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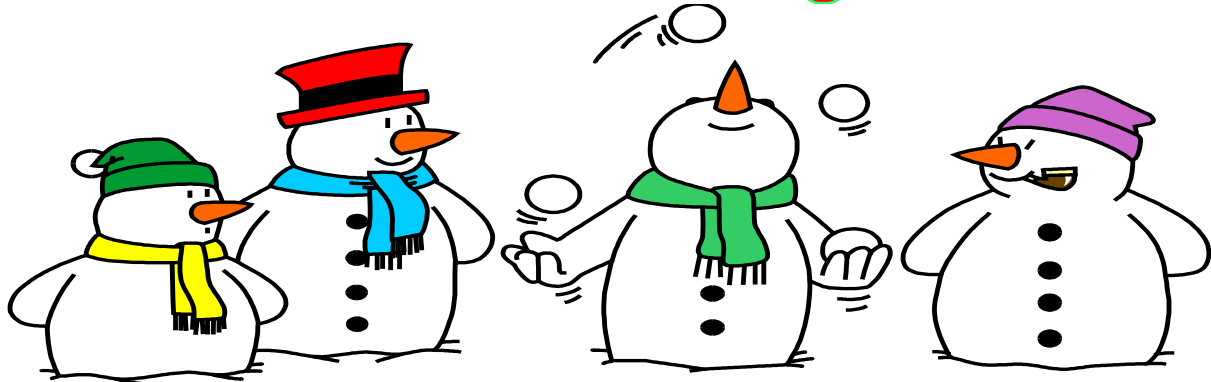


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PLEASE NOTE THAT AN UPDATED COPY OF THE "EVENTS AND CONTEST CALENDAR" IS AVAILABLE FROM CHACKSFIELD HOUSE ON RECEIPT OF A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE

There will be a Meeting of the Full Council on 10th January 2043 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. To formally receive the following delegates:
 - The RAeC Delegate
 - The RAFMAA Delegate
 - The RNMAA Delegate
4. To formally accept Area Delegates to Council.
5. To co-opt Technical Committee Representatives to Council.
6. To note names, and ratify if necessary, Technical Committee Chairmen, BMFA Delegates to other organisations and co-opted members of Council appointed sub-committees.
7. Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 20th September 2003.
8. Matters/Actions Arising from the 20th September 2003 Meeting which are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
9. To receive a Financial Report from the Treasurer.
10. To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive.
11. To receive a report from the Vice Chairman to include the following proposal:
“To request a further allocation of funding for £5000 towards the running of 2004 Flight Challenge.”
12. To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary to include the following proposal submitted by Free Flight Technical Committee:

To receive a proposal from Free Flight Technical Committee that the FFTC should be relieved of all responsibility for Space Modelling and Model Rocketry.
13. To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.
14. To receive a report from the Technical Secretary to include the following proposal submitted by the Technical Secretary:
“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.”
15. To receive a declaration from Technical Committees to commit the sending of a team to this years' International Championships.

Team appointments are the responsibility of the Competition Secretary.

Information on the following International Teams to be ratified, received as follows:

- a) Proposal from Control Line Technical Committee that Jo Halman BMFA No 67756 be appointed Team Manager for the 2004 Control Line World Championships. (CV attached)
- b) Proposal from Control Line Technical Committee that the 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)
- c) Proposal from Control Line Technical Committee that the 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)
- d) Proposal from Control Line Technical Committee that the 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)
- e) Proposal from Control Line Technical Committee that the 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)
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2nd Pitman)
- f) Proposal from Silent Flight Technical Committee that Adrian Lee (BMFA No 66474) be appointed Team Manager for the F3J World Championships 2004. (CV attached)
- g) Proposal from Silent Flight Technical Committee that the F3J team for the World Championships 2004 comprises the following:
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| Seniors | Simon Jackson S35686 | Reserves | Phil Jackson S60043 |
| | Adrian Lee S66474 | | John Richards S36191 |
| | Sven Zaalberg S111981 | | Tony Vale S100240 |
| Junior | Jonathan Wells J116281 | | |
- h) Proposal from Silent Flight Technical Committee that Kyri Christodoulou (S43409) be appointed Team Manager for the F5B World Championships 2004. (CV attached)

- i) Proposal from Silent Flight Technical Committee that the F5B team for the World Championships 2004 comprises the following:
Seniors George Shering S26644
 Dave Dixon S104465
 Mike Seale S60744
- j) Proposal from Scale Technical Committee that Graham Kennedy (S111140) be appointed Team Manager for the Scale UK Team at the Scale World Championships in Poland 23 July to 1st August 2004. (CV attached)
- k) Proposal from Scale Technical Committee that the following members be the National R/C Scale Team for 2004.

