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STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE**

TO ALL FULL COUNCIL MEMBERS

There will be a Meeting of the Full Council on Saturday 7th May 2005 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 8th January 2005.
4. Matters/Actions Arising from the 8th January 2005 meeting which are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
5. To receive the financial report from the Honorary Treasurer to include:
 - a) Progress towards the year end Accounts.
 - b) To discuss setting up separate Reserve Funds for the Nationals and Top Gun.

6. To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.
7. To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.
8. To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary to include:
 - a) To receive the Affiliated Club List.
 - b) To receive dates for Council Meetings in the year 2006.
 - c) Application for Specialist Body Status from FAIR (FAI Rocketry), deferred from January 2005 Full Council Meeting. (Details appended).
9. To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.
10. To receive reports or updates from Technical Committees to cover all BMFA National Championships.
11. To discuss requirement for CRB clearance of Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers.
12. Proposal from South Midland Area that the Council consider ways of avoiding clashes between World, European and UK National Championships.
13. To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include the presentation of the following proposals:
 - a) Proposal from Control Line Technical Committee that the F2B team for the 2005 Control Line European Championships, 16th – 23rd July in Gyula, Hungary comprises the following fliers:

Bill Draper BMFA No 40352	Barry Robinson BMFA No 68248
Roy Cherry BMFA No 63577	
Reserve: Richard Handscomb BMFA No 45272	
 - b) Proposal from Free Flight Technical Committee that John Cuthbert BMFA 051781 should replace Paul Chapman BMFA 041304 in the F1C team for the 2005 Free Flight World Championships in Argentina.
 - c) Proposal from R/C Power Technical Committee that the following fliers, provisionally ratified by the Competition Secretary on 18/01/05, be formally ratified by Council as the team for the 2005 F3A World Championships to be held at Saint-Yan, France between 18th & 23rd August:

Brandon Ransley – BMFA No 32344	Angus Balfour – SAA No 1586
Kevin Caton – BMFA No 72281	
 - d) Proposal from Competition Secretary that Richard Christopher, BMFA No 36195 and John Harrop, BMFA No 89390, be ratified as first and second reserves respectively for the F3A World Championship being held in Saint-Yan, France on 16th – 28th August 2005. The Competition Secretary has previously ratified these two people in the interim. The Radio Control Power Technical Committee unanimously supported this proposal at their meeting on 9th April 2005.
 - e) To consider FAI Licence fees for juniors - £5 instead of £10.
14. To receive a report from the Records Officer.
15. To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.
16. To receive a report from the FAI Delegate, to include acceptance of the report on the recent CIAM Meeting from the FAI Delegate Alternate.
17. To receive a proposal from North West Area that the Society should discuss the volunteer Archivist's position with a view to considering the need and scope of permanent archives and what is required.

18. 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
19. To receive any reports from the following:
- a) CAA Team
 - b) UK Radio Control Council
 - c) Education Working Group, to include: Discussion to adopt a proficiency scheme for children and beginners.
 - d) Computer Sub-Committee
 - e) Safety Review Committee
 - f) Achievement Scheme Review Committee
 - g) BMFA News Publishers
 - h) Flying Site Adviser's Report
20. 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.
21. Date of next meeting.



**THE BMFA
CONGRATULATES**

**THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN HONOURED BY
THE FAI WITH THESE HIGHLY PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS**

**LAURIE BARR FSMAE WITH THE FAI AEROMODELLING GOLD
MEDAL**

STUART LODGE WITH THE FRANK EHLING DIPLOMA

HOBBY ANNUALS AND PLANS CONTINUED.....

The last Club Bulletin reported that Trevor Sproston has a small collection of old boy's annuals from the 20's and 30's and various articles and plans on model aeroplanes. You can now access these on the following site:

<http://www.pilbeamslab.co.uk/>

and click on "Mr Pilbeam's Barnstormers".

Report of the Full Council Meeting on 8th January 2005.

