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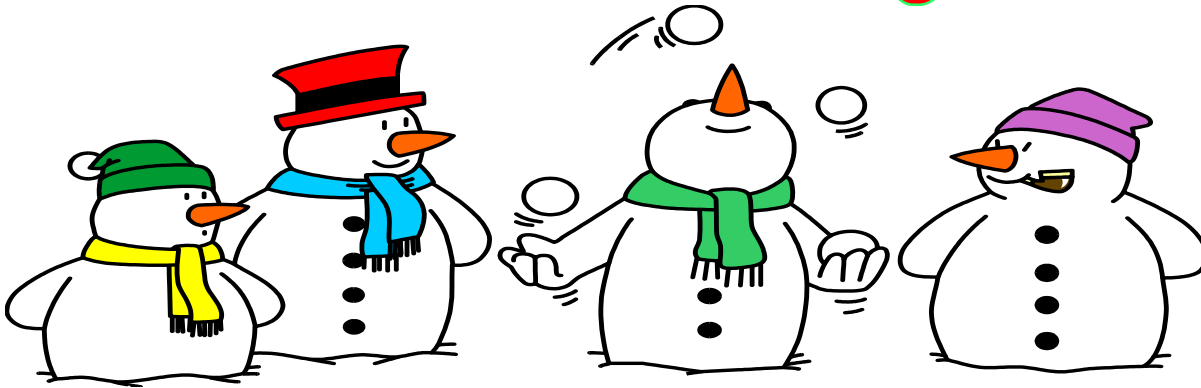


# CLUB BULLETIN

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## TO ALL FULL COUNCIL MEMBERS

There will be a Meeting of the Full Council on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 11.00am which is to be held at Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrew's Road, Leicester LE2 8RE.  
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### AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for Absence.
- 2 Request for permission to be absent.
- 3 To formally receive the following delegates:
  - a The RAeC Delegate
  - b The RNMAA Delegate
- 4 To formally receive the Area Delegates to Council.~
- 5 To co-opt Technical Committee Representatives to Council.~
- 6 To verify the voting strength of the meeting.
- 7 To:~
  - a Note names of the Technical Committee Chairmen.
  - b Ratify the BMFA Delegates to other organisations.
  - c Ratify Council appointed sub-committees.
  - d Ratify Council appointed posts.
- 8 Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2009.
- 9 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2009 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 10 To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer to include the following:
  - a To review and accept the proposed guidelines for use of Training and Excellence budgets. (Appended)
- 11 International Teams for this year's World and European Championships:~
  - a Ratification of Teams, Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers (where permitted) from submitted proposals – full details appended.
    - i Free Flight 2010 European Championships Team Manager and Assistant Team Manager.
    - ii F1A, F1B, F1C Teams for 2010 European Championships.
    - iii F1D 2010 World Championship Team Manager.
    - iv F1E 2010 European Championship Team Manager and Assistant Team Manager.
    - v F1E Team for 2010 European Championships.
    - vi 2010 Space Modelling World Championships Team Manager and Assistant Team Manager.
    - vii Space Modelling Senior and Junior Teams for World Championships 2010.
    - viii F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D Teams for 2010 World Championships.
    - ix F3A 2010 European Championship Team Manager.
    - x F3A Team for 2010 European Championship.
    - xi F3C 2010 European Championship Team Manager.
    - xii F3C Team for 2010 European Championship.
    - xiii F4C Team for 2010 World Championship.
    - xiv F5D 2010 World Championship Team Manager.
    - xv F5D Team for 2010 World Championship.

