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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 FULL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

There will be a Full Council Meeting on Saturday 20th September 2003 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 Full Council Meeting held on 10th May 2003.
4. Matters/Actions Arising from the 10th May 2003 meeting which are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
5. To receive financial report from the Honorary Treasurer to include:
 - a) *Update of budgets.*
 - b) *Year end Accounts to 31st March 2003.*
 - c) *Receipt and approval of draft budget for presentation to the AGM and recommendation of the membership fees for the year 2004.*
 - d) *Ratification of year 2004 fees for Associate Bodies (Present fee £35.)*
6. To receive nominations for appointment of Fellow(s), details of other BMFA Awards for 2003 and nominations for Awards of RAeC and FAI Honours.
7. To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive to include: Presentation of Policy Document "*Guidelines of Response and Action for BMFA Affiliated Clubs for Members who have a Disability or Special Need*".
8. To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.
9. To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary to include:
 - a) *Presentation of updates to the Affiliated Club List and adoption of any new clubs*
 - b) *To receive dates for Council Meetings in the year 2004*
 - c) *To receive any changes to the Areas Constitution:*
 - i) From Chris Bromley FSMAE, BMFA Tec Sec on behalf of Areas Council, that the following additions be made to the Areas Constitution, Clause 6, Officers, after the sub section 'Temporary Posts'

Area Chief Examiners and Area Chief Instructors

Who shall:

- a) Run the BMFA Achievement Scheme within the Area to the standards laid down by the BMFA and to the satisfaction of the Area Committee.
- b) Liase with the Area Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator in the course of their duties.
- c) Report annually to the Area AGM via the Area Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator.

Area Chief Examiners and Area Chief Instructors will be non-voting officers of the Area Committee. They may be initially recommended by the Area for ratification at Areas Council at any time but thereafter will be elected annually by the Area AGM, subject to confirmation by the relevant National Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator.

Items 10 (f) and (g) do not apply to Area Chief Examiners and Area Chief Instructors

10. To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.

11. To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include:
- a) *Any events for inclusion in the 2004 International Calendar.*
 - b) *Receipt of any Contest Fees for 2004 from Technical Committees.*
 - c) *Ratification of fees for year 2004 FAI Licences (Present fee £5; replacement Book £3.*
 - d) *Venue of Nationals 2004 (including ratification of 2004 Nationals Co-ordinator).*
 - e) *To present the following proposals for Team Members, (Both proposals provisionally ratified by Comp Sec in the interim).*
 - i) Proposal from Free Flight that Phil Ball – BMFA 57180 replaces Peter Watson – BMFA 062397 as Reserve Member for the F1C Team at the F/F World Champs in Hungary July 17 - Aug 2 2003
 - ii) Proposal from Free Flight that the Junior Space Team for the 9th European Space Modelling Championships in Serbia 7-14 September 2003 should comprise:
 - Trevor Seabrook BMFA 113101
 - Robin Seabrook BMFA 113102
 - Genevieve Lavin BMFA 129320
 - Gabrielle Lavin BMFA 134967
12. To receive a report from the Technical Secretary to include: *To consider website publication of 'Up and away' Manual (referred from June Areas Council).*
13. To receive reports from Technical Committees or organisers to cover all BMFA Nationals Championships and Nationals Showtime 2003.
14. To receive a report from the Records Officer to include presentation of the following British Records for ratification:
- Name: S Hannon – BMFA No 37996
Class: Thermal Soaring Duration (Flat Field)
Site: Fish Meadow, Upton on Severn Date: 3rd August 2003
Duration: 2 hrs 30 mins 32 secs
- Name: Ian Dowsett – BMFA No 56513
Class: S6B Streamer Duration
Site: Charing Racecourse Date: 2nd August 2003
Duration: 8 mins 43 secs
- Also to include notification of Absolute World Record in Speed F2 Control Line Circular Flight (Class 133) - Ken Morrissey on 25th August 2003 - Oakington Airfield - performance 345.16 kph.
15. To receive a report from the FAI Delegate.
16. To receive any reports from the following delegates, (reports should be brief and preferably prepared in advance).
- a) Royal Aero Club
 - b) GASCo
 - c) Joint Air Prox
 - d) CCPR

17. To receive any reports from the following:

- a) CAA Team
- b) UK Radio Control Council
- c) Education Working Group
- d) Computer Sub-Committee
- e) Safety Review Committee
- f) Achievement Scheme Review Committee
- g) BMFA News Publishers
- h) Flying Site Protection Officer

18. Any Other Business:

Please note: Items for Any Other Business should be handed or sent to the Office Manager in writing before the meeting commences. This will be strictly enforced. Any questions to be asked under A.O.B. should be previously advised to the Office Manager to allow preparation of replies.