Peter McDermott (BMFA 66173) David Knott (BMFA 47166)
Mike Goldby (BMFA 88465)
Reserves: 1st Alec Kennedy, SAA 130, 2nd Mick Reeves, BMFA 15674
 3rd Gordon Warburton, BMFA 58428
- l) Proposal from R/C Power Technical Committee that Adrian Richmond (BMFA 80911) be accepted as F3C Team Manager for the 2004 European F3C Championships (Germany). (CV attached)
- m) Proposal from R/C Power Technical Committee that Bruce Naylor (BMFA 50887) be accepted as F3C Assistant Team Manager, team coach and team caller. F3C European Championships 2004.
- n) Proposal from R/C Power Technical Committee that Mark Christy (BMFA 59602), Robert Mott (BMFA 79862), Dave Fisher (BMFA 31112) be accepted as the UK F3C team members for the F3C European Germany 2004.
- o) Proposal from R/C Power Technical Committee that Nick Middleton (BMFA 118750) be appointed as UK F3A European Championships 2004 Team Manager. (CV attached)
- p) Proposal from R/C Power Technical Committee that A Balfour (SAA 1586), B Ransley (BMFA 32344), R Howarth (BMFA 84443), Reserve K Caton (BMFA 72281) be accepted as the UK F3A Team 2004 European Championships.
- q) Proposal from Free Flight Technical Committee that the following team members for the Free Flight Euro Champs in Romania July 25th – 31st 2004 be accepted:
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

16. To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include the following:
- a) To receive Technical Committee 2004 Contest Fees from Technical Committee Representatives.
 - b) To ratify any outstanding Contests for the 2004 FAI International Calendar.
 - c) To agree FAI Annual Licence Fee at £5 and replacement Licence Booklet at £3.

17. To receive Reports or Updates from Technical Committees to cover ALL BMFA National Championships.
18. To receive a report from the Records Officer to include presentation of the following British Record for ratification and to receive proposals from Control Line Technical Committee:
 - a)

Name: Bob Bailey BMFA No: 002479
Class: 35cm Indoor Model Extensible Motor
Site: Millennium Dome Date: 17th September 2003
Duration: 36 minutes 50 seconds
 - To receive two Proposals from Control Line Technical Committee that:
 - b) **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".**
 - c) **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 the Control Line Technical Committee and after full consideration at the end of each flying season.**
19. To receive a proposal from R/C Power Technical Committee that BMFA Council give it's support and backing to the event "Top Gun UK 2004".
20. To receive a proposal from Mid West Area that a small Committee be set up with a once only budget of £4,000. The terms of reference for this committee, to be to determine the necessary actions to be taken to enable the Association to acquire a site within mainland UK, suitable to contain the BMFA Headquarters, a possible museum and a flying site.
21. To receive a proposal from Western Area to fund from central funds the training of Club Child Welfare Officers.
22. To receive a report from the FAI Delegate to include the following:
 - a) To ratify Technical Committee recommendations to the FAI Judge List.
 - b) To ratify Technical Committee recommendations for International Sub-Committee nominations.
23. To receive a written report from the BMAC Co-ordinator to cover BMAC 2003.
24. 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 Airprox
 - d) Central Council for Physical Recreation
 - e) GAAC
25. To receive any reports from the following Sub-Committees:

- a) BMFA Accident Review Body
- b) Safety Report
- c) Civil Aviation Authority Team
- d) UK Radio Coontrol Council
- e) BMFA News Publishers
- f) Education Working Group
- g) Computer Sub-Committee
- h) Flying Site Protection Officer's Report
- i) Child Protection

26. Any Other Business.

27. Date of next Full Council Meeting.

PRESS RELEASE.....