- b Receipt of declarations from any Technical Committees that has not yet finalised a proposed team that it does intend to send a team. ~
- 12 To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer to include:
- a Update on Club Map Reference.
- 13 To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman to include the following:
- a Provide information on formation of the Electrical Safety Advisory Group.
- 14 To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary to include the following:
- a Notification of Helicopter Specialist Body (AHA) change of working title.
- 15 To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.
- 16 To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include:
- a Receipt and ratification of any outstanding contests for this year's FAI Calendar.
  - b Receipt of this year's BMFA contest fees.~
- 17 To receive a report from the Records Officer to include the following British Record Claim:
- Name Ben Jones /Geb Jones Mem No 089029  
 Class F3D Pylon  
 Site RAF Wittering Date 21<sup>st</sup> June 2009  
 Heat 0 Mins 56.88 secs
- 18 To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.
- 19 To receive a report from the FAI Delegate.
- 20 To receive the following proposals:
- a **From Jim Andrews FSMAE** that Mike Francies be elected to the post of Alternate to the FAI Delegate for 2010.
  - b **From Jim Andrews FSMAE** that Mike Colling FSMAE be elected to the post of Education Delegate to the FAI for 2010.
  - c **From the R/C Power Technical Committee** that the "Code of Practice for the Operation of Gas Turbine Powered Model Aircraft" be amended as follows:
 

A.1: "Manufacturers' or Designers' ~~operating~~ instructions ~~must~~ *should* be followed at all times. *Where manufacturers' or designers' instructions conflict with this Code of Practice, the manufacturers' or designers' instructions must take precedence.*"

J.2: "*Where practical, the following gas turbine system checks ~~must~~ should be made prior to every flight:*"

*Add J.3: "Mechanical abnormalities indicated at any time by vibration, unusual or excessive noise, excessive temperature, overspeed, or any other unexpected phenomena must be investigated before the engine is re-started."*
  - d **From Free Flight Technical Committee** to revise the allocation of the Junior Kit Rubber and Junior Kit Glider trophies at the Free Flight Nationals. We propose that these two trophies should still be allocated to the novice event which will continue to be a combined rubber/glider event for nominated models.
- The revised trophy allocation will be:-  
 Junior Kit Rubber to the highest placed rubber model  
 Junior Kit Glider to the highest placed glider model

In the event of there being no entries in a particular discipline then that trophy will not be awarded in that year.

- e **From South Midland Area** to expedite the setting up of on-line membership applications and renewals.
  - f **From South Midland Area** to formalise the constitution of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee.
- 21 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 Committee (GASCo)
  - c Air Prox
  - d Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR)
  - e General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)
- 22 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
  - k BMFA Archivist Report

23 Any Other Business.

Please note: Items for Any Other Business should be sent or handed to the Office Manager in writing before the meeting commences. This will be strictly enforced.

Any questions to be asked under AOB that require detailed answers should be previously advised to the Office Manager to allow preparation of replies.

24 Date of next meeting.



**The Radio Control Helicopter Association (RCHA) and the British First Person View Model Flying Association (BFPVMFA)**

You may be aware of two new Associations which could be operational in the New Year – The RCHA and the BFPVMFA. They have both indicated that they intend to operate outside of the BMFA and this includes provision of their own insurance schemes.

Please be aware that there may be some confusion with regard to the insurance status of their members. A condition of Club Affiliation to the BMFA is that all club members are required to be members of the BMFA (in return the insurer provides the extended Club cover for free!). As such, any club member who joins the RCHA or BFPVMFA will also have to be a member of the BMFA to be a member of your Club.

## **Report on the Full Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2009.**

The Annual Report and Accounts 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 were accepted.

### **Associate Body Fee**

This remains at £40 for 2010.

The following proposal was passed:

**That should two or more members wish to be considered for the posts of Alternate to the FAI Delegate and the CIAM Education Delegate and provided they are properly nominated and agendered, Council will decide who shall fill each post by ballot at the January Council Meeting.**

### **Safety Report**

With the demise of the specialist body for Electric Flight, BEFA the Safety Review Committee at their meeting in September charged the Vice-Chairman with preparing a paper to present to the January Council Meeting as to how we should structure, constitute and hold accountable a body of expertise on Electrical matters for the future safety and benefit of our members.

Significant concerns were raised by the ex BEFA members at the Safety Review Committee meeting which need to be addressed.

### **Annual Ratification of Honorary Members**

R Bench, D Bishop, E Clark, Mrs P Gowler, Mrs N Hadlow, D Hardman, K McCormick, Mrs m Nicholls, P Smith, Dr M P Sun, P Valentine, T Watson, J Worth, J French, R Bellingham.

The above were all accepted.