19. Date of next meeting.

WEBSITE PUBLICATION OF CAP 658

CAP 658 has been amended and is available for downloading on the CAA website using the following links:

<http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/33/CAP658.PDF>

<http://www.caa.co.uk/publications/publicationdetails.asp?id=145>

BOOKS FOR SALE

Mark Child for MGC Graphics

The subject is aircraft and he has produced a range of postcards as well as an exciting childrens colouring book. They are on sale in museums both in this country and on the continent. There are such famous names as the Harrier and Concorde included within the colouring and activity book along with puzzles and pages to colour.

This is something that any young cadet could have hours of fun with! The books priced at £1.99 plus postage and packing.

Contact: email mark@gceng.freeseve.co.uk or fax on 023 8086 7667.

Report on the Areas Council Meeting held on 14th June 2003.

Appointment of Area Council Representative to the Awards Committee:

Gordon Warburton

New Area Chief Examiners

South Midland Area – Chris Moynihan 072599 was appointed Area Chief Examiner for Silent Flight.

Midland Area – Colin Prior 059284 was appointed Area Chief Examiner for Silent Flight.

Midland Area – Mark Leavesley 035351 was appointed Area Chief Examiner for Fixed Wing and Helicopter.

Southern Area – Steve Warren 070146 was appointed Area Chief Examiner for Fixed Wing and Silent Flight.

Records Ratification

Name: Michael Page (1364)
Class: Record No 150 – Indoor Catapult Glider
Site: Millennium Dome Date: 6th May 2003
Duration: 2 min 29.16 sec

ASRC

Respectfully reminded Area Chief Examiners to notify their AS Co-ordinator of any forthcoming tests. Unless otherwise notified all Area Chief Examiners are now Area Chief Instructors. The joint scheme with BARCS and BMFA is fully up and running. Joe Hanna will forward any 'A' and 'B' applications to the office and any higher applications will be forwarded to Joe.

Tec Sec

The outcome at a recent UK Radio Control Council (UKRCC) meeting highlighted the fact that from 1st January 2003 synthesised frequency sets are no longer illegal in Japan. We can expect to see them on the market in this country in the very near future. They are inexpensive to buy and cheaper to produce than crystal sets and can be potentially dangerous if not used with great care.

PRO

As he is standing down as PRO after this term he made a plea for everyone to be very vigilant in the search for a replacement. The role is vital to the continuing development of the Association and with the membership at its highest level we should be able to find a suitable candidate. Midland Area proposed a vote of thanks for the PRO for all his hard work over the years.

BMFA MEMBERSHIP INSURANCE COVER

A question that is regularly asked of the office staff is "When does insurance cover start when I join the BMFA?". As with all seemingly simple questions there are always two answers. They are summarised as follows and are included in the 2003 Members Handbook for easy reference.

Membership through an Affiliated Club

BMFA insurance cover commences from the moment the new member pays the BMFA element of your Club joining fee to your nominated Club official; they do not have to wait for receipt of their BMFA membership card. The most important factor is that you have collected the fee and have formally registered them as a paid up member of your Club. We ask though that you forward their application on to us for processing with the minimum of delay.

Country Member

A Country Member is one who applies directly to Chacksfield House for membership. Here the member is technically insured from the date we receive and process the application; however, they do not receive their membership card until a few days later (postal services permitting).

In addition the BMFA insurer has also agreed to cover the liability (not personal) element for the following classes of other membership.

Temporary BMFA Member

Clubs may offer temporary BMFA membership to visitors to your Club from within the UK, who are not BMFA members but have been invited to use your flying facilities on a temporary basis. A non-refundable fee of £5 is payable for a single period of 30 days. An application is processed in a similar manner to membership through an Affiliated Club, however, Club Secretaries are asked to advise BMFA HQ by letter or fax of the names of temporary members and the period of the temporary membership so that our records can be adjusted accordingly.

Overseas Visitors

Clubs may also offer temporary BMFA membership to visitors from overseas countries provided they are not involved in display or competition flying. In the interest of international relations no charge will be made for this class of membership which again may be offered for a single period of 30 days. Club Secretaries are asked to advise BMFA HQ by letter or fax of the names of overseas visitors and the period of temporary membership so that our records can be adjusted accordingly.

