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STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE**

**TO ALL FULL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

There will be a Meeting of the Full Council on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2008 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](mailto: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 Full Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2008.
- 5 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2008 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 6 To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer to include:

- a) The review and approval of the statutory accounts and supplementary information for the financial year ended 31st March 2008.
- b) Any issues or recommendations raised by the Auditor whilst reviewing the Accounts.
- c) The receipt and approval by Council of the draft budget for presentation to the AGM.
- d) The recommendation of the membership fees for next year.
- e) The ratification of the fees (currently £40) for Associate Bodies for next year.

7 To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.

8 To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.

9 To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary to include:

- a Presentation of updates to the Affiliated Club list and adoption of any new clubs.
- b Annual ratification of Honorary Members

10 To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.

11 To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include the following:

- a Receipt and ratification of any contests for next year's FAI Calendar.
- b Ratification of fees for FAI Licences for next year. (Present fees: FAI stamp: Seniors £10 & Juniors £5; Booklet: £5; replacement licences including the FAI stamp (ie lost or damaged in the current year): £5.
- c Receipt of contest fees for Free Flight for next year.
- d Proposal from the Competition Secretary.

That Technical Committees must advertise for team manager and assistant team manager (if appropriate) posts for their British Teams in the BMFA News & on the news page of the BMFA website.

The advertisement must be placed early enough to allow (a) a reasonable time for replies and (b) the names of the recommended candidates to be placed on the agenda of the January Full Council meeting for ratification.

12 To receive a report from the Records Officer to include the following Record Claim proposals:

- a) Name Chris Barker/Mike North – BMFA No's 51784 / 24195  
Class F2CN (Final 200 laps)  
Site RAF Barkston Heath Date 8 June 2008  
Time 7mins 57.9 secs
- b) Name Chris Barker/Mike North – BMFA No's 51784 / 24195  
Class F2CN Heat (100 laps)  
Site RAF Barkston Heath Date 8 June 2008  
Time 3 mins 55.8 secs
- c) Name Heaton/Morrissey/Fleming – BMFA No's 50550 /2525 / 01976  
Class Barton B T/Race  
Site Barton Date 27 April 2008  
Time 6 mins 37.2 secs
- d) Name Stephen Hannon – BMFA No 37996  
Class R/C Thermal Soaring Glider – Alt  
Site Fish Meadow Date 27 July 2008  
Altitude 690m

**Please note this submission is not recommended to the Council as the rules have not been adhered to.**

13 To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.

14 To receive a report from the FAI Delegate, to include:

- e) The agreement of the CIAM Education Sub-Committee Delegate.

- 15 Next year's Major Events:
- a To discuss venues.
  - b To accept co-ordinators.
  - c To ratify the Power Nationals Co-ordinator.
- 16 To receive a report from the Power Nationals Co-ordinator and the appropriate Technical Committees on the BMFA National Championships held since the last Council Meeting in May.
- 17 To receive a report from the Chairman of the Awards Committee.
- 18 To receive the following proposals:
- i) *From the Silent Flight Technical Committee* that the two towmen for the British F3J World Championships in Turkey between 27<sup>th</sup> June & 6<sup>th</sup> July, Les Johnson, SAA No: 001292, Club: n/a and John Stanswood, BMFA No: 102569, Club: Timperley, be retrospectively ratified to formally acknowledge them as members of the F3J team and to enable them to be paid the balance of the full team member allowance.
  - ii) *From the Silent Flight Technical Committee* that for F3J FAI sanctioned Continental and World Championships two official towmen be considered as fully-fledged team members for the sole purpose of hand towing which is mandatory and essential at these events. As team members, ratified by Council in the usual way, the two towmen would be entitled to the full team member allowance.
  - iii) *From London Area* that in cases of more than one application for a team manager or assistant team manager post, all the team members must be balloted to establish which of the applicants they would prefer for the appropriate post and the Technical Committee shall then propose that person to Council for ratification.
  - iv) *From North West Area* that if any visits to clubs or flying sites are arranged by Head Office staff on behalf of the BMFA, whether by invitation or otherwise, then the Area Committee concerned should be informed as soon as possible in advance of the visit, unless the club or organisation specifically request otherwise.
  - v) *From Keith Miller FSMAE* that the Archivist present a report, written or verbal, to each Full Council Meeting. The first one to give, in broad detail, existing items in the SMAE archives and, to subsequent meetings, new additions, also progress reports on finding proper research and display facilities for new items received and accepted as suitable for inclusion.
- 19 To consider an application for a Specialist Body of Stunt fliers. (Supporting information appended).
- 20 To receive any reports from the following Delegates (reports should be brief, preferably in writing and in advance).
- a Royal Aero Club (RAeC)
  - b General Aviation Safety Council (GASCo)
  - c Air Prox
  - d Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR)
  - e General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)
- 21 To receive any reports from the following Committees (reports should be brief, preferably in writing and in advance):
- a CAA Team
  - b UK Radio Control Council (UKRCC)
  - c Education Working Group
  - d Flight Challenge
  - e University Challenge
  - f Computer Sub-Committee
  - g Safety Review Committee
  - h Achievement Scheme Review Committee
  - i BMFA News Publishers
  - j Flying Site Adviser's Report