### **Hon Sec Report/South West Area**

The following proposal from the Honorary Secretary was accepted.

**“That the South West Area is split into two, County based, sub Areas – essentially one sub Area for the Cornwall clubs, the other for the Devon ones. Each sub-Area to have an interim committee of three as agreed during the July visit of members of the BMFA Executive and their committee then appointed/ratified an EGM or AGM for each sub-Area.**

**This EGM/AGM to be convened before the end of 2009. Due to the reduced size of these sub-Areas, a quorum for sub-Area meetings will be considered as effective provided that at least three clubs are represented at such meetings.**

**For overall representation to Council it is proposed that one Area Delegate will still represent the South West Area i.e. this Delegate will represent both sub-Areas. Each sub-Area may appoint their own Area Chief Examiners for administrative convenience.**

**Funding for all Areas normally comprises a fixed element plus a sum for each club within that Area. For these two sub-Areas it is proposed that the fixed element (as applicable to the SW Area in total) is allocated 50/50 between the two sub-Areas and each sub-Area will additionally receive funding as applicable to the number of clubs within their sub-Area.**

The Chairman will be writing to both sub-Areas to inform them of Council decision. He will report back further in January.

### **Technical Secretary Report**

The Technical Secretary raised the issue that with the increasing popularity for flying Electric models the need for some form of isolation of the battery from the main systems is causing concern.

Hopefully the Trade will realise something needs to be done and put something out on the market. Until then all we can do is wait.

Unfortunately there is no conclusive advice that we can provide to our members.

Council accepted the Technical Secretary's recommendation that the new member's handbook due to be sent out in April/May 2010 should be sent to current members at that time and also to 2009 members.

The following proposals submitted by the Technical Secretary were passed.

The 2007 Member's Handbook, page 40, column 1, THE BMFA SAFETY CODE FOR MODEL FLYING DISPLAYS, Organisation, paragraph, (c), be modified as follows:

**Delete**

(c) Verification of flyers' competence. The BMFA has a voluntary Achievement Scheme for R/C flyers and it is recommended that this is used to assess competence. Details are included in this handbook.

**Replace with**

(c) Verification of flyers' competence. The BMFA and other organisations have voluntary achievement schemes for R/C flyers and organisers should consider these as they are all guides to the proficiency of flyers wishing to take part in the display or event. Details of the BMFA Achievement Scheme are included in this handbook.

Seconded by Scale TC  
Carried unanimously

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The 2007 Member's Handbook, page 34, column 2, THE BMFA SAFETY CODE FOR MODEL FLYING DISPLAYS, General, paragraph 8, be modified as follows:

The following minima for sites, distances maintained from spectators and *proficiency* ~~competence~~ standards required from flyers of model aircraft at displays are recommended as a result of many years experience by the BMFA. As there are several different types of model aircraft they each require different facilities and site conditions for safe and effective displays. The different types will therefore be treated separately below.

Seconded by London Area  
Carried unanimously

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The Technical Committee Terms of Reference be changed to add the following elected post.

**The Rules Officer.**

The function of the Rules Officer will be to ensure that any rules overseen or generated by the Technical Committee or its Specialist Bodies are discussed and minuted by the Technical Committee and supplied to the Technical Secretary in good time to enable the BMFA rule books to be published early in the new year.

The information should be presented as early as possible but no later than mid February.

A return is required from the Technical Committee via the Rules Officer covering every possible rules source, although a 'no changes' response is acceptable.

The Technical Committee or Rules Officer is not required to hold all rule changes and submit them as a block. The sooner any individual changes are discussed by the Committee and then submitted the better.

The Technical Secretary proposed the following amendment to paragraph 1 of the above proposal as underlined:

**The Technical Committee Terms of Reference be changed to add the following elected post to be filled from the elected or co-opted members.**

Seconded by the Competition Secretary

Vote: For: 22  
Ags: 1  
Abs: 2

Carried by a majority vote.

Substantive proposal:

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Vote: For: 24  
Ags: 1  
Abs: 0

Carried by a majority vote.