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The BMFA Scale Technical Committee is pleased to announce that Interscale 2004 will take place at Nottingham University Sports Centre from the 10-12th September 2004. This open international scale indoor event was inaugurated here at Nottingham in 1991 and it will be great to be hosting it here in the UK again. This promises to be a fantastic weekend as those of you who attended Interscale in 1991 and 1993 will have experienced. The rules will be as used at Interscale 2002 – basically similar to the British BMFA scale indoor rules. In addition to the serious competition events, there will be a hopefully highly informal air race and mass launch each day. Anyone from any coantry wishing to enter should contact Charlie Newman to be placed on the Interscale 2004 Bulletin mailing list. Contact details: 37 Crown Road, Wheatley, Oxon,OX33 1UJ United Kingdom. Tel 44(0) 1865 873020. Email charlie@newman737.freemove.co.uk

PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR DISABLED PERSONS

CHANGE OF STATUTE LAW

Club secretaries are requested to note that the law on the provision of facilities for disabled persons will be changing in 2004.

Whilst most clubs already provide facilities for the disabled where it is reasonable to do so as a matter of courtesy and moral obligation, this will shortly be required under statute law. However, the key wording is “**where reasonable to do so**” and it not something to be feared.

A booklet providing advice and information on the implementation of the new law is available free of charge from BMFA HQ, Chacksfield House.

Should you have any further questions then contact either Dave Phipps, the General Manager or Mike Goldby, the Development Officer, on 0116 240028 or email admin@bmfa.org

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

HELP LINES

The launch of the BMFA's Children and Vulnerable Adults' Protection Policy, Procedures and Guidelines at the 2003 AGM will inevitably raise questions on their implementation.

Clubs which were represented at the AGM will have collected their copy of the document. Clubs which were not represented will be mailed a copy on re-affiliation for 2004. Alternatively it will be available from the BMFA Website www.bmfa.org in the near future.

To assist Clubs on the interpretation and implementation of the Policy, Procedures and Guidelines a network has been set up to provide advice. The advisers are:

BMFA HQ

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

Mike Goldby – Development Officer – Tel No. 0116 2440028 – email: admin@bmfa.org

Dave Phipps – General Manager – Tel No. 0116 2440028 – email: admin@bmfa.org

Southern Area

Roger Bedford – CPWG Chairman – Tel No. 01962 867116 – email: rogerb@east18.fsnet.co.uk

North West Area

Neville Pierce-Jenkins – Tel No. 01352 720670 – email: NPierce-Jenkins@cldt.carenet.org.uk

Western Area

Martin Surrey – Tel No. 01460 64351 – email: jas1199@aol.com

North East Area

Roger Payne – Tel No. 01263 735127 – email: rogerpayne_nna@yahoo.co.uk

East Anglia Area

Colin Smith – Tel No. 01524 762282 – email: colin@badgerswood.fsnet.co.uk

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.

THE FUTURE OF FREE FLIGHT

ADVANCE NOTICE.....

The Free Flight Technical Committee have been considering the future of Free Flight. It is intended to hold a one day conference on the 13th March 2004 to discuss the relevant issues. The venue has yet to be confirmed but it will be in the Midlands. A discussion document is available from the Secretary of the FFTC – details are:

Chris Strachan, 56 Way Lane, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB5 9NQ. Email to chris.strachan@btinternet.com.

All are welcome – Please put this date in your diary.

CLUB SECRETARIES - PLEASE BRING THIS TO THE NOTICE OF YOUR EXAMINERS

There will be a meeting of Chief Examiners on Saturday 20th March 2004 at Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrew's Road, Leicester LE2 8RE at 11am, who will be discussing many aspects of the Achievement Scheme. We would also like to extend the invitation to Club Examiners, however with only limited availability could **Club Examiners** interested in attending please contact Linda Harding, Office Manager on 0116 2440028 before 1st March 2004. To keep costs to a minimum, members travelling from the same Area will be expected to travel in one vehicle.

DIARY DATES

2004 London Swapmeet – The biggest aeromodelling swapmeet in the Country. Sunday 25th January 2004 at Watford Leisure Centre, Horseshoe Lane, Garston, Near Watford. Open from 10am to 4pm. Tables must be booked in advance. Contact Andy Housden 020 8541 0186.

Brightlingsea Swapmeet – Saturday March 6th 2004 at YMCA Hall, Brightlingsea, Essex. 10am to 12noon admission £1, Table £3. Contact Roy or Bob on 01206 303960 / 303749 www.forjac.co.uk

Horam Model Club Swapmeet – March 14th Horam Village Hall. 10am to 4pm. Tables £5. Contact R Richardson 01825 762372. Email robriehardson@ntl.com or P Mills on 01825 768649.

