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SECRETARY PLEASE NOTE**

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CALENDAR" IS AVAILABLE FROM CHACKSFIELD HOUSE ON RECEIPT OF A
STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE**

TO ALL TECHNICAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

There will be a Meeting of the Technical Council on Saturday 21st October 2006 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. Email: admin@bmfa.org

A G E N D A

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 4th March 2006.
4. Matters/Actions Arising from the 4th March 2006 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 (Current issue appended).

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 receive proposals for FAI Rule Changes: (Full proposals appended)
- a) From Mike Colling FSMAE, Indoor Technical Committee Delegate – F1D substitute steerer
 - b) Free Flight Technical Committee – Thermal Detecting Devices
 - c) R/C Power Technical Committee – FAI Sporting Code Volume F5, Radio Control Electric Powered, page 18, rule 5.5.6.2
8. To ratify the following British Record Claims:
- a)

Name	Nigel Hawes/Brian Collins – BMFA No 101754/120581		
Class	F5E-S Distance in a straight line		
Site	Across English Channel	Date	8 th July 2006
Distance	22.5 miles		
 - b)

Name	Andrew Ellison – BMFA No 63845		
Class	R/C Electric Power Assisted Glider		
Site	Kay House Farm	Date	16 th July 2006
Duration	151 mins 44.2 secs		
9. To receive Technical Committee recommendations so far, for International Sub-Committee Nominations:
- R/C Power Technical Committee
- | | |
|------------------------|-----|
| John Mee (072383) | F3A |
| Peter Christy (066213) | F3C |
| John Barker (057229) | F3D |
- Scale Technical Committee
- | | |
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| Chris Allen (000377) | F4C |
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- Free Flight Technical Committee
- | | |
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| Ian Kaynes (021003) | F1 |
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10. To receive Technical Committee recommendations to CIAM Judge List so far:
- R/C Power Technical Committee
- | | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Bob Ailles (061974) | F3A |
| David Tappin (043764) | F3A |
| Dave Scoles (055768) | F3A |
| Pete Cappleman (004379) | F3A |
- Scale Technical Committee
- | | |
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| Chris Allen (000377) | F4C |
| John Miller (062736) | F4B/F4C |
| Bill Dennis (062686) | F4C |
| Graham Kennedy (111140) | F4C |
11. To ascertain why the proposal for 2006 F3A Team was received too late to be included on the January 2006 Full Council Agenda. (*Full Council 060506, Matters arising page 6*).
12. To receive any reports from Technical Committees. (Preferably in writing and not concerning Agenda Items.)
13. To receive any reports from Council, sub-committees or Elected Officers.

14. Nationals Update from Co-ordinator and Technical Committees.
15. 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.
16. To receive any events for the International Calendar 2007.
 - a) Stonehenge Cup
17. To receive the dates of the 2007 Technical Council Meetings:
 - 1st Technical Council – 3rd March 2007
 - 2nd Technical Council – 20th October 2007
18. Any Other Business.



PLEASE NOTE
CHANGE OF MENU - ANNUAL DINNER AND PRIZE-GIVING

There has been a change to the main course, which was included in Club Bulletin 165 and is now as follows:

Pork Loin Medallions with a Cider Cream Sauce

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CLUBS

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT IS NEW. IT IS A GUIDE TO GRANT FUNDING FOR CLUBS. HOPEFULLY YOU WILL FIND IT GOOD READING AND MORE IMPORTANTLY USEFUL INFORMATION. FURTHER COPIES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE ADDRESS BELOW AND ALSO ON THE WEBSITE www.bmfa.org IN DUE COURSE.

IF YOU DO HAVE ANY QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE DOCUMENT, PLEASE CONTACT THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, MANNY WILLIAMSON AT **BMFA, CHACKSFIELD HOUSE, 31 ST ANDREW'S ROAD, LEICESTER LE2 8RE. TELEPHONE NUMBER 0116 2440028. EMAIL admin@bmfa.org**

IF YOU ARE SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING SOME FORM OF FUNDING FOR YOUR CLUB, WHETHER IT IS AS A RESULT OF THIS GUIDANCE DOCUMENT OR PRIOR TO THIS DOCUMENT, WE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU.

GOOD LUCK!



A GUIDE TO GRANT FUNDING FOR CLUBS

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INTRODUCTION

Funding assistance for clubs and groups is available from a variety of sources, from the well publicised lottery schemes to the smaller local authority projects. This leaflet has been put together to help those clubs who are considering an application for outside funding, to point out the possible pitfalls and to give some guidance on the application process. Remember, for much of the application process there is no right or wrong answer, your form has to portray your proposed usage of the funds in the best possible light and in the most attractive manner to the panel of judges who will make the final decision. The application form should be approached in a similar manner to a job application, neat, concise and with all the relevant information included.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Any organisation or group can apply for grant funding but here are some basic requirements:

- An up to date written constitution (Written document setting out how your group works) Particular attention should be paid to a section which deals with dissolution and which demonstrates no benefit to members if your group ceases to operate.
- Management Committee (Minimum of 3) chair, secretary, Treasurer and representative members.
- Bank account requiring at least two signatures on cheques.
- Accounts – Annual statement of income and expenditure.
- Information regarding premises, leases, rent review etc.
- A policy for the protection and care of junior members in place (this is particularly relevant if your application revolves around bringing young people into model flying).

THE PROJECT.

What makes a good grant application?

