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**TO ALL TECHNICAL COUNCIL MEETING MEMBERS**

There will be a Meeting of the Technical Council on Saturday 23<sup>rd</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. Confirmation of who is voting from those present.

3. Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Technical Council Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2004
4. Matters/Actions Arising from the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2004 Technical Council Meeting which are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
5. To review the set agenda for the first meeting of a Technical Committee each year.
6. Hon Sec to remind Technical Committee Chairmen of their responsibility to send in the Technical Committee's Annual Return straight after their plenary meeting each year.
7. To discuss appointment of Junior Team Members/Managers (Discussion document appended).
8. To ratify the following Record Attempts:
  - a)
 

Name	Michael Page		
Class	Indoor Catapult Glider		
Site	Millennium Dome	Date	6 <sup>th</sup> May 2003
Duration	2 minutes 29.16 seconds		
  - b)
 

Name	Verney Montague		
Class	Rocket Powered Aircraft & Spaceships		
Site	Heckington	Date	22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2004
Duration	1 minute 26 seconds		
9. To discuss detailed budget reports from Tech Committees for Coaching and Training.
10. To receive any reports from Technical Committees. (Preferably in writing and not concerning Agenda Items.)
11. To receive any reports from Council, sub-committees or Elected Officers.
12. Nationals Update from Co-ordinator and Technical Committees.
13. To receive nominations for re-presentation of International Awards at the AGM Presentation Evening. Invitations will only be to nominees from this meeting and are at the discretion of the Society Vice-Chairman. Depending on the numbers, not all nominees may be successful.
14. To receive the following proposals to CIAM:

**a) From FAI Delegate:**

Proposed changes to the reporting of FAI event results, the presentation to CIAM of FAI rule changes and the restriction of FAI rule change proposals to years when the appropriate CIAM Technical Committees are meeting. (Full details appended)

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**b) From Indoor Technical Committee:**

**Amendment to the FAI Sporting Code Section IV to be forwarded to CIAM as a proposed change to Volume F1 (Free Flight Model Aircraft).**

### 3.L CLASS F1L – INDOOR EZB MODEL AIRCRAFT (Provisional Rules)

#### 3.L.2. Characteristics – United Kingdom. Amend as follows:

Wingspan, maximum projected ~~458 mm (18.0 inches)~~ 457.2 mm

Wing chord maximum ~~76 mm (3.0 inches)~~ 76.2 mm

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#### **c) From Silent Flight Technical Committee:**

##### **To current FAI F3B rules the following additions:**

##### **5.3.2.2. ADD,**

(k) There must be quick release mechanisms on the power leads to the battery in order to remove power from the motor in an emergency.  
(Connections to the battery must be removable without the need for tools).

(l) The power lead connections must be open ended to allow quick release from the battery.

(m) The winch operating foot switch must be easily detachable from the winch and/or an on/off switch must be inserted into the foot switch system.

These rules are required on a safety issue in the event of a solenoid sticking in the closed position and allowing full power to the winch motor.

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#### **d) From Free Flight Technical Committee:**

##### **To amend Section 4 of the Sporting Code – 2003.a Edition-Volume F1 in connection with the scoring system.**

##### **1.1 Clauses 3.1.7, 3.2.7, 3.3.7**

##### **Omit the third paragraph:-**

‘For any flights with a maximum duration greater than three minutes the additional time over three minutes is used only to resolve any tie.’

##### **1.2 Clause 3.1.8a**

##### **Omit the words:-**

‘subject to a limitation of three minutes for each flight.’

##### **1.3 Clause 3.1.8b**

##### **Omit this Clause, and re-number subsequent clauses.**

##### **1.4 Clause 3.1.8c**

##### **Omit the words:-**

‘when there is still a tie after the procedure in (b)’

15. To receive any events for the International Calendar 2004.
16. To receive the dates of the 2005 Technical Council Meetings.  
1<sup>st</sup> Technical Council – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2005  
2<sup>nd</sup> Technical Council – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2005
17. Any Other Business.

**TEAM MANAGERS-F1A/B/C WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**ARGENTINA 2005**

The Free Flight Technical Committee  
invite applications for  
Team Manager and Assistant Team Manager  
for the F1A/B/C World Championships  
to be held in Argentina from 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May 2005.

Applications should be sent to  
Chris Strachan, 56 Way Lane, Waterbeach, Cambridge, CB5 9NQ  
to arrive no later than 5<sup>th</sup> November 2004

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**NOTICE FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FLYERS**  
**THERE WILL BE AN INCREASE IN FAI LICENCES FROM 2005**  
**THE COST FOR THE FAI STAMP WILL BE £10 AND £5 FOR A**  
**REPLACEMENT BOOK.**

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**PROPOSED INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2005**

At the Full Council Meeting on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2004 a proposal was carried to recommend to the AGM on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2004, an increase of £1 on Senior Membership Fees. If accepted by the AGM the fees for 2005 will be:

Seniors £24      Juniors £13

Families:    Seniors £24    Family Partner £13    Family Junior £9

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**2004 BMFA FREE-FLIGHT FORUM**

November 21st is the date for this year's BMFA Free-Flight Forum and it will again be held in the Walmsley Room at the Holiday Inn, Coventry, the day after the BMFA's AGM. This year's Forum, the twenty-first in this highly popular series, will see a wide range of speakers on all aspects of free-flight; among them will be Peter King on turbulators and invigorators, Peter Smart on his indoor electric Me. 323 and current indoor scale developments, Andy Crisp on low aspect ratio F1A gliders, Mike Evatt on propellers, Joe Flynn on free-flight electrics and Andy Hewitt on further developments in discus-launched gliders.

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 Walmsley Room by pre-booking for what promises to be another fascinating day's discussion. Tickets are £8.00, so book yours by contacting the BMFA office, Chacksfield House, 31, St. Andrews Road, Leicester LE2 8RE; tickets are £8.00 each and lunch will be available.

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