Leafields MAC Spring Swapmeet – Sunday 28th March 2004 at Pinxton Miners Welfare, Pinxton, Derbyshire. 10am start. Contact Eric Platts on 0115 944 7495. Mobile 07718 258753 or email ep130562@aol.com

Hampshire Model Flying Association presents the Great Southern Model Auction - Sunday April 4th 2004 at Mountbatten School, Romsey, Hampshire. Doors open 9.30am Auction starts midday. Contact Len Shannon, 5 Templars Mede, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh SO53 3RX Tel 02380 263068.

Clwyd Soaring Association Scale Glider Rally – June 26, 27th 2004 at Club flying sites, selection dependent on wind direction on the day. Open to Scale models only, no sport flying will be allowed. Camp site available for the weekend with B&B accommodation. Contact Vic Steel on 0151 678 6920 or email graham_barbara@steel15.fsnet.co.uk

Report on the Full Council Meeting on 20th September 2003.

Financial Report

In the absence of the Hon Treasurer, Sian Sargeant Accounts Manager presented the Accounts to Council and was commended on her excellent narration.

Chief Executive explained it would be beneficial not to have to wait until September Council to approve the Accounts. They were actually finalised and passed by the Auditor two months prior to this meeting.

In future years, with Council's authority, our endeavour would be to send them out with a memo to Council Members for approval as soon as they are produced and passed by the Auditor, with a deadline for receipt of any comments. This procedure would greatly assist the office to expedite the production of the vast number of booklets required for the AGM distribution.

We were highly praised by the Auditor for an excellent presentation of the Accounts. Chairman commented this is a magnificent endorsement of combined efforts of the Accounts Dept and Chief Executive.

Year End Accounts/Budget

The Year End Accounts to 31st March 2003 were accepted for approval at the AGM.

Council accepted the Budget for recommendation for acceptance by the AGM, with no increase in fees.

Associated Body Fee Increase

The year 2004 Fees for the Associate Bodies were increased from £35 to £40.

Awards

Fellowship – Peter Halman and Gordon Warburton would be recommended for Fellowship to the AGM.

Honorary Memberships were awarded to the following:

Reg Bench, Mike Goldby, Maureen Nicholls and Peter Valentine.

Certificates of Merit were awarded to the following:

Don Eades, Derek Giles, Andy/Doreen Palmer, Petersfield Aeromodellers.

Ray Malmstrom Trophy – Peter Michel was awarded the Ray Malmstrom Trophy.

Arthur Mullett Trophy – Keith Miller was awarded the Arthur Mullett Trophy.

Henry J Award – Johnathon Crabtree was awarded the Henry J Award.

RAeC Presidents Rolex Trophy – Duncan Osbourne was nominated for this Award.

FAI Aeromodelling Gold Medal – Derek Heaton was nominated for this Award.

Chief Executive Report

The Chief Executive commended the Policy Document "*Guidelines of Response and Action for BMFA Affiliated Clubs for Members who have a Disability or Special Need*" for adoption by the Association. It is not a legal document and is intended as a practical guide. However in 2005 the government intend to introduce a law which will require businesses to conform. If clubs encounter specific cases giving rise to concern they should seek further advice.

Year 2004 Council Dates – These were approved and are listed on the back page of this Bulletin for your information.

Changes to the Area Constitution - the following changes were accepted:

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.

FAI Licences

The fees for renewing FAI Licenses remain the same @ £5 and £3 for replacement book.

Venue for Nationals 2004

Free Flight and Power Nationals should be back at Barkston Heath.

Records Ratification

- a) Name: S Hannon – BMFA No 37996
Class: Thermal Soaring Duration (Flat Field)
Site: Fish Meadow, Upton on Severn Date 3rd Aug 2003
Duration: 2 hrs 30 mins 32 secs
- b) Name: Ian Dowsett – BMFA No 56513
Class: S6B Streamer Duration
Site: Charing Racecourse Date: 2nd August 2003
Duration: 8 mins 43 secs

Richard Miles – Control Line Speed

Ken Morrissey FSMAE – Absolute World Records in Speed F2 Control Line Circular Flight.

Report from Achievement Scheme Review Committee.