22 Any Other Business.

**Report on the Full Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2008 (Full Minutes can be obtained from the BMFA website)**

**Matters Arising.**

The following two proposals were carried unanimously.

**That SAM 35 have an official voting seat on the Free Flight Technical Committee.**

**That this Council institute the payment of travelling expenses to Specialist Body Representatives at Technical Committees, effective immediately.**

A proposal was submitted in January 2008 from North East Area that all junior competitors should receive a certificate for endeavour regardless of whether they attained a placing or not.

North East Area provided copies of draft certificates which they were tasked to do at the meeting in January. The following proposal was carried by a majority vote for an amendment to the wording on the certificates:

**That “on an equal footing” is deleted from the wording and also that whenever the event is purely a junior event the whole of the wording is eliminated.**

The Office will produce the certificates in-house. Administration procedures will be set up by the office however they will need the co-operation of the Technical Committees to provide the information for the recipients of the awards.

**Reduced Membership fees from July 1<sup>st</sup> for remainder of the year.**

Seniors £22 Juniors £13 Family Seniors £22 Fam Partners £16 Fam Juniors £10

The following proposal was carried by a majority vote.

**That we accept the offer from the Nationals Co-ordinator to run the Top Gun event this year in conjunction with the Showline under specific conditions, with a view to incorporating it into an event at Leicester Airport next year and consider the possibility of extending it to include 3D Helicopters.**

The Technical Secretary commented that it requires a disproportionate effort from everyone involved for the return that we get from Top Gun. It requires almost the same effort as putting on the Nationals. This should be a factor to consider when thinking about holding it as a stand alone event next year.

The Vice-Chairman put forward a document to amend the composition of the Awards Committee, which was accepted with some minor amendments. This will be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009.

The Vice-Chairman briefed the meeting on how the working party, set up to discuss processes for the November elections, came to the conclusions as recommended in a document provided to the meeting.

The following proposals were carried.

**i) Recommendation 1 of the Working Party document that: In a situation where there are four candidates all of whom will get on to the Technical Committee but one will only get a one-year term, that shall be decided by Council Members on the morning of the AGM.**

**ii) For this year we run with the same system as last year but in addition to the biographies for candidates in the BMFA News we also include a pre-paid insert as the ballot form.**

**General Rules (Contest Rules, Sections 1 & 2)**

**2.3.8 – Change the second paragraph as follows:**

Protests made to Council after the contest may only be made direct to the BMFA Competition Secretary who, after considering the details of the protest, may bring such protests to the attention of ~~either the BMFA Full Council or the Technical Council~~ as appropriate.

**2.3.8 – Add a new third paragraph as follows:**

Protests or appeals arising from a decision made by a Technical Committee on competition related matters may only be made directly to the Competition Secretary who will then convene a Panel comprising three Technical Committee Chairmen and not including the Chairman of the Technical Committee concerned. This Panel, plus the Competition Secretary, will study the appeal and examine the reasons for the Technical Committee's decision. The Panel should base its findings on the rules in force at the time and whether the rules had been correctly applied or not.

If the protest or appeal is not upheld, then the appellant(s) must be informed of the reasons for the decision. This proposed procedure does not preclude an appellant(s) taking a failed protest or appeal to the BMFA Full Council.

The following proposals were carried.

