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STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE**

**TO ALL TECHNICAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

There will be a Meeting of the Technical Council on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2012 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 Technical Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

- 5 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2011 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 To appoint the current year representative to the Awards Committee.
- 8 To discuss the CIAM Agenda (**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU BRING YOUR CIAM AGENDA WITH YOU**).
- 9 This year's Nationals updates from the Power Nationals Co-ordinator and Technical Committees to include:
  - a Discussion on flightlines.
  - b Nationals results requirements.
- 10 To receive any reports from Technical Committees. (Preferably in writing and not concerning Agenda Items.)
- 11 To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include:
  - a The receipt and ratification of any contests for the FAI Calendar.
- 12 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.)
- 13 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.*

*Any questions to be asked under AOB that require detailed answers should be previously advised to the Office Manager to allow preparation of replies.*
- 14 Date of next meeting.



**Report of the Full Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2012**  
**(Full minutes can be obtained from the BMFA website)**

**Appointment of Council**

Council members were formally received or co-opted as appropriate, and Delegates and Members of appointed Sub-Committees were ratified.

**Ratification of Team Manager, Assistant Team Managers and Teams for 2012 World/European Championships.**

F1A, B, C Team Manager, Assistant Team Manager and Team.  
 F1D Team Manager, Team Seniors, Team Juniors  
 F1E Team Manager, Assistant Team Manager, Team  
 F2 Control Line Team Manager, Assistant Team Manager, Team  
 F3A Team Manager  
 F3C Team Manager, Team  
 F3F Team Manager  
 F3J Team Manager, Team  
 F3K Team Manager, Senior Team, Junior Team

F3N Team  
F4C Team Manager, Team  
F5B Team  
F5D Team Manager, Team  
Space Modelling Team

## 2012 Contest Fees

### FREE FLIGHT

Juniors: All classes/all events Free

Season Tickets: Not available

Centralised: Site Access Charge £6  
1st Class £4  
Subsequent classes £2 per class

Area Centralised: Site Access Charge As set by Area  
1<sup>st</sup> Class £4  
Subsequent classes £2 per class

Team Selection: Seniors £25  
(pre- entry mandatory) for  
the single meeting spread  
over two weekends.

One fee enters all 3 classes.

Nationals: Airfield Pass £10 for three days  
£5 for one day  
1st Class £10  
For Championship events  
1st Class £5  
Non Championship Events  
Subsequent classes £10  
For Championship events  
Subsequent classes £5  
Non Championship Events  
Unlimited classes £45  
Pre-entry requested for all events.  
On-field entry at 50% surcharge.

F1E Meetings Same as Area Centralised

FAIR Site charge only for all meetings including team trials

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### CONTROL LINE

Juniors: Half the senior fee for all Centralised competitions

Season Tickets: Not available £0

Centralised: 1st Class £15

Team Selection: £15

Nationals: To be advised after 2012 CL Nationals Planning meeting in late February

## INDOOR

Single Event £15 per day

Season Ticket N/A

Provisional Nationals Entry Fees - £1.50 per class pre-entry (£2.50 on the day), Venue costs variable dependent on venue.

Junior Entry Unlimited entry £4 per day.

Team Selection Events Entry Fees - £25 per day, Juniors £4 per day

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## SILENT FLIGHT

### TBA

Single event fees F3B/F3J/F5B £10

F3K/eSoaring £7

Season Ticket F3J 3 events £25

Nationals To be decided when venue secured.

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## RADIO CONTROL

### RC Pylon (i/c)

Juniors: All classes/all events N/A

Season Tickets: Not available N/A

Centralised: £18.00

Team Selection: F3D £40.00

Nationals: All classes £20.00 per event

### RC Pylon (electric)

Juniors: All classes/all events N/A

Season Tickets: Not available N/A

Centralised: All classes £15.00

Team Selection/League N/A

Nationals: 1st class £20.00

E2k £20

Club 2000 £20

### RC Helicopter

Juniors: All classes/all events N/A

Season Tickets: Not available N/A

Centralised: 1<sup>st</sup> Class £30.00 F3C

Team Selection: All classes £10.00  
per round two rounds

Nationals: 1<sup>st</sup> Class £30.00 F3C

Sportsmans £25.00

F3N £20.00

Clubman £25.00

Scale Heli £20

## RC Aerobatics

<u>Juniors:</u>	All classes/all events	£25
<u>Season Tickets:</u>	Not available	£0
<u>Centralised:</u>	F3A	£25.00
<u>Team Selection:</u>	F3A	£25.00 per round four rounds
<u>Nationals:</u>		£30.00

None of these were confirmed as GBRCAA provided no information and did not attend RCPTC meeting.

