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TO ALL TECHNICAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

There will be a Meeting of the Technical Council on Saturday 20th October 2007 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

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for Absence.
- 2 Request for permission to be absent.
- 3 To verify the voting strength of the meeting.
- 4 Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Technical Council Meeting held on 3rd March 2007.
- 5 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 3rd March 2007 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.

- 6 To review the set agenda for the first meeting of a Technical Committee each year (Current issue appended).
- 7 Tech Sec reminder to Technical Committees of their responsibility to send in the Technical Committee's Annual Return immediately after their first Committee meeting after the BMFA AGM.
- 8 To receive proposals for FAI Rule changes: (Full proposals appended)
 - a Scale Technical Committee – Volume F4 Annex C Para V of the FAI Sporting Code – Lazy Eight.
 - b Silent Flight Technical Committee – Para 5.K.6.2 of the current provisional FAI F3K Rules.
 - c From BMFA Competition Secretary, on behalf of SpaceCom –
 - i) SM Space Models General Rules
 - ii) S4 – 8.1 Definition/Description
 - iii) S8E/P Rocket Glider – 11.7.1 Purpose
 - iv) S8E/P Rocket Glider – 11.7.3 Landing Area
 - v) S8E/P Rocket Glider – 11.7.4.6 Additional points will be awarded for landing
 - vi) S8E/P Rocket Glider – 11.7.5.4 S8E/P Landing Area diagram

9 To ratify the following British Record Claims:

- a Name Matthew Hart – BMFA No 30844
 Class Record No 30 – Control Line FAI Reaction Motor
 Site Barkston Heath Date 25th August 2007
 Speed 197.71 MPH
- b Name Peter Halman FSMAE – BMFA No 50198
 Class Record No - TBAControl Line – Control Line F2A (Speed) in WCH/ECH
 Site Batajnica, Belgrade, Serbia Date 12th July 2007
 Speed 298.4 KPH

10 To receive **FAI/CIAM Technical Sub-Committee List** recommendations from Technical Committees.

R/C Power

<i>John Mee (072383)</i>	<i>F3A</i>
<i>John Benyon (120098)</i>	<i>F3C</i>
<i>John Barker (057229)</i>	<i>F3D</i>

Scale

<i>Chris Allen (000377)</i>	<i>F4</i>
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Free Flight

<i>Ian Kaynes (021003)</i>	<i>F1ABCD</i>
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Control Line

<i>Peter Halman (050198)</i>	<i>F2A</i>
<i>John Bonner (106589)</i>	<i>F2B</i>
<i>Chris Barker (051784)</i>	<i>F2C</i>
<i>John James (058506)</i>	<i>F2D</i>
<i>Mike Whillance (088347)</i>	<i>F2D</i>

R/C Silent

<i>George Shering (026644)</i>	<i>F5B</i>
<i>Clive Needham (002566)</i>	<i>F3B/J</i>

Indoor

Not provided for the Agenda. This information must be provided at Technical Council Meeting 20th October 2007.

Space Modelling

<i>Mike Francies (039222)</i>	<i>Space</i>
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11 To receive **FAI/CIAM Judge List** recommendations from Technical Committees:

R/C Power

Pete Cappleman (004379) F3A
Dave Scoles (055768) F3A
Robert Ailles (012721) F3A
David Tappin (043764) F3A

Scale

Chris Allen (000377) F4C static and flying
John Miller (062736) F4B/F4C flying only
Bill Dennis (062686) F4B/C static only
Graham Kennedy (111140) F4C static and flying

Control Line

<i>Peter Halman (050198)</i>	<i>F2A</i>	<i>Chris Barker (051784)</i>	<i>F2C</i>
<i>Jo Halman (001102)</i>	<i>F2A</i>	<i>Dave Rudd (002417)</i>	<i>F2C</i>
<i>David Brewin (058722)</i>	<i>F2A</i>	<i>Bernie Langworth (040335)</i>	<i>F2C</i>
<i>Roger Ladds (000626)</i>	<i>F2B</i>	<i>Vernon Hunt (002234)</i>	<i>F2D</i>
<i>John Bonner (106589)</i>	<i>F2B</i>	<i>John James (058506)</i>	<i>F2D</i>
<i>Peter Jackson (051717)</i>	<i>F2B</i>	<i>Richard Evans (001629)</i>	<i>F2D</i>

Space Modelling

Stuart Lodge (079141) S
Ian Dowsett0 (056513) S
Mike Francies (039222) S
Nigel Bathe (063592) S
Geoff Seabrook (118328) S

12 To receive de-briefing reports on this year's National Championships from Technical Committees & the Power Nationals Co-ordinator. (Reports should be brief, preferably in writing & in advance.)