Terry Rounce reported that Electric Up and Away is almost near completion. Helicopter Up and Away is still ongoing. The committee are in the process of removing the 'Special Circumstances' rule pertaining to ratification of Chief Examiners.

He reported on a notion which is being pursued, for further enhancements to the achievement scheme that, if an existing Examiner obtains a 'B' certificate in other disciplines they should automatically be awarded Examiner status in that discipline.

The ASRC recently dealt with a situation regarding a disabled member and to that end fully endorse the requirement for a disabled policy.

Several points were raised following a brief discussion regarding the testing of disabled members. The Chairman tasked ASRC to review the situation and submit suitable recommendations for amendments to the Achievement Scheme Guidelines.

Report of the Areas Council Meeting held on 4th October 2003.

Alteration to Members Handbook.

The following proposal for change to the Members Handbook was accepted.

The Radio Control Achievement Schemes

Page 35, column 1, Chief Examiners, para 6

~~Generally, all Chief Examiners must have held an Examiner rating in the discipline for which they are appointed for at least twelve months although exceptions may be allowed by the Areas Council in certain special circumstances.~~

Replace with,

All Chief Examiners must have held an Examiner rating in the discipline for which they are appointed for at least twelve months. Exceptions can be made by Areas Council.

Introduction of new Proposal form for Area Chief Examiners.

A new proposal form for appointment of Area Chief Examiners was accepted and is now in use.

Update on County Based Structure.

Tec Sec introduced the concept again to the meeting and a lengthy debate ensued discussing the pros and cons and a suitable implementation plan.

The main reason for introducing a system or procedure is to offer a service to our clubs to assist in obtaining funding from Local Authorities and County Councils. Funding is not available at National or Area level but it is available at Local Authority and County level.

This was substantiated by reports from Southern, South West, Northern Ireland and North East Area in their individual experiences obtaining funding.

Tec Sec suggested, in order to progress the idea to the next stage, a guidance leaflet was required. He offered to produce it but asked for feedback from clubs who have successfully obtained funding and the route they took to achieve it.

Reports from Committees or co-ordinators.

a) Achievement Scheme Review Committee (ASRC) – Chairman of ASRC delivered the following report.

Electric 'Up and Away' is completed and will hopefully be accepted at the forthcoming ASRC meeting in November. Helicopter 'Up and Away' is still ongoing.

A suggestion to introduce further enhancements to the achievement scheme was discussed at the last ASRC meeting. The notion is that if an existing Examiner obtains a 'B' certificate in another discipline, on the club's request, they should be awarded Examiner status in that discipline without requiring a test by a Chief Examiner.

He is content that ASRC are fulfilling their duties and maintaining momentum.

Tec Sec reported that Council recently agreed to the availability of 'Up and Away' on the web for downloading, which he is currently dealing with. This will be applicable to all 'Up and Away' Manuals.

He also reported that, following discussion at Full Council, new sections to the Examiner guidelines will be discussed at the forthcoming ASRC meeting and should be tabled at the next Areas Council for endorsement. They are being introduced to assist Examiners when dealing with disabled or junior members.

b) BMAC – Over 200 entries for the Wright Challenge have been received so far. 120 starter packs have been sent out. The finals take place on November 15th at RAF Cosford. A plea has gone out for helpers in BMFA News. It is a very unique and rewarding experience and people are encouraged to attend if at all possible.

The enthusiasm of BAE Systems has been overwhelming and they are ecstatic with the outcome so far. Thanks were extended to Dave Kerswell for assisting with the Score Sheet and Mike Goldby who, as overall co-ordinator, is kept very busy.

c) Education – Dave Kerswell FSMAE reported on the University Challenge and modifications which will be introduced from 2004. Previously the challenge was to lift the highest possible payload with a 40cc engine but now they will have to lift the greatest weight over and above the actual weight of the aircraft and this will be factored.

The reason being some Universities were finding it very expensive to build the larger models. This way as long as they build a lighter aircraft they will still be able to win but with a much lesser payload.

The final will take place on 5/6 June 2004 at Elvington. It is a very entertaining day and all are invited to attend.

Report on 35MHz Cars.

The Technical Secretary, together with the Chief Executive and Dave McQue, all members of UKRCC, attended a meeting with the Radio Communications Enforcement Department specifically about the 35MHz cars. They were already aware of the problem, however through our representation we were able to convey our concerns. Subsequent to the meeting they have prosecuted an importer for a combination of selling 35MHz type cars and hands free telephone gadgets for the car.