Appointment of Council

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

Scottish Aeromodellers Association (SAA) Protest

A protest had been received from the SAA against the Free Flight Technical Committee decision to disallow the SAA scores in the annual Free Flight Glider category. A vote was taken and the protest was upheld. Both parties agreed that neither should carry the winner's trophy for 2004 and accepted they won the competition in their own way in the rules of the competition.

Honorary Treasurer Report

A proposal was submitted as follows regarding BMFA News Fund and carried unanimously:

- With effect from the current financial year we no longer increase the fund.
- The current fund is ring-fenced and reported in the Accounts as BMFA News fund, but used for special projects, with the endorsement of Full Council.
- £3000 under-spend from Year End 2003 should be put into the current fund.

Adoption of Terms of Reference for Achievement Scheme Controllers.

The Terms of Reference were proposed and accepted unanimously.

Appointment of Team Managers, Assistant Team Managers and Members were ratified by Technical Committees for the following Teams:

Silent Flight

Austin Guerrier - Senior Team Manager F3J European Championship, Croatia 17th –23rd July 2005.

F3J European Championship Team: Seniors Adrian Lee, Mike Raybone, Neil Jones; Reserves Tony Vale, Graham Wicks, Tony Guerrier.

Junior Jonathan Wells

Paul Carrington – Senior Team Manager F3B World Championship, Finland 31st July – 6th August 2005.

F3B World Championship Team: Seniors Steve Haley, Dave Worrall, Mike Challinor; Reserves Simon Jackson, Norman Quirk, Bob Dickinson.

Free Flight

Jim Andrews – Team Manager; Mike Woodhouse – Assistant Team Manager Free Flight World Championship Argentina 21st-28th May 2005.

Free Flight World Championship Team:

F1A : W College, M Fantham, J Carter; Reserve A Jack

F1B: D Billam, R Jones, B Martin; Reserve B Spooner

F1C: P Watson, S Screen, P Champman; Reserve K Faux

Scale

Graham Kennedy – Team Manager European Scale Championship Portugal 25th August – 5th September 2005.

Scale European Championship Team :

Pete McDermott, Mick Reeves, Alex Kennedy; Reserves Gordon Warburton, Richard Crapp

R/C Power

Les Knott – Team Manager F3D World Championship France 30th August – 3rd September 2005.

F3D World Championship Team:

Pilots - Paul Bardoe, Paul Board, Alan Laurie; Callers – Barry Lever, Bruce Illingworth, Les Knott; Reserve Dean Gibbs.

John Harrop – Team Manager F3A World Championship France 16th – 28th August 2005.

Bruce Naylor – Team Manager F3C World Championship Spain 4th – 14th August 2005.

F3C World Championship Team:
Mark Christy, Dave Fisher, Robert Mott; Reserve Steve Roberts.

Indoor

Clive King – Senior Team Manager F1D European Championship France 3rd – 8th October 2005.
Senior F1D European Championship Team:
Nick Aikman, Bob Bailey, Derek Richards; Reserve Geoffrey Lefever.

Control Line

Jo Halman – Team Manager; John James – Assistant Team Manager European Championship Hungary 16th – 23rd July 2005.
F2A European Championship Team:
Peter Halman, Paul Eisner, Ken Morrissey; Reserve Dick McGladdery.

F2C European Championship Team:
Langworth/Broadhead, Barker/North, Miles/Yeldham; Reserves Smith/Brown, Fry/Whorton.

F2D European Championship Team:
Mike Whillance, Mervyn Jones, Dave Riley, Ben Johnson- Junior.
Reserve Jonathon Crabtree; Pitmen Peter Grange, Graham Ives.

Comp Sec advised that CLTC had confirmed their commitment to send a team to represent F2B. A proposal will be submitted to Full Council in May for ratification.