**iii) That the effective date in General Rule 2.5.2(e) is reduced from eight weeks to four weeks, effective from the date of this Council Meeting.**

**iv) The following rules for the assignment of Trophy 96 The Humbrol Plate**

**A. To qualify the flight must be made by a BMFA member.**

**B. At least one and preferably two independent timekeepers must be used.**

**C. Flights may be taken during BMFA sanctioned contests or Open Internationals/Continental and World Championships.**

**D. Any class of indoor duration model may be used.**

It is expected that the above rules will apply to any claim, with respect of a flight, made during the 2008 season. e.g. AGM 2007 to AGM 2008.

**v) That this Council adopts the JMA/GTBA Code of Practice for the operation of turbine powered models.**

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**Report on the Areas Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2008 (Full Minutes can be obtained from the BMFA website).**

Midland Area presented a progress report on the experiment of conducting Area business electronically, which was granted to them in 2007.

There will be a further review at the February 2009 Area Council Meeting.

The following proposal was carried.

**An additional paragraph to be included in Article 26, paragraph two of the Areas Constitution, as follows:**

**“Alternatively a minimum of two ordinary meetings may be held with the addition of the use of an Areas Council approved electronic communication and meetings system.”**

Over the next two or three years it will be necessary to revisit the Areas Constitution to incorporate a section on how to run the electronic system. It would be a waste of time to do anything at the moment because we are still in the trials stage but the above proposal would cover what Midland Area are doing at present.

The following Achievement Scheme proposals were carried.

**i) That a seminar for the Area Achievement Scheme Co-ordinators be held within the next six months, organised and run by the Achievement Scheme Review Committee.**

**ii) That Logbooks be produced for BMFA Examiners to enable them to record all tests taken, including failures.**

**iii) That two new paragraphs be added to the Member's Handbook, page 47, Section 'Club Examiners'.**

***A Club has the sole right to specify which Examiners may test their members on their own flying fields. The Examiners may be those ratified annually by the Club or they may be Examiners who are invited by the Club Committee to visit the Club to test members.***

***This does not restrict the right of model flyers to be tested at a venue and with an Examiner of their choice but it should be noted that any Club may insist on satisfying themselves regarding the flying competence of any member or visitor who has been tested away from the Club and not by their own Examiners.***

***iv) That the following wording be added to the Standards Booklets for the 'A' Certificate (Fixed Wing), the 'B' Certificate (Fixed Wing) and the 'C' Certificate (Aerobatics).***

The wording is intended to replace the sections on deadstick landings and to give advice to the Examiner(s) on how they may proceed in any such situation.

### ***Interruptions to the Test***

*A possibility that may occur during a test is an engine failure part way through which, with helicopters could very well lead to a damaged model. If this is the case then the test obviously cannot continue and you should invoke the rule that the test should be performed in one flight and count the flight as one of the two attempts allowed during the day.*

*Genuine engine trouble or even engine-out situations during the test may be dealt with in one of three ways.*

*If the test was being generally flown in a satisfactory manner and the problem can be rectified quickly then the candidate may be allowed to continue the test from the start of the manoeuvre in which the problem occurred.*

*If the problem cannot be rectified quickly but you consider that it was a genuine unforeseen occurrence, you may annul the test and not count it as one of the two attempts.*

*If the test up to the point of failure was not satisfactory, you have to option to cancel the rest of the test and count the flight as one of the two attempts allowed during the day.*

*Obviously, you will have to use your judgement on this matter as there will rarely be black and white situations but how they handled the emergency should be of great interest to you when you come to review the candidate's overall standard of flying.*

There were four typographical errors as follows, which were taken into consideration and accepted when voting.

Under heading 'Interruptions to Test'

First paragraph, first line – delete comma from behind 'which' to in front of 'which'.

First paragraph, second line – remove 'helicopters'.

Fifth paragraph, first line – replace 'to' with 'the'.

Sixth paragraph, first line – replace 'by' with 'be'.

***v) That the following changes be made to the Member's Handbook, Page 60, Column 1, BMFA Qualified Instructors.***

### **BMFA Qualified Instructors**

Ratification as a Qualified Instructor (QI) is automatic and there is no test to take but you must comply with two conditions:

(1) You must **hold** an Approved Instructor rating and have held **it** for a minimum of one year,  
And

(2) You must **hold** the relevant 'B' certificate **and** have held **it** for at least six months.

You will get the new rating automatically if you already meet or if you attain these criteria.

**Note that the QI rating depends on your retaining both the AI rating and the 'B' Certificate. If either of these is lost, in the AI case for instance, by not renewing your membership or by not being re-ratified by a club as and when required, the QI ratification will also be lost.**

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**vi) That the 'B' Certificate (Fixed Wing), Page 51, column 1 of the 2007 Member's Handbook, part of Para (m) is modified as follows:**

*Exceptionally, at a pre-determined point in the flight an intermediate landing may be permitted for the sole purpose of **either** refuelling or the fitting of a freshly charged flight battery. This landing may only be made with the prior consent of the Examiners. **The pre-determined point may be either after a specific manoeuvre or at a specific time of flight, whichever is requested by the candidate and agreed by the Examiners.** Two attempts per examination will be allowed in any one day.*

*The 'C' Certificate (Fixed Wing), Page 52, column 1 of the 2007 Member's Handbook, Para (m) is modified as follows:*

*(m) Exceptionally, at a pre-determined point in the flight an intermediate landing may be permitted for the sole purpose of **either re-fuelling or** the fitting of a freshly charged flight battery. This landing may only be made with the prior consent of the Examiners. **The pre-determined point may be either after a specific manoeuvre or at a specific time of flight, whichever is requested by the candidate and agreed by the Examiners.***

*The 'B' Certificate (Helicopter), Page 53, column 1 of the 2007 Member's Handbook, part of Para (k) is modified as follows:*

*Exceptionally, at a pre-determined point in the flight an intermediate landing may be permitted for the sole purpose of **either** refuelling or the fitting of a freshly charged flight battery. This landing may only be made with the prior consent of the Examiners. **The pre-determined point may be either after a specific manoeuvre or at a specific time of flight, whichever is requested by the candidate and agreed by the Examiners.** Two attempts per examination will be allowed in any one day.*

A formal action was placed on the ASRC to look at the wording "two attempts for examination will be allowed in any one day" in the overall context being used throughout the guidelines.

**Note.**

**The inception date for the above proposals will be 1<sup>st</sup> October 2008.**

The Technical Secretary will place a notice in BMFA News in the August issue.

**Achievement Scheme Review Committee (ASRC)**

Andy Symons was formally co-opted on to the Achievement Scheme Review Committee.

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<b><u>MEMBERSHIP DEAL</u></b>			
The following CREDITS will be issued from 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2008 renewable against 2009 membership.			
<b>Sept:</b>	<b>Seniors £11</b>	<b>Juniors £6</b>	
<b>Oct:</b>	<b>Seniors £12</b>	<b>Juniors £7</b>	
<b>Nov:</b>	<b>Seniors £13</b>	<b>Juniors £8</b>	
			<b>Fam Partner £8</b>
			<b>Fam Partner £9</b>
			<b>Fam Partner £10</b>
			<b>Fam Junior £4</b>
			<b>Fam Junior £5</b>
			<b>Fam Junior £6</b>

## **SOCIETY OF MODEL AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS LIMITED**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, EXHIBITION AND SEMINAR**

**22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2008**

This will be held as usual at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Coventry. Signing in will be from 10am.

### ***NEW FOR 2008!!!***

This year we have decided to replace the usual morning Seminar with a series of BMFA 'Helpdesks' covering a wide range of topics (listed below). If you would like assistance on any aspect of your Club and its operation, why not send your Club Delegate along to obtain advice or have an informal chat on a one-to-one basis.

- Helen Taylor – Membership and related paperwork. (Ideal for Club Secretaries)
- Roger Bellingham – Flying Site advice and guidance.
- Reg Bench – Honorary Solicitor (Practical legal advice and guidance for your club).
- Peter Spurway, Terry Rounce – Achievement Scheme (Information and advice)
- Manny Williamson – Development Officer (General and Insurance)
- Chris Bromley FSMAE – Technical Secretary (Technical, to include 2.4GHz)

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 £38 for a single room and £65 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 19<sup>th</sup> September 2008. (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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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:

*Leek and potato soup with ham ~ Beef steak braised in red wine, mushrooms and thyme,  
on mash potato and green beans ~ Vegetarian Alternative Spinach and Ricotta Cannelloni  
with Roasted Vegetables & a Pesto Cream Sauce  
~ Trio of chocolate mousse with mango coulis  
~ Freshly Brewed Tea or Coffee*