## IMAC Aerobatics

<u>Juniors:</u>	All classes/all events	£15 including Nationals
<u>Season Tickets:</u>	Not available	£0
<u>Centralised:</u>	One day	£N/A
	Two day	£N/A
<u>Nationals</u>		£30.00 Seniors all classes £15.00 Juniors all classes

## Fun Fly

<u>Nationals</u>		£20
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## SCALE

<u>Centralised events</u>	RC	£15
	Or Season Ticket	£70
	CL	£11
	FF	£3
	Indoor	£16
	Including first class, £3.50 for additional classes	
<u>Nationals</u>	RC	£30
	CL	£16
	FF	£12
	Indoor	£16
	For registration and £3.50 per class	
<u>Team Trials</u>		£20
<u>Juniors</u>		Free

## Proposals

The Honorary Secretary put forward the following two proposals for Council's consideration;

- i. To amend the June 2011 (issue 6) version of the Council Handbook to bring it in line with the November 2011 version of the society's Articles of Association. Given Council approval, the Council Handbook, when so revised, will then become version 6A of January 2012. In addition to incorporate a minor clarification on voting for the first meeting of any Technical Committees

**The Honorary Secretary put forward the above proposal to Council for consideration, to include the minor alterations as outlined above.**

Seconded by the PRO

Carried by a majority vote.

- ii. To amend the June 2011 (issue 6) version of the Council Handbook to add the text of Appendix B – Code of Conduct for Directors and Fellows. Given Council approval, the Council Handbook, when so revised, will then become version 6A of January 2012. Note this Appendix is currently blank in anticipation of this section being added.

Seconded by the PRO

Carried by a majority vote.

**Report on the Areas Council Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2012**  
**(Full Minutes can be obtained from the BMFA website)**

**ASRC Vacancies**

Four nominations were received for consideration for the three vacancies and the following were selected for a position on the ASRC for 2 years –

Richard Whitehead  
Duncan McClure

Terry Rounce

**Ratification of existing members of the ASRC**

The following proposals for existing members of the ASRC were ratified:

Mick Eames

John Harris

Bob Mahoney

Andy Symons

Peter Spurway (PAS Controller)

Chris Moynihan (SF AS Controller)

**Area Chief Examiners**

The following proposals for Area Chief Examiners were ratified:

Matthew Lodge (Mem No 144947) appointed Area Chief Examiner (Helicopter) for Southern Area.

Steve Kirby (Mem No 35375 ) appointed Area Chief Examiner (Fixed Wing) for Western Area.

**Awards Committee representative for Areas Council for 2012**

A proposal to appoint Terry Rounce as the Awards Committee representative for Areas Council 2012 was accepted unanimously.

**Test Schedule and Standards Booklet**

A proposal from the Technical Secretary on behalf of the ASRC that the Test Schedule and Standards Booklet covering the 'C' Certificate (Jet) be accepted in principle was carried unanimously.

**Admin Arrangements for Devon Sub-Area**

A proposal that the PAS Controller acts as Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator for Devon Sub-Area whilst Devon Sub-Area is under suspension was carried unanimously.

## **PROCEDURES FOR DISMISSAL OF A MEMBER FROM A CLUB**

Unfortunately, when all else fails a club has to consider dismissing a member for conduct unbecoming their position as responsible club member. The process and deliberation of dismissal must give consideration to The Laws of Natural Justice, to ensure the member is dismissed lawfully as clubs, although private organisations still have to abide with law.

The BMFA has sought legal advice and recommends the following procedure is undertaken to lawfully dismiss a member:

- a. The member is to be given a verbal warning by an authorised committee member in which the member is made aware of his misdemeanour and what he is reasonably required to do to make amends.
- b. If the member does not respond, he is to be given a written warning by an authorised committee member to advise him of his misdemeanour and what he is reasonably required to do to make amends.
- c. If he still fails to respond, the Committee should invite him in writing to meet with them at a previously agreed date and time to discuss the situation, advising they are considering withdrawal of his membership.
- d. If he still fails to respond to reasoning or fails to attend without reasonable cause, the Committee can advise him in writing that his membership is withdrawn, stating the reasons why this decision was reached. Reimbursement of his club subscription would depend upon the Club's Constitution. If it is not set out, it is recommended his full membership subscription is returned.
- e. When the member is advised of withdrawal of his membership, he must be given the right of appeal. If he opts to appeal, this would normally be to the Club membership at an EGM which the Committee would call on his behalf at a previously agreed date and time. The motion to uphold the membership withdrawal or reverse it must be in accordance with the voting procedures set out in the Club Constitution.

In the case of gross misconduct, elements "a" or "a" and "b" may be omitted but this should only be for exceptional circumstances. It is recommended that advice is sought from BMFA HQ in this instance.

Refusal of renewal of annual membership is tantamount to dismissal.

The above process should be included in the Club Constitution to prevent misunderstanding and to advise members of their rights.

For further advice contact the Chief Executive or Development Officer at Chacksfield House.

**Remember –dismissal should only be used as a last resort and must be carried out fairly and with due regard to the law.**

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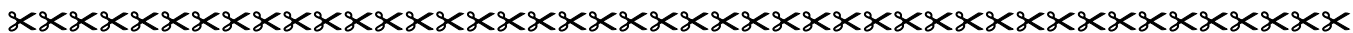
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