Contest Fees for 2005

BMPRA

Single Entry Fee	£10 (BMPRA Members) £15 (Non Members)
Nationals entry	£25 (Provisional)

GBRCAA

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

AHA Centralised

British Sportsmans	£10 (non members) £7.50 (members)
F3C	£15 (non members) £10 (members)

AHA Nationals

British Sportsmans	£20
F3C	£30

SCALE

R/C	C/L	F/F	Indoor			
Centralised Events	£12	£10	£5	£10 Reg fee + £3	per event	
Season Tickets	£60					
NATS	£25	£15	£14	£8		
Team Trials	£15	£15				
(Juniors 50% of above fees)						

SILENT FLIGHT

Single entry Fees	F3B/F5	£7
	F3J	£8
Season Ticket:	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

FREE FLIGHT

Centralised	First entry	£5
	Subsequent entries	£3
	Juniors free	
Area Centralised & F1E meetings (Plus Area Charge for site)	First entry	£3
Team selection meetings		£12 per entry
All meetings – Juniors FREE		
Team Trials – standard entry fees		
No Season tickets.		
Nationals - £8 registration + £6 per contest or £25 unlimited.		

INDOOR

Provisional Nats and Team Trials - £5 entry fee to the site (dependent on the site).

CONTROL LINE

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.

No information had been received for IMAC. Comp Sec instructed RCPTC Representative to consult with IMAC to obtain fees and submit to the Office Manager.

AHA bid to hold the 2006 F3C European Championships in the UK.

The proposal put forward by R/C Power Technical Committee that the BMFA adopts the AHA bid to hold the 2006 F3C European Championship in the UK was carried by a unanimous vote with the following proviso:

- FAI Delegate has a place on the Organising Committee
- Deadline of 31st January 2005 to receive the bid from AHA is met.

Competition Rule Book

Technical Secretary proposed the following rule is added to the BMFA Competition Rules, Section 2, General Rule Book:

2.2.16 Junior International Team Members

All junior International Team members put forward for ratification must have taken part in the relevant senior team trials as part of the qualifying process.

This was carried unanimously.

FAI Delegate

Nick Neve FSMAE was appointed Alternate FAI Delegate to attend the forthcoming CIAM Plenary and Bureau Meetings.

Report of the Areas Council Meeting on 5th February 2005

Awards Committee

Gordon Warburton FSMAE was appointed Areas Council Representative to the Awards Committee for 2005.

Achievement Scheme Review Committee (ASRC)

The ASRC Committee were ratified as follows:

Terry Rounce – Chairman	Dick Whitehead
Mick Eames	Bob Mahoney
Chris Bromley FSMAE	Joe Hanna
Peter Spurway	

Chief Examiner Appointments

Robert McCartney - Fixed Wing, Northern Ireland Area.

Mike Rondel – Fixed Wing, Southern Area.

Paul Heckles – Fixed Wing/Helicopter, Western Area

Chris Carter – Helicopter, Northern Area

Proposals from the Technical Secretary

The following proposals were carried unanimously.

- 1) Proposal from Chris Bromley FSMAE, Technical Secretary, for the Achievement Scheme Review Committee that “All Chief Examiner nominations presented to Council for inclusion on an agenda must be accompanied by a short CV of the candidate.”
- 2) Proposal from Chris Bromley FSMAE, Technical Secretary for the Achievement Scheme Review Committee that “All applications from clubs for the testing of Examiner candidates must go to the relevant Area Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator. The Area ASC will then arrange for an appropriate Area Chief Examiner to perform the required test.”

Report of the Technical Council Meeting on 5th March 2005.

Appointment of Junior Team Members

Technical Council 23rd October 2004, Minute TC456/10/04 (7). Proposal carried that Junior team members must have taken part in Senior team trials as part of the qualifying process.

Free Flight pointed out the difficulty in applying this resolution to Free Flight. This has only come to light subsequent to October Technical Council Meeting.

Following deliberation on the matter an undertaking was given to Free Flight that, given their special circumstances, flexibility will be shown and they are to consult with the Comp Sec if a situation arises where they are unable to comply with the resolution.

Current Model Aircraft bylaws and proposed changes.

The Chairman gave a short introduction. He advised that bylaws used to be dealt with by the Home Office but is now dealt with by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM).

