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**TO ALL AREAS COUNCIL MEETING MEMBERS**

There will be a Meeting of the Areas Council on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 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 12<sup>th</sup> June 2004.



## **Report on Full Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2004**

**Illegal use of frequencies** - The Chief Exec, who is Chairman of UKRCC commented that any information received is followed through. Unfortunately in some cases this is not possible as there is insufficient information to be able to track them down. He said that naming and shaming is not necessarily warranted but stressed that in order to seek out the perpetrators everyone needs to be vigilant and pass on as much detail as possible to the General Manager.

Tec Sec reported that it is a possibility that some small Receivers in use do not comply with ETSE regulations, and it is almost impossible to test them. ETSE are the European regulators and their recommendation is that all model aircraft should be using Class 1 Receivers. The subject will be brought to the attention of UKRCC at the next meeting in June. The Chief Exec will also be asking UKRCC to provide a press release on the awareness of illegal use of frequencies, for publication in BMFA News.

### **Proposals from Hon Treasurer regarding Nationals Financial Procedures**

#### **Proposal 1**

**That the Hon Treasurer, Competition Secretary and Nationals Co-ordinator shall meet to further revise the procedures and that Council authorises Executive Council to agree the final version when it is completed.**

#### **Proposal 2**

**That you agree to a £2 increase in the respective maximum daily subsistence allowances paid to CD's, judges, scorers etc. and also to non-contest officials.**

Both proposals were accepted after a unanimous vote.

### **Chief Exec Report**

He reported that membership is still very healthy. He advised that Denise Bayley had left us temporarily and will be returning as soon as possible. Mainly Julie Coe, assisted by other staff members, has subsumed her work in the office. He also advised of Mike Goldby's retirement at the end of November.

The Chief Executive reminded the meeting that this would be his last Council as CEO. He wished everyone well in the future, as this is his last Full Council Meeting before he leaves at the end of June. He had enjoyed his work immensely over the last 10 years especially as he had originally joined us for three.

Silent Flight requested the minutes record our deep and lasting appreciation to the Chief Exec for his dedicated service, a sentiment echoed by all present.

### **Hon Secretary Report**

Hon Sec advised that the General Manager has now taken over the responsibilities of the day to day running of the Office, with the impending retirement of the Chief Exec this leaves a gap on the Executive Council. He feels there is a need for a Senior employee to have a presence on that Committee and to this end tabled the following proposal.

**Proposal from the Honorary Secretary to change the Terms of Reference of the Executive Council to add the General Manager to the list of attendees, initially in a non-voting capacity, to come into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2004.**

The proposal was carried unanimously.

**Team Manager/Member ratifications:**

The following appointments were accepted:

Nick Aikman (115898) Team Manager for F1D Team in 2004 Indoor World Championships in Romania.

Ron Green (25545), Bob Bailey (002479), Derek Richards (065309), Reserve Geoffrey LeFever (005484) -Team members for 2004 F1D World Championships in Romania.

Jim Andrews (052302) Team Manager, John Carter (050520) Assistant Team Manager, 2004 F1A,B,C European Championships in Romania.

John Cuthbert (051781) Team Manager 2004 Junior World Championships in France. Matthew Cuthbert (019961), Richard Jack (108315), Brindley Taylor (100166) Junior Team Members 2004 F1A Junior Team.

Daniel Billam (026549) 2004 F1B Junior Team.

Mike Fitzgerald (033566)Assistant Team Manager 2004 Control Line World Championships.

Colin Lucas (081895) replaces Simon Jackson as team member of 2004 F3J World Championships in Canada.

Ian Dowsett (056513) Team Manager 2004 Space World Championships in Poland.

Ian Dowsett (056513), Nigel Bathe (063592), Simon Howers (031905), Mike Francis (039222) – Senior Team Members 2004 World Space Championships in Poland.

Jo Halman (067756) Team Manager for 2004 Junior World Space Championships in Poland.

Trevor Seabrook(113101), Gabrielle Lavin (129320), Genevieve Lavin (134967) 2004 Junior Team Members, World Space Championships in Poland.

**Proposal from Competition Secretary that £500 is made available for SpaceCom expenses & SpaceCom Member's expenses. The Competition Secretary as Executive Officer i/c Space Modelling, shall be the authorising officer for these expenses. This was carried unanimously.**

**Adoption and allocation of Trophies -**

**From C/LTC** that the Gold Trophy be re-allocated from "Gold Trophy Aerobatics" to "F2B Aerobatics".

**From Records Officer** that 'Top Gun UK' Trophy be accepted as a Society Trophy.

Both trophies were accepted.

**General Contest Rules insert** – Proposal from Northern Area

**2.2.9 Starting and Closing Times.**

*If an Area is unable to gain access to its flying site for Area Centralised events before 13.00 hours, the closing time can be extended by up to 4 hours.*

This was carried by a majority vote.

**Free Flight Forum** - Proposal from London Area that the BMFA Free Flight Forum be adopted as an official BMFA event with the aim of promoting free flight and raising team support funds. Carried unanimously.

## Report on Areas Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2004

### **Appointment of Chief Examiners**

Steve Tremaine (86420) was appointed Chief Examiner – Fixed Wing for South West Area.  
Richard Budd (60409) was appointed Chief Examiner – Fixed Wing for North West Area.  
Doug Evans (77553) was appointed Chief Examiner – Helicopter for Mid West Area.