13 To receive any reports from Technical Committees. (Reports should be brief, preferably in writing & in advance and not concerning Agenda Items.)

14 To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include:

a Receipt and ratification of any contests for next year's FAI Calendar.

15 To receive any reports from Council, Sub-committees or Elected Officers. (Reports should be brief, preferably in writing & in advance and not concerning Agenda Items.)

16 To receive nominations for re-presentation of International Awards at the BMFA annual prizegiving dinner. 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.

17 To receive the dates of the 2008 Technical Council Meetings:

1st Technical Council – 1st March 2008
2nd Technical Council – 18th October 2008

18 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 AOB should be previously advised to the Office Manager to allow preparation of replies.

19 Date of next meeting.

Report on the Area Council Meeting held on 9th June 2007

Area Chief Examiners

The following appointment was ratified:
Phil Davis – Northern Area Chief Examiner (Fixed Wing)

Power Achievement Scheme Controller Report

He expressed his dismay that it has been reported in some Area minutes, with regard to the appointment of Chief Examiners, that the Controller has a veto over the appointment. However there is support from some of the Areas and he is grateful for that.

Chairman remarked that he is quite concerned if Areas are reporting that the AS Controller has a veto on the appointment of ACE's. The only people who have a veto is this Council. If it is reported anywhere that the AS Controller has a veto then he asked Areas to ensure that this is amended and made clear to their members that this is not the case.

AS Controller pointed out that he was very disappointed with Full Council's decision to close the forum. He found it a valuable resource for himself and the Achievement Scheme. He used to point this out in his letter to all the new Examiners and Chief Examiners and there was never a problem with it, apart from a situation that arose in the Southern Area which was resolved satisfactorily.

He implored Areas to request that their AS Co-ordinators remind them that the Area that appoints them are the Area they are working for.

The Examiner's workshops are going very well this year. One thing that has come across is that everybody seems to think there is a requirement for these workshops and the training. However the enthusiasm is obviously guided by the Area and all the clubs because it is the clubs who have to give up their flying fields for a period of time for the Achievement Scheme and there seems to be some reluctance. If anybody has any ideas how we can increase this enthusiasm he would be pleased to hear from them.

This is not the same for all Areas, some are more enthusiastic than others. One reason that was suggested was probably because of a lack of publicity. Chairman reminded everyone that there is provision in the BMFA News in every edition for important Area information if people want to use it.

ASRC Chairman said he believes we should give it more time to get it established.

The following document was ratified:

New Member's Handbook Text, Achievement Schemes Section, Pages 45 and 46 reference Area Chief Examiners.

Review of Area Council working practices

Chairman said he believes the review of Area Council working practices is something that is long overdue. He is not saying change is needed but really wanted to judge what everyone believed the way we were doing things was right or wrong and what changes we should be making if any.

Chairman opened the debate and the following ideas were mooted.

- More frequent rotation of delegates. An environment which is more encouraging to new blood to bring in new ideas.
- Introduce youth element such as a Youth Area Delegate.
South West Area were tasked with testing out the idea of seeking a youth delegate with the possibility of an invitation to Areas Council.
- Frequency of meetings, more than three or less than three.
Alternatively introduce focus groups to deal with specific requirements.
- More effective use of electronic communication.
- Provide an organisation chart on the website of the BMFA structure and constitutional information with communication links.

Education Report

North West Area Delegate raised a point that his Area Education Co-ordinator had asked him to make because she is not receiving any communications from the office regarding Education.

Office Manager advised that there are no regular communications that we are required to send to Education Co-ordinators. However if they have any involvement with a particular event such as Flight Challenge, the Development Officer would be in contact with them.

General consensus is that some form of regeneration is necessary. It might be time for an Education meeting again to bring Education Co-ordinators together to discuss where they believe it should be going.

South West Area Delegate Alternate agreed to a request from the Chairman to liaise with the Development Officer to discuss the possibility of arranging a meeting. He might suggest to the Development Officer that a meeting could be co-ordinated with Flight Challenge debrief.