He explained that there are moves within the Government to introduce a fast-track bylaws system, which would allow Local Authorities to process bylaws without going through the ODPM

It was felt that, with such potential changes coming, we should take the opportunity to seek a modification of the existing specimen bylaws pertaining to model aircraft, particularly to clarify the Silent Flight situation and also introducing another class of model (500gm Ultralight), which could allow the flying of small models in places where it cannot happen at present. Also included in the revised version is reference to compliance of the ANO Articles 63, 64 and 87.

The model aircraft section of the bylaws, Section II Part 6, has been in existence for at least 15 years.

Free Flight is opposed to the revised changes and believes the new 500gm Ultralight class would have catastrophic effects on free flight.

Steve Philpott, on behalf of Free Flight gave a detailed presentation in support of alternative suggestions to the proposed 500gm Ultralight class, which would be more acceptable to Free Flight. This included an increase in weight to 1000gm.

A great deal of time was expended deliberating the pros and cons of the various suggestions put forward by Free Flight.

The conclusion was that the document should be reviewed and further changes incorporated which have emanated from this discussion. The suggestion to reintroduce reference to power driven would be considered for inclusion. General consensus was the weight limit for the Ultralight class should remain at 500gm.

The Flying Site Advisor and the meeting Chairman would liaise and present a suitably modified version to the next Council Meeting.

Awards Committee

Chris Bromley FSMAE was appointed Technical Council representative to the Awards Committee for 2005.

Report of the Nationals Planning Meeting held on 26th February 2005.

Airfield access days and times – as follows, subject to Babcock's agreement:

Organisers – from Wednesday lunchtime.

General Campsite/campgate – from 5.30pm Friday. All documentation should include notices with access time for campers. Campgate will be closed at 6am Sunday morning to prevent unauthorised entry to the Swapmeet. The only access route will be through the Daygate.

Set up – Normal procedures apply.

Break Down – Extra assistance is required – Nationals Co-ordinator to liaise with Flight Line controller.

Line Hut and hangar availability – Not confirmed but should be available. Two portacabin units required and need to be set up on Thursday evening with electrical access. Arrange with Babcocks for positioning on the airfield.

Daygate and Campsite charges same as 2004:

Gate fees for Spectators:	Adults	£7.00	OAP's & Children(10-15)	£4
			Children under 10	FREE
	PRE-BOOKED	Adult 3 day pass	OAP's & Children(10-15)	£8
Camping Fee 3 days:	Adults	£20 each	Children(10-15)	£10 ea
			Children under 10	FREE
	PRE-BOOKED	Adults	Children(10-15)	£9 ea
		Senior Competitor	Junior Competitor	£4 ea

Entry Forms – Forms will be revised for 2005. They will be included in the July issue of BMFA News and available on the website to download.

Toilets – New units being investigated.

Skips – Review size of skips, location and quantity.

Night Security – Campsite will be patrolled every two hours.

Publicity, Advertising and PR – Possibility of colour programme being investigated with sponsors.

Possibility of TV company filming and providing sale of Videos and DVD's.

Safety – The problem still exists with vehicles exceeding the 20mph speed limit. Possibility of appointing an assistant to the Safety Officer. Comp Sec arranging briefing for CD's and Officials on the flightlines, that no mobile phones are to be used within certain parameters.

After Hours flying – Hangar flying. Safety Officer to arrange a suitable area and lighting outside the hangar for Shock Flyers. Free Flight Tech Committee arranging demonstration flying of competition models.

Cleanup – More helpers are required for clearing the airfield on Tuesday morning.

CONTEST UPDATES

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1-3 JULY 2005

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16-17 JULY BARKSTON HEATH, NR GRANTHAM

BMFA BRITISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

28-30 AUGUST 2005

R/C, C/L, SCALE- BIGGEST MODEL FLYING

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BARKSTON HEATH, NR GRANTHAM

BMFA BRITISH NATIONAL SILENT FLIGHT CHAMPIONSHIPS

28-30 AUGUST 2005

WETLANDS WILDFOWL CENTRE, NR NOTTINGHAM

THE BRITISH MODEL FLYING ASSOCIATION

WORKING TOGETHER TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT MODEL FLYING

WHAT IS THE BMFA?