**Chief Examiner Ratification is now annual at Area AGM's** - The Chairman reminded Areas of their responsibilities to include ratification of Chief Examiners at their AGM. He also pointed out that there is now a requirement for Chief Examiners to submit a report to the Area AGM through their Area AS Coordinator. These reports should be appended to the Area's AGM minutes.

**Electric 'Up and Away'** – This was adopted.

**Website** – A photo gallery has now been set up which allows the opportunity to show people what models are around. The Forum is a useful tool. It has allowed Council Members, who are in an authoritative position, to put the record straight on certain viewpoints.

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# **TEAM MANAGERS REQUIRED**

## **APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR TEAM MANAGERS FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS**

**F3B WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS  
TO BE HELD IN FINLAND DURING 2005**

**F3J EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS  
TO BE HELD IN CROATIA DURING 2005**

Applications with current CV to Chairman SFTC by 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2004

Chris Bishop  
C/o BMFA  
Chacksfield house  
31 St Andrews Road  
Leicester  
LE2 8RE

## **TWENTY-FIRST FREE-FLIGHT FORUM**

Sunday, November 21st sees the 2004 BMFA Free-Flight Forum at the Holiday Inn, Coventry, the day following the AGM. This will be the twenty-first in this series of Forums, which covers a wide range of the free-flight branch of our sport and makes the latest techniques and developments available to everyone.

All are welcome, including R/C and C/L flyers who'd like to widen their horizons, and you can make sure of your place in the Walmesley Room at what promises to be another fascinating day's discussion by pre-booking. Tickets are £8.00, so book yours by contacting the BMFA office.

The proceedings of the Forum will, as usual, be published as a BMFA Free-Flight Forum Report. More details of speakers will be in the next Club Bulletin. See you there.

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### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

- SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>** - St Austell & DMC "D-Day" theme R/C event, Scale & Sport, including Glider-Towing. Start 10am, St Stephens. Contact K Martin, 01726 73030.
- SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>** - Newton Abbot Heli Club. Scale Helicopter and Novelty Fun Fly event. Nine trophies inc Scale, Auto Spot, Novelty. Helicopters only, TX control, BMFA Insurance required. (Can be arranged on the day) Prize Draw raffle. Toilets and light Refreshments on site. Contact ncj1962@blueyonder.co.uk Website www.naheliclub.org.uk Tel 07778 287949
- SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>** - Tywell Open – Winches allowed. Entry £4 to Neville Warby, 119 Elm High Road, Wisbech, Cambs PE14 0DN. Please quote two frequencies, insurance required.
- OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>** - Delyn MFC - North Wales Swapmeet II at St Winefride's Community Centre, Holywell. 0900 until 1300. Further info from Mike Parry 01352 710167.
- OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>** - Impington VCMAC Indoor Meeting at Impington Village College, Cambridge. 9.00am to 5.00pm. Come and fly indoors all day. RTP flying in separate hall. At least 2 circles. Bring Rapier/Jetex items and models for exhibition or sale. Details and free plan of "Tailless Two" free flight model for comp on the day. Contact Chris Strachan tel 01223 860498. Email chris.strachan@btinternet.com

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, EXHIBITION AND SEMINAR**  
**20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2004**

This year once again we are organising a dual event outside the normal business of the Annual General Meeting. The AGM will begin at 1.30pm. Registration will take place from 10.00am.

The morning Seminar, in the main meeting room, will commence at 10.30am. This will be a presentation by Peter Smart on the building and flying of Indoor Scale Models.

Exhibitions of models from the various Technical Committees will be on display. We have arranged a cash buffet lunch as usual and it will be available from 12 noon until 1.30pm.

The Dinner and Prizegiving will be held in the evening commencing at 7.15pm. Dinner Tickets will be £22 and overnight room charges will be £30 for a single room and £58 for a double room (two people sharing). Booking forms will be available from the BMFA Office from 4<sup>th</sup> October 2004.

For your interest the Menu for the Evening Dinner is as follows:

*Cream of Tomato Soup  
With Croutons*

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*Roast Sirloin of Beef presented with  
Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy*

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*Vegetarian Alternative  
Mille Feuille of Tortillas with Fine Ratatouille*

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*Warm Apple Pie  
With Vanilla Cream Sauce*

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*Freshly Brewed Tea or Coffee*

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

- ❖ Please ensure that ***all outstanding*** membership applications are submitted to this office before ***19<sup>th</sup> November***.
- ❖ As our AGM is to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> November, there is always the possibility of membership fees being increased for the following membership year.
- ❖ Although unlikely, if anyone wishes to join between 20<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December, ***please remit the current fees***. The best alternative is to offer temporary membership for this short period, at a cost of £5.
- ❖ ***If you do need to send*** any retrospective payments in for the current year (2003-2004), after 1<sup>st</sup> December, ***please make your wishes clear***. Otherwise, those members ***will*** be updated for the next year (2004-2005), ***will not*** receive the credit note to which they are entitled, and ***you will*** receive a request for a further £5.

**If you have any queries at all regarding membership fees, please contact the Office for details before sending in your paperwork. This can greatly reduce the time it takes to process membership, and return it to you, at our busiest time of year.**