First Time Inexperienced Flyer

Club liability insurance can be extended to cover first time visitors to your Club who have no previous experience of model flying but are seeking to try out model flying prior to joining your Club. However, in this case cover will only be in place when the flights are being personally supervised by a nominated Club member approved by the Club Committee. No charge will be made for this additional cover; however, cover will only be in place for a maximum of 3 days for any one first time flyer. After this initial 3 day period the first time flyer must arrange his/her own third party public liability insurance cover, by joining the BMFA, prior to undertaking any further flying activity at your Club site.

INSURANCE CLAIMS PROCEDURE – PLEASE READ THIS AND PASS IT ON TO YOUR MEMBERS

Would all members and clubs please note that should an injured party (the third party) claim against a member who has caused them damage (the first party), then a claim has to be actually made! The accident notification form that we request completed by the first party, is NOT a claim form. It is simply a notification to the insurers of a POSSIBLE claim.

This procedure applies to all claims including a member to member claim. The fact that the third party may be a BMFA member is irrelevant as it is the first party's insurance cover which is being invoked.

Should the third party's damaged property be independently insured, e.g. a car, then we advise that the third party contacts their own insurers to settle the claim on their behalf in exactly the same way if they had a road accident and they held the other party responsible.

Remember, the fact that the first party has submitted an accident report does not mean that a cheque is going to miraculously appear in the post for the third party. Insurance, no matter which type, simply does not work that way. The insurers will always want to satisfy themselves that the first party is indeed responsible for the accident so it is up to the third party to demonstrate why they hold the first party culpable and to state what they are claiming for, preferably in writing.

It is imperative that you get it right, particularly member to member claims, which will assist in the expedience of claims!

THE WRIGHT CHALLENGE – YOUR HELP REQUIRED

The Wright Challenge (was the BAE Systems Model Aircraft Challenge) will be held at RAF Cosford, near Wolverhampton, on the 15 November 2003 and once again we are seeking volunteers for timekeeping, scoring and generally helping out on the day. All travel costs to and from the event will be covered.

If possible, you will be required to arrive at RAF Cosford no later than 10.00 a.m. for assignment to your teams.

If you are interested in having a great day out (including a free visit to the RAF Museum) and doing something for model flying, then contact:

Mike Goldby
BMFA Development Officer
Chacksfield House
31 St Andrew's Road
Leicester
LE2 8RE
Tel: 0116 2440028
Email: admin@bmfa.org

Very many thanks.

LOST AND FOUND

Stolen aircraft – 80” Frisch Modelbaum Sukhoi SU26, with a King 70cc 2 stroke engine, custom in cowl exhaust. Fus and wing are White with mainly red and some blue markings fitted with 23 x 10” prop. The belly place access hatch will now be missing.

If anyone has been offered the aircraft please contact Mark Barron at the following email addresses: mark.barron@herriots.co.uk or markbarron@ntlworld.com

Alternatively contact West Yorkshire Police in Leeds on 0845-6060606.

Found tailplane from nicely built Le Kid at the Oxford MFC F/F Rally in June. It is yellow with red fins, with the following written in white on the TE:

Le Kid Dec 2002 3g

Please contact Charlie Newman on 01865 873020 if you wish to claim it.

CLUB RECRUITING

Thorpeness Model Flying Club
Sunny Thorpeness by the sea needs new members, experienced or novice, fixed wing or choppers, power or gliders.

We have a six acre field complete with club house and normal facilities and few restrictions on flying times.

We are a section of the Thorpeness Sports and Social Club and have access to the full range of activities including badminton, snooker, bowls and the bar. The main club house is 200 yards towards the beach, and if anyone is overcome with excitement with their flying they can have a dip in the sea which is about 400 yards to the east. However, we do not recommend flying over the water.

Everybody is welcome, either to fly or just watch. If interested, contact either the secretary, Barry Cullen 01728 668256, or the vice captain, Ken Cottey 01728 454397.

DIARY DATES

MODEL WORLD 2003 – Sunday 7 September 2003 - Mountbatten School, Romsey, Hampshire (off A27). 10am – 5pm Adults £5; Children £2; Family (2+2) £12

Sunday 9 November 2003 Halton & District mfc Swapmeet 10am to 4 pm £1.50 entry per person. To be held at the Masonic Hall , York Street, Old Town, Runcorn, Cheshire WA7 5BB - Contact Alan Wright 01928 710173 or Ian Berry 01928 777835
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