The BMFA is the National Governing Body for the sport of model flying. Its aims are to promote, protect, organise and encourage model flying within the UK at all levels. It comprises over 750 clubs and over 37,000 members who have entered a partnership to ensure that model flyers have a voice and that their rights are recognised by the authorities. It represents all model flyers from the international competitor through to the grass-roots club flyer regardless of the size or type of model aircraft flown.

WHO RUNS THE BMFA?

The membership runs the BMFA by electing officers to represent them at all levels of the organisation. The BMFA is a truly democratic organisation whereby every member has the opportunity to influence BMFA policy.

WHAT DOES THE BMFA DO?

The BMFA offers a complete package to promote and protect model flying in the UK and represents model flying at the highest levels. This includes negotiation with various government departments, the Civil Aviation Authority, international bodies, and a variety of aviation, sports and recreational bodies. By maintaining close contact with the authorities we maintain the model flyer's status through national recognition and self regulation.

The BMFA also provides the following services to its members and clubs:

- Unique Central Council for Physical Recreation approved insurance
- Members' Handbook
- Flying Site Planning and Protection (clubs only)
- Instructor Scheme
- Achievement Scheme
- Education Programmes
- Personal copies of BMFA News
- Regular Club Information Bulletins (clubs only)
- Advice, assistance and support on all aspects of model flying.
- Provision of free information pamphlets on a wide variety of topics.

MEMBERS' HANDBOOK

This is an essential reference book for all model fliers. Not only does it give details on the British Model Flying Association, it includes a comprehensive safety code drawn up from the legal obligations all model fliers have to meet. It also includes measures and advice on accident prevention and how to avoid the many pitfalls that can befall model aircraft fliers.

THE EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The BMFA recognises today's young people are tomorrow's aeromodellers. Many of us experienced the thrill of building and flying our creations in our youth only to give it up because of other commitments such as family or education. However, the seed was sown even if it did germinate much later in life when time and finance permitted.

Encouraging young people to fly model aircraft today will secure the future of model flying.

THE BMFA NEWS

The BMFA News is the Association's newspaper and covers a myriad of activities. Not only does it contain many interesting articles on construction and flying, it also contains items of Association business that is of interest to the members. It is the prime means of communication for the BMFA members on every aspect of Association activities.

ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE

The BMFA employs experienced and knowledgeable aeromodellers on both full time and volunteer basis. Much of their time is devoted to providing advice on all aspects of model aircraft flying and club organisation. Should they not know the answer immediately, they will either find out or direct you to a person who does.

NUMBERS COUNT

The BMFA's strengths are its proven expertise and its strong membership. Without the backing of its clubs and members we could not have accomplished the many things that have given us credibility and recognition. Major achievements have been: Sports Council recognition, negotiation with the CAA to ensure model flying can be undertaken without draconian restrictions, the introduction, retention and expansion of the 35 Mhz band for radio control flying, the retention of flying sites for free flight, indoor and R/C, and the implementation of a flying rights agreement with the National Trust.

The BMFA is a vibrant, respected and trusted organisation and can move forward into the future with confidence to promote and protect the sport of model flying in the UK.

United we achieve and will continue to do so if we work together.

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Whilst every attempt will be made to forward the colours you require, limited stocks are available so an alternative colour may be provided if your first choice is no longer available.

Funds raised from saleable goods are all used to assist the BMFA to promote the sport of model flying.

ITEM	COLOUR	ORIGINAL PRICE	REDUCED PRICE
Bertie Tie		£12	£9
SMAE Blazer Badge		£3.50	£2.25
BMFA Pen		60p	30p
BMFA Keyring		£1.25	75p
Pioneer Baseball Cap	Green	£3.50	£2.50
	Navy	£3.50	£2.50
	Burgundy	£3.50	£2.50
Premium T Shirt	Navy	£9.50	£6.50
SMAE Cloth Badge		£3.50	£2.25
SMAE Enamel Badge		£2	£1.25
SMAE Sticker pack		£2	£1.50
BMFA Woolly hat	Navy	£6.50	£5
	Black	£6.50	£5
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BMFA Junior Fleece hat	Black	£7	£5.50

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