Report on the Technical Council Meeting held on 25th October 2003.

Discussion on Tech Committee websites and the use of the BMFA website.

After a lengthy discussion consensus was there is a requirement for a nominated, suitably qualified person to fulfil the many tasks, currently not undertaken by the webmaster, in the upkeep of the website and will be included on a future agenda to consider the appointment of a Website Co-ordinator.

Discussion Document by Martin Dilly FSMAE.

A lengthy discussion took place and the main issues covered were dissemination of funding and the best way forward for the implementation of Coaching and Training.

To progress further a proposal will be submitted to the Council Meeting on 10th January 2004 that European Championship Team Members be funded for entry fees, supported by a budget document.

FAI Delegate report.

He gave a brief résumé on various issues emanating from the FAI General Conference and the recent RAeC meeting, namely, the current status and strategy regarding the impending increase in FAI and National Aero Club fees and the decision taken to agree to the World Anti-Doping Association (WADA) rules and it's implications.

A proposal was accepted that he remains on the F5 World Champs Organising Committee.

Nationals Updates.

Approx £4500 was expended from the August Nationals reserve to fund non-competitive costs. Showtime made a profit of around £4000 which leaves a deficit to the reserve of £5000. Everyone was praised for their efforts in obtaining this excellent result.

Free Flight reported that the 1st Free Flight planning meeting for 2004 had already taken place.

Proposals to CIAM.

The following proposals were accepted.

Proposed amendments to FAI Sporting Code Section Volume F4 (Flying Scale Model Aircraft).

- (a) 6.1.8 Helpers

To allow an additional helper for engine starting and pre-flight preparation

CLASS F4F - PEANUT FORMULA INDOOR FREE FLIGHT SCALE MODELS (Provisional)

- (b) 6.6.4. Flying Section:

To change the number of flights allowed from four to nine and to remove the attempts rule.

- (c) 6.6.5. Appearance Score:

To modify and clarify the table of points awarded.

Annex: 6C

- (d) 6C.3.6.11. Realism in Flight

Clarify the judging criteria for speed of flight.

Proposed amendments to FAI Sporting Code Section IV Volume F2 Class F2C.

4.3.5(b) Controls & Technical Verification

Delete ~~no minus tolerance allowed~~; insert **a minus tolerance of 0.011mm allowed.**

FAI International Calendar – the following events were ratified:

Interscale 2004 ; Stonehenge 2004; Canterbury Cup 2004; BARCS Interglide

STOLEN ITEMS.....

December 2003 -Two Raptor 50 helicopters, one with a Best Bitz shiny metal rotor head with BB logo on blade grips.

Two JR 3810 analogue trim transmitters, XTAL on channel 83. The radio receivers and servos were all JR, except for a pair of Futaba 401 piezo Gyros and Futaba 9253 tail servos. Stolen from Felixstowe, Suffolk. Reward of £400 for information leading to catching the thieves. The Police believe the culprits live in Ipswich. Contact Rob Sherratt on 077 660 11660.

October 2003 – SE5A Biplane stolen from workshop in Kings Cliffe, East Northants. 17 inch wingspan scale free flight model finished in dark green with cream under-surfaces. Fitted with 0.24cc Clan diesel engine with blue anodised cylinder head. Serial number engraved on engine mounting lugs is 0242. Value is not great but took 18 months to build and the engine is irreplaceable, as they are no longer produced. Only just finished and is unflown. Contact Paul Lumsdon – tel 01780 470358. Reward for information leading to return.

October 2003 – Central Models and Hobbies Shop in Leicester – Hirobo Dauphine. Special custom airbrushed paint job with central models and our phone numbers and email on it.. Un mistakable. If paint has been removed somehow, inside it has an electric start additional set, the four bladed head and blade set which Irvine say are not sold in the UK much. OS70 engine and gy601 gyro.. All the inside is blacked out with sound padding stuck inside.. Unique!

Futura SE helicopter. Brand new never had radio in yet. No flybar paddles or canopy. making this 100% recognisable. 75 webra engine in and black long muffler.

Vintage Morley Bell 47g with box and instructions. No radio but has an old 154 Futaba gyro installed. Not many like this in the UK due to its age and perfect condition. White ish scheme.