Hon Sec Report

Chairman, in his capacity as Hon Secretary spoke about the current situation regarding UAV's (Unmanned Air Vehicles). He briefed the meeting about a presentation he has been invited to give at the UAV International 2007 Conference in Paris later this month.

It will be a joint presentation on behalf of Europe Airsport and the BMFA.

The main aim of his presentation is to convey to them that if they want to fly unmanned air systems around in the sky, they must strive to be autonomous and not try to be subsumed under model aeroplane categorisation.

It is incredible to think what we have achieved over the years within the model flying fraternity and we are not going to allow anything to jeopardise it in the future.

There is quite a lot of UAV activity going on in the UK but it is all in segregated air space. There is a lot of commercial UAV activity and we have to defend our position of what we have achieved over a hundred years by drawing a line in the sand and saying that what we are doing is sport and recreational flying, they are not.

AOB Item

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the closure of the website forum.

Chairman summarised from the comments he has heard today.

It seems there may be some aspects of what may have been carried on the chat room forum whose loss may have a detrimental affect on how we have operated in the past in the Areas Council in areas such as the Achievement Scheme.

It would not be a wasted exercise if each of the Areas undertook a review. They were asked to discuss and provide information on any aspect of the work that this Committee does that they think could benefit from some form of forum.

It was reiterated by the Chairman that their comments should only address matters relating to Areas Council business.

The information gathered would be discussed at the next meeting. If we believe there is a requirement and we can substantiate it, we could consider putting a properly reasoned case to Full Council indicating why we need it and how any such forum could be effectively controlled.

Chairman set a deadline of 15th September, which is the next Full Council Meeting and requested that Areas hand their contribution to him at the meeting.

SOCIETY OF MODEL AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS LIMITED

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, EXHIBITION AND SEMINAR
24th NOVEMBER 2007

This will be held as usual at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Coventry. Signing in will be from 10am. The Morning Seminar is still to be confirmed.

Exhibitions of models from the various Technical Committees will be on display. Lunch will be available from 12noon until 1.30pm.

The AGM will start at 1.30pm.

The Dinner and Prize-giving will be held in the evening commencing at 7.15pm.

Dinner Tickets will be £22 and the overnight room charges will be £35 for a single room and £60 for a double room (two people sharing) all including full English breakfast. Dinner Ticket and overnight booking forms will be available from the BMFA office from 25th September 2006. (Please note: there are limited dinner tickets available which will be issued on a 'first come, first served' basis and is becoming increasingly popular).

Toasts and short after dinner speeches will be made and the presentation of the Society's Trophies to the current years' winners will take place. It is quite a spectacle to see all the gleaming trophies lined up – if you have never seen it, you do not know what you are missing!

After the excitement of the Award presentations, we adjourn to the music and dancing accompanied by a late bar to help things along.

The Free Flight Forum starts at 10am on Sunday morning 25th November, or you could visit the Sports Centre in the hotel, so why not make a weekend of it.

We look forward to seeing you there.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO VISITORS

Members who are not Club Delegates, are very welcome to attend the AGM, but we would ask their consideration in that priority allocation of seating will be given to bona fide Delegates and Fellows. Thank you.

For your interest the Menu for the Evening Dinner is as follows:

<p>Roasted Tomato Soup</p> <p>Roast Sirloin of Beef and Yorkshire Pudding served with Potatoes and Vegetables</p> <p>Vegetarian Alternative Mille Feuille of Tortillas</p> <p>Apple Pie and Custard</p> <p>Freshly Brewed Tea or Coffee</p>
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NOTICE FOR ALL AREA CHIEF EXAMINERS / CLUB EXAMINERS / AREA AS CO-ORDINATORS

CHANGES TO MEMBER'S HANDBOOK TEXT

ACHIEVEMENT SCHEMES SECTION, PAGES 45 AND 46

EFFECTIVE AS OF AREAS COUNCIL MEETING 9 JUNE 2007

Area Chief Examiners

(Fixed Wing, Helicopter and Silent Flight)

The Achievement Scheme is run at Area level by Area Chief Examiners who are persons nominated by Area Committees and ratified by Areas Council as Area Chief Examiners.

A sufficient number of Area Chief Examiners should be maintained by each Area to ensure good geographic coverage for their clubs.

