 2440028 if you require any advice.