



British Model Flying Association

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**IMPORTANT !!!
SECRETARY PLEASE NOTE**

**THIS IS THE ONLY COPY OF THE CLUB BULLETIN SENT TO YOUR CLUB.
WOULD YOU PLEASE ARRANGE FOR ITS CONTENTS TO BE DISTRIBUTED,
AS APPROPRIATE TO YOUR CLUB MEMBERS**

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

**LIST OF REDUCED FEES
FROM 1ST JULY 2005**

ORDINARY FULL MEMBERSHIP FEES

SENIORS £19.00 JUNIORS £11.00

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP FEES

SENIORS £19.00 PARTNERS £12.00 JUNIORS £8.00

TO ALL AREAS COUNCIL MEMBERS

There will be a Meeting of the Areas Council on Saturday 11th June 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 Areas Meeting held on 5th February 2005.
4. Matters/Actions Arising from the 5th February 2005 Meeting which are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
5. To receive a proposal from Northern Ireland Area that Robert Graham (Mem No 055945), be appointed Area Chief Examiner, Fixed Wing and Helicopter, for Northern Ireland Area.
6. To receive a proposal from RAFMAA Area that Ian Nelson (Mem No 107312), be appointed Area Chief Examiner, Fixed Wing, for RAFMAA Area.
7. To receive a proposal from Chris Bromley FSMAE Technical Secretary, on behalf of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee, that The 'C' Certificate (Fixed Wing) as detailed in the attached document is accepted as part of the BMFA Radio Control Achievement Scheme.
8. To receive a proposal from Chris Bromley FSMAE Technical Secretary, on behalf of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee, that The Standards and Guidance booklet covering the 'C' Certificate (Fixed Wing) as detailed in the attached document, is accepted as part of the BMFA Radio Control Achievement Scheme.
9. To receive a proposal from Chris Bromley FSMAE Technical Secretary, on behalf of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee, that the following procedure is added to the Achievement Schemes:

'A', 'B' and 'E' Certificate Re-tests

- (1) Any Club or Area may apply to their local Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator (ASC) to have any member re-tested for 'A', 'B' or 'E' certificates.*
- (2) The ASC will pass on any such requests to the appropriate Scheme Controller who will arrange for a Chief Examiner (CE) from an adjoining Area to conduct the re-test by arrangement with the candidate.*
- (3) Any costs involved with travelling will be borne by the organisation that requests the re-test.*
- (4) If the candidate fails the re-test, the CE will be authorised to revoke the candidate's certificate or appointment and re-grade the candidate as required. For instance, a candidate who failed a 'B' test could be re-graded as an 'A' certificate. These actions will be ratified by the Scheme Controller after receiving the report of the CE.*
- (5) If the candidate for the re-test does not co-operate with the designated CE then they will be deemed to have failed the re-test.*
- (6) If a candidate fails a re-test and is re-graded, they will not be allowed to re-take the test for six months from the date of the failed re-test.*

10. To receive reports from the Achievement Scheme Controllers.
 - a) Power
 - b) Silent Flight
11. 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
12. 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.)
13. To receive any reports from the Office and any Elected Officers specifically relating to Areas Council.
14. Any Other Business.
15. To confirm date of next Areas Council meeting.



OFFICIAL NOTICE

Due to the increasing popularity of the F3F class and the need to save considerable time on race days, mandatory Pre Entry will come into force for the race at the Hole Of Horcum (12th June) and all remaining League races of 2005. Entry will be open from 10 days prior to the race and will close at midnight on the Wednesday before the race.

Entry details must be forwarded to Mr Ian Mason at ianmason2002@yahoo.co.uk or by telephone/text message to 07952 249117.

ANNOUNCEMENT

BMFA NORTHERN AREA CHAIRMAN

As it is reported that not all Clubs get to see the Area Minutes I am making the following announcement.

With the retirement of Dave Kerswell FSMAE after a couple of decades of loyal service, the Northern Area will soon be looking for a more permanent Chairman than myself.

To fulfil the post we ideally require a younger man than my 72 years, and a suitable candidate would be one who has at least sat in at the Area Committee meeting for a year to obtain some idea as to how the Area is run.

He, or she, should have some knowledge of the needs of most aspects of the modern aeromodelling scene, and have the flexibility to accommodate any new facets that may arise. Also they must have the availability to occasionally attend the Council meetings at Leicester, and be prepared to air this Areas point of view, even if it contravenes the majority verdict.

We do not want a badge collector, but someone who can give a positive lead to a thriving community. Obviously in this day and age computer literacy would be a requirement.

So, if your club has such a person, check out the dates and send them along to our new Friday Night meetings at the RAFA Club at Castleford to get the feel of the task.

John A Thompson 01924 515595. Email johnty99@ntlworld.com

ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME UPDATE

THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL WAS PASSED AT AREAS COUNCIL IN FEBRUARY 2005:

That "All applications from clubs for the testing of Examiner candidates must go to the relevant Area Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator (ASC). The Area ASC will then arrange for an appropriate Area Chief Examiner to perform the required test."

STOLEN.....

ON 23RD APRIL 2005 FROM A CARAVAN SITE NEAR LAKE ULLSWATER IN THE LAKE DISTRICT.
CALIBAR 30 HELICOPTER (BRIGHT GREEN CANOPY WITH SMILEY FACE) AND FIELD
FORCE TRANSMITTER.
FLIGHT BOX PRO PEAK SUPER 12 CHARGER STARTER
STARTER BATTERY GLOW STARTER
TOOLS AND NUMEROUS OTHER BITS AND PIECES.
IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT MR STANTON ON 07767 355167.

MOVING HOUSE??

If you are moving house, please do not forget to tell us of your new address promptly. Failure to do so may result in you not receiving your BMFA News and the first we will be aware of it is when the postman returns it "undelivered" to the office.

REMINDER Club Secretaries please note that we will forward any current member's undelivered BMFA News to yourselves and would request that you forward it to the individual if their address is known to you. You may also wish to remind the member to advise us of their new address! We will attempt to trace Country Members as best we can.

Remember, you pay for your BMFA News so do let us know if you move; a telephone call or a postcard to the office will guarantee you continue to receive it.

OLD WARDEN SCHOOLS DAY VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Once again Old Warden have asked the BMFA to organise the Model Aircraft flying for their annual SCHOOLS DAY.

The event is to be held on the 15th of June and we are currently seeking volunteer pilots with suitable training aircraft and 'Buddy Box' systems along with the relevant experience and also helpers to assist with general duties on the day.

The aim on the day is to allow as many children as possible to experience the thrill of piloting an R/C aircraft. Anyone interested in helping out should contact :

Manny Williamson, BMFA Development Officer on 0116 2440028 or admin@bmfa.org.