- In general terms something which is outside the normal operations of your organisation (but not always) and which will benefit your members and possibly others.
- Planning – You will need to state in your application:
 - What you want to do
 - What difference it will make to the people that it will benefit
 - How you are going to do it – Equipment and budget needed
 - When you will do it
 - Who will be responsible for doing it
 - What will happen to the project when the grant has been spent

HAVE A PLAN

Your project plan should cover everything from the activities that you have set yourselves, to the resulting outcome and the change it will make to people's lives.

Show the need for your project and work out exactly how much it will cost. This is important because you may need to show evidence of this. Also it may influence your decision of where to apply for your funding.

Try to demonstrate that your chosen project will benefit the local community as well as existing club members, for example some clubs have obtained training equipment and aircraft with the aim of holding training and experience days for local children.

Funders will want to know that the project will be well managed and how your day to day activities are normally funded. (Perhaps by subscription and by other fundraising activities if applicable?) They may require evidence of how grants have been spent, so be totally honest and do contact them if you underspend. You can suggest an alternative use for money not spent and they may well agree to this.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT FUNDING SCHEME.

- Funders may have preferences for the types of organisation that they will fund and often exclude specific categories of applicant so do your homework and check this out first.
- Watch your local papers. Sometimes major local organisations announce grant schemes for which you may qualify.

Sources of funding information:

- CVS – Council for Voluntary Service – Information Officer
- Rural Community Council

Internet Sites:

- www.access-funds.co.uk
- www.cash-online.org.uk
- www.fundersonline.org
- www.grantsnet.co.uk
- www.grantsonline.org.uk
- www.governmentfunding.org.uk
- www.trustfunding.org.uk
- www.fundraising.co.uk

Lottery Distributors:

- Awards for all (Between £500 - £5,000)
- Community Fund (Medium projects £5,000 - £60,000)
(Large projects £60,000 - £200,000)
- New Opportunities Fund
- Heritage Fund
- Sport England

There is a very good piece of software downloadable free from www.funderfinder.org.uk. It is called "Apply yourselves" this guides you through writing a letter of application or filling in an application form by asking a series of questions and providing guidelines to your answers.

If your initial application is unsuccessful do contact the funders, some of them are willing to give feedback which will be very useful for future applications. Don't be put off trying again, many funding applications are successful after several attempts (keeping copies of every application will make each successive one easier to complete). If your application is successful, publicise the fact, contact your local paper and write a short article for BMFA News, funders usually like their particular schemes to receive positive publicity.

SUCCESS STORIES

Here are a few quotes from clubs that have successfully applied for outside funding. Hopefully they will encourage you to make your own application, remember you won't receive anything if you don't try and there is nothing to lose.

TEESIDE MODEL FLYING CLUBS **£20,000 GRANTS**

"Following on from the articles printed in the BMFA NEWS editions 56 (page12) and 57 front pages, Teeside Model Flying Club success, where in the last paragraph I stated that I intended to raise £21,000 before Easter. I failed but I did manage to get £25,118.91 offered. Which was great but then the bad news £5,000 was rescinded, leaving £20,118.91.91, after one of the panel checked the list of exclusions and found that Community Chest funds could not be used to purchase free hold right for land. So to date TMFC have had:

Community Chest	£264.97 frequency scanner
Community Chest	£5,000 entrance/car park
Awards for all	£5,000 entrance/car park
Single Regeneration Budget	£1,000 for land purchase
Community Chest	£5,000 for land but rescinded
Community Chest	£1,976 towards air show
Tees valley community foundation	£2,000 towards land purchase
Local network fund	£4,8778 to purchase 12 trainers

We own 7 acres of land at Redmarshall and are in the process of purchasing an additional 7 acres of adjoining land. We are fortunate to have a good relationship with the landowner who had allowed us to pay for the land in instalments. This arrangement gave me almost a year to approach other funders, with a view of trying to raise the cash to complete the additional land purchase at our Redmarshall flying site. I had a list of about 12 funders that I approached".

Tom Jones, Teeside Model Flying Club

HIBALDSTOW MODEL FLYING CLUB

“I must say that I didn’t have many problems, we were very thorough with our preparations prior to filling in the extensive paperwork to apply for the grant which I think helped a lot. It only took 8 weeks from our application being received to being notified of our success in gaining the award.

We were like most clubs, before we applied we thought that we had no chance of getting any money. We were desperate to raise funds to resurface the runway before it got too bad, so we had a go, we are now over the moon as we have secured the quality of our excellent flying site for many years to come, and also secured the future of our club. By summer our site will be at it’s best for years, we already have a club hut with a generator, cooking facilities, heating, microwave, and seating inside and out. The new runway is the icing on the cake, thank the lord we had a go, it’s definitely worth a try”.

John Codd, Hibaldstow MFC

MELTON & DISTRICT MODEL FLYING CLUB

“I have just received notification from “Awards for all, England” (National Lottery Fund) that my club has been awarded it’s second grant. This time it is for £3938 and the money is for training aircraft plus control equipment, computers and flight simulator software. Just over a year ago I successfully applied for a grant of £5,000 from the same body. It was on that occasion needed to help replace the roof on the clubhouse. It was becoming an urgent issue and the Lottery contribution took some of the sting out of what was an expensive task. I would recommend all model clubs have a go, you have nothing to lose and everything to gain. Just find a worthy project and follow the guidelines. Good luck!”

Ted Fuller, Melton and District Model Club.

***For further information or assistance contact the BMFA Leicester office;
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