Vintage Kalt cyclone. But this one has no way to hold the red canopy to the frames. Full radio and engine installed. Original never flown kalt wood blades. UNIQUE again.

Lastly, a Century Bell 222 factory sprayed blue and white body. Full century hawk mechanics inside with Irvine 36 engine. Csm200 gyro aswell.. once thing you might notice is a burn mark up one side where the exhaust exits!. no other would have that.

Contact Simon Brown – Sbrown5925@aol.com

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 advice 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 these initial 3 days 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.

BMFA ANNOUNCE.....

ADDITIONAL CLUB INSURANCE COVER FROM 1ST JANUARY 2004

EMPLOYERS LIABILITY INSURANCE COVER.

The BMFA is pleased to announce that, with effect from 1 January 2004, we are adding Employers Liability Insurance to your Club Third Party Civil and Public Liability Indemnity cover. This additional cover is being provided by Royal and Sun Alliance at no cost to either yourselves or the BMFA.

What do we need Employers Liability cover for, you may ask and so did I. What transpires is that under current legislation if there is any relationship established within a club where a member is undertaking work under direction of the club, then an employer/employee situation may well apply; even when no financial reward is given. Yes, it could apply to the member or members who cut the grass or maintain the club facilities. So, always better to be safe than sorry, this cover is to be put in place for all affiliated clubs from 1 January 2004.

Graham Lynn MBE
Chief Executive

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

**Please note the Office will be closed from lunchtime Wednesday 24th
December 2003 until 9am on Monday 29th December 2003
and
4.55pm on 31st December 2003 until 9am on Monday 5 January 2004**

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE

2004 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 8th December '03	1st 2004 Full Council Meeting Agenda Deadline
Friday 12/19th December	1st 2004 Full Council Meeting Agenda/Club Bulletin despatch
Sat 10th January 2004	1st 2004 Full Council Meeting
Mon 12th January	1st Areas Agenda Deadline
Fri 16th January	1st Areas Council Meeting Agenda/Club Bulletin
Fri 23rd January	1st Full Council Meeting Minutes despatch
Mon 2nd February	1st Tech Council Agenda Deadline
Fri 6th February	1st Tech Council Agenda Despatch/Club Bulletin
Sat 7th February	1st Area Council Meeting
Fri 20th February	1st Area Council Meeting Minutes despatch
Sat 28th February	1st Tech Council Meeting
Sun 29th February	Nationals Planning Meeting
Fri 12th March	1st Tech Council Meeting Minutes despatch
Tues 13th April	2nd Full Council Agenda Deadline
Friday 16th April	2nd Full Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin
Sat 8th May	2nd Full Council Meeting
Mon 17th May	2nd Area Council Agenda Deadline
Fri 21st May	2nd Area Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin
	2nd Full Council Meeting Minutes despatch
T.B.A.	Free Flight Nats
Sat 12th June	2nd Area Council Meeting
Fri 25th June	2nd Area Council Meeting Minutes despatch
Fri 23rd July	AGM 1 despatch
T.B.A.	R/C Power, Scale, C/L Nats, Indoor Nats, S/F Nats
Mon 23rd August	3rd Full Council Agenda Deadline
Fri 27th August	3rd Full Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin
	End of Year for Director's Annual Reports
Mon 6th September	3rd Area Council Agenda Deadline
	Nomination Deadline
Fri 10th September	3rd Area Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin
Mon 13th September	Absolute Deadline for Director's Annual Report
Sat 18th September	3rd Full Council Meeting
Fri 24th September	AGM 2 despatch
Mon 27th September	2nd Technical Council Agenda Deadline/CIAM Rule Change
Deadline	
Fri 1st October	2nd Technical Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin
	3rd Full Council Meeting Minutes despatch
Sat 2nd October	3rd Area Council Meeting
Fri 15th October	3rd Area Council Meeting Minutes despatch
Fri 22nd October	AGM 3 despatch
Sat 23rd October	2nd Technical Council Meeting/BMFA Rule Change deadline
Fri 5th November	2nd Technical Council Meeting Minutes despatch
Mon 8th November	Voting Deadline
Fri 19th November	Proxy Deadline
Sat 20th November	57th Annual General Meeting
Mon 6th December	2005 1st Full Council Meeting Agenda Deadline
Fri 10/17th December	2005 1st Full Council Meeting Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin