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**The following addition be made to the BMFA Safety Code for Model Flying Displays, Member's Handbook 2007, page 39.**

### **Young Pilots**

**Whenever a young pilot takes part in a display, it is very strongly recommended that a suitably qualified person is tasked to stand with them as a safety pilot. The legal responsibilities and possible liabilities of young people under the age of 15 are not clearly delineated and the organisation should take great care that no young pilot is allowed to fly unaccompanied by a person know to them as being competent.**

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Ags: 1  
Abs: 0

Carried by a majority vote.

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Vote: For: 24  
Ags: 1  
Abs: 0

Carried by a majority vote.

### **Comp Sec Report**

The following Championship medals have been achieved:

Individual European Scale Champion Peter McDermott FSMAE.

Team Gold – Scale European Championships – Peter McDermott FSMAE, Dave Womersley, Mick Henderson.

F1C World Champion Peter Watson. This is quite an achievement as it has been about 30 years since the UK had a World Champion in F1C.

Unfortunately F2A and F2C events were cancelled three weeks before the event began. It has been agreed with the organisers to refund all the BMFA monies paid to them. There are also some uninsured losses such as flights etc. The Competition Secretary is currently in the process of collating this information and will be submitting the information to the organisers to request a refund.

### **Receipt and Ratification of any contests for next year's FAI Calendar.**

The Competition Secretary had received three application forms for the 2010 FAI Calendar, as follows:

The Stonehenge Cup, The Barton World Cup, The Equinox Cup.

There were no further submissions put forward for the FAI Calendar.

#### **Ratification of fees for FAI licences for 2010.**

Council were in agreement with the recommendation of the Competition Secretary that the fees remain the same as at present:

**FAI Stamp: Seniors £10 & Juniors £5; Booklet £5; replacement licences including the FAI stamp (ie lost or damaged in the current year) £5.**

The following proposals were submitted by the Comp Sec and passed.

**That the funding for International Teams remains as it currently is with the additional proviso that the International Teams Budget Holder (currently the Competition Secretary) monitors the entry fees approved by CIAM for each championship and if they appear unreasonable then budget holder may use some of the unused portion of the International Team budget to alleviate the financial burden on the team members.**

A drafting amendment was agreed, sixth line after "then" "budget holder" replaced "she".

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**BMFA General Rules: new paragraph 2.3.7 and re-number subsequent paragraphs.**

**The BMFA complies with the Anti-Doping Rules of the Royal Aero Club which are the UK Anti-Doping Rules and the FAI Anti-Doping Rules.**

**Currently there are no BMFA sanctions against any flier in BMFA competitions who is tested and has an adverse analytical result. However, competitors are advised that an adverse analytical result could affect their eligibility for international competition.**

**It is incumbent on any competitor in BMFA competitions and for team managers and support staff to be aware of the anti-doping rules.**

#### **Nationals Co-ordinators**

The following were accepted as co-ordinators for Free Flight and Scale Nationals 2010:

Free Flight – Mike Woodhouse FSMAE

Scale – Ian Pallister

Chris Bromley FSMAE was appointed Power Nationals Co-ordinator for 2010.

#### **Awards**

The following recommendations for Awards were put forward.

#### **Fellowship**

Keith Lomax

#### **Arthur Mullet Trophy**

Mick Lewis

#### **BMFA Certificate of Merit**

Peter Bailey

Walter Hodkinson

Gordon May

Brian Lever

#### **Andrei Tupolev Diploma**

Peter Watson

#### **RAeC Bronze Medal**

Brian Lever

#### **AOB**

Item for discussion from Silent Flight Technical Committee.

Silent Flight feel that in light of the ever increasing costs of sending teams to World and Euro Championships an effort should be made to raise funds by means of voluntary contribution from the membership.

Action on FAI Delegate to raise the issue with the FAI/CIAM that fees are becoming disproportionate and we should wait to see what the outcome is before discussing whether we need to take any action.

A comment was made that the Free Flight Technical Committee and the AHA manage to raise funds quite successfully for their respective bodies. The Power Nationals also generates a significant amount of money which is transferred to Team Travel Funds.

The Technical Secretary made the point that there is the likelihood that if CIAM are not able to do anything it is inevitable the Championships will move to a four year cycle.