The principal duty of an Area Chief Examiner is to test applicants for the post of Examiner and to promote and maintain the standards of the R/C Achievement Schemes by example and by visiting clubs that require their services.

They are also non-voting officers of their Area Committee and are required to liaise with their Area Scheme Co-ordinator and to submit an annual report to the Area AGM.

It is important to note that Area Chief Examiner status is an appointment, not a qualification and is subject to annual re-ratification.

Area Chief Examiner Eligibility

Area Chief Examiners must be senior members of the BMFA and may be appointed for fixed-wing, helicopter, silent flight or any combination of the three and all Area Chief Examiner ratings will be shown on the individual's BMFA membership card.

They must have long term knowledge and experience of any discipline for which they are appointed for and must also have full knowledge of the BMFA Safety Codes

All Area Chief Examiner candidates must have held an Examiner rating in the discipline for which they are to be appointed for at least two years.

The initial Areas Council ratification ends on December 31st of that year. After that, Area Chief Examiner appointments are for a period of one year only, from January 1st to December 31st. The appointment may be renewed by the appropriate Scheme Controller annually at the request of the appropriate Area Committee.

How an Area Appoints an Area Chief Examiner

The first step is for the Area to decide that an Area Chief Examiner is needed and then to decide on a suitable candidate.

Before the presentation of a potential candidate to an Area meeting for ratification, a consultation with the appropriate Scheme Controller is required by the Area Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator so that the candidates experience within the Achievement Scheme can be properly appraised by the Area.

The vote to put the candidate forward is then taken at an Area meeting and, for the candidate to be successful, the voting **MUST** show at least two thirds of those present and eligible to vote to be in favour of the candidate. The Area should note that there is a requirement that the candidate provide a CV to go with the proposal.

The proposal form raised by the Area is then passed to the BMFA office, usually by an Area Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator.

Immediately on receipt, the BMFA Office will check the proposal form to see that the Area voting was correct, that the required CV is present, that the candidate has been an Examiner in the requested discipline for the required length of time and that the required consultation with the Scheme Controller has taken place.

If all is correct, the proposal will be added to the agenda of the next available Areas Council meeting and a copy will be sent to the appropriate National Controller.

The National Controller will pass to the BMFA Leicester Office for inclusion with the proposal any comments about the candidate's record of activity within the Scheme and any recommendations to Council on the suitability of the candidate that he feels are necessary. This must be done by the National Controller as soon as possible after receiving his copy of the proposal.

At the Areas Council the proposal is voted on and, if successful, the candidate becomes a full Chief Examiner for his Area.

Retaining Area Chief Examiner Status

There are two conditions for remaining an Area Chief Examiner which must be fulfilled each year. One of these is that you are a current BMFA member.

The other is that you are ratified by your Area each year at the Area's AGM and then confirmed by the appropriate National Scheme Controller.

If either of these is not done then you will lose your Chief Examiner appointment and your status on the membership database will be changed.

If your membership lapsed then you will be credited a 'B' certificate.

If you are not ratified by your Area then your status will depend on whether you are accepted by a club as an Examiner. If so then you will be credited with an 'E'. If not then you will be credited with a 'B'.

Regaining Chief Examiner status on re-joining or being re-ratified by your Area is not automatic and will be subject to the normal process of ratification by Areas Council.

Area Chief Examiner's Area Of Operation

Chief Examiners operate within the Area for which they are ratified. If a Chief Examiner is

(a) requested to operate in another Area for any reason or

(b) asked to test Examiner candidates from a club in another Area

He **must** liase with that Area's Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator before taking any further action.

LOST MODELS AT THE POWER NATIONALS – August Bank Holiday Weekend

- **A "Boo Ray" British Goodyear team racer (Colour plus other distinguishing details provided)**
- **A Free Flight Model, 66" Span, Slow Open Power (Colour plus other information provided)**

**PLEASE CONTACT BMFA IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE –
TEL 0116 2440028 – Email admin@bmfa.org**

***Bury Metro Model Flying Club* AUTUMN AUCTION**

**At St. Bernadette's Social Centre, Bury New Road, Whitefield M45 8UT
On Wednesday 7th November 2007**

**Commission: 10% of any sale - £5 maximum Entrance Fee: £1 (inc raffle)
Refreshments: Bar open until 10.30pm Doors open: 7.30pm Auction starts: 8.30pm**

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