

MINUTES OF SCALE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT HONILEY ON 2nd DECEMBER 2006

The meeting commenced at 1 pm. Present were Gordon Warburton FSMAE, Bill Dennis, Mike Goldby, Ian Pallister, Chris Allen and Martin Fardell.

We followed the laid down agenda for the first meeting of a new Technical Committee.

1. Election of Officers, Co-Options, Specialist Bodies

The following elections and co-options were made by the unanimous decision of those entitled to vote:

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| Chairman | Gordon Warburton |
| Co-options | Ian Pallister, Chris Allen |
| Secretary | Mike Goldby |
| Treasurer | Ian Pallister |
| Council Delegate | Mike Goldby |
| PRO | Martin Fardell |
| Safety Officer | Chris Allen |
| Results Officer | Gordon Warburton |
| Team Travel Budget Signatory | Ian Pallister |

No specialist bodies are attached to our committee

2 Apologies

There were none.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes for 30th September 2006 were accepted as a true record and signed by the chairman.

4. Matters Arising.

- 4.1. Our rule changes for the BMFA rule book have been submitted to the Technical Secretary and accepted.. The clarification of the Lazy Eight will be submitted to CIAM in a year's time, which is the first opportunity to make a change.
- 4.2. The problem of RC cars on the runway at the August Nationals ~~will be~~ **was** raised at the ~~next~~ **last** Technical Council.
- 4.3. The Eric Coates Trophy will be presented at Earls Court on 7th January if possible. If not, at the Scale Indoor Nationals.
- 4.4. Our Scale Indoor event at Cardington went ahead. Only a few were able to participate, due to the short notice, but Ian said that it had been a worthwhile day.

5. Election of other Officers and Distribution of Responsibilities.

The following posts and responsibilities were decided:

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| Minutes Secretary | Martin Fardell |
| Contest Manager and RC | Gordon Warburton |
| Newsletter | Martin Fardell |
| Scale Indoor | Ian Pallister |
| Scale Free Flight | Bill Dennis |

6. Disciplines Covered.

The disciplines covered by this committee are
Scale RC, Scale FF, Scale CL, Scale Indoor

7. Council Agenda.

No agenda has yet been received. We had no additional proposals to submit.

8. Nationals.

- 8.1 We conducted our de-briefing at our previous meeting.
- 8.2. We appointed the following as our CD's for 2007 Nationals:

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| Scale RC | Gordon Warburton |
| Scale Indoor | Ian Pallister |
| Scale Free Flight | Bill Dennis |
| Scale Control Line | to be decided |

9. Teams.

The European Championships (F4B and F4C) will be in Kiev, 17th –25th Jul 2007. We will declare our intention to send an F4C team at January Council. When Bulletin 1 is issued we will ask for a firm commitment to compete from the winners of the Team Trials, working down the list from the top. If three of the six wish to go, we will send a team.

10. Team Manager

The proposal to make Gordon Team manager has already been submitted to Council.

11. Competition Details.

11.1. We agreed the following fees (unchanged from last year):

Centralised events

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| RC £12 (season ticket £50) | CL £10 | FF £5 | Indoor £10 registration and £3 per event (multiple entries will be accepted where possible) |
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Nationals

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| RC £25 | CL £15 | FF £14 | Indoor £8 |
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Team Trials

F4B and F4C £15

Juniors

50% of senior fees

11.2. Gordon will organise trophies and diplomas for all Scale events. He will liaise with the records officer.

12. Technical Committee Annual Return

Mike will submit our Annual Return.

13. Safety review.

13.1. Fail-safes will be checked early in the season, and spot checks will be carried out during the year.

13.2. Mike warned of the coming new CAA ~~crash~~ **incident** reporting system. All **incidents** ~~crashes~~ that could have led to injury or damage will have to be reported. **The new procedures will be published in the 2007 BMFA Members' Handbook.**

13.3. Chris raised safety concerns about those of our competition venues which have public access. We decided that on these sites (Bulford and Pontefract) every pilot should have a safety observer alongside him during his flight. (most pilots have a caller anyway).

14. Scale RC Contest Programme.

14.1 The dates for 2006 are now fixed, but two venues remain to be confirmed. We decided that the events would be as follows:

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| 29 th April | Pontefract | Flying Only |
| 13 th May | Boscombe Down | Clubman |
| 27 th May | Church Fenton | Clubman (England – Scotland) |
| 10 th June | Barkston | Flying Only |
| 24 th June | Warboys | Clubman for the Ripmax Trophy. |
| 8 th July | Merryfield | Flying Only |
| 22 nd July | Barkston | Flying Only |
| 26 th , 27 th , 28 th August | Barkston | Nationals. F4C, Clubman and Flying Only |
| 10 th September | Bullford Camp | Flying Only |
| 22 nd , 23 rd September | Team Trials | F4C |

14.2. We agreed that all our events in **2005** ??? would be used as qualifiers for team selection.

14.3. We discussed at length the new rule for **Realism in Flight** which will be in the BMFA rule book this year. We had opposed the change at CIAM, but eventually we had decided to make the change to our own rules, in order to keep our rules in line with FAI. Mike said that there was strong pressure at CIAM to move in the direction of Top Gun and go for a more exciting flight schedule. We decided that we will continue to oppose moves in this direction, and try and ensure that the flight schedule allows all types of aircraft to compete on an equal footing. However, having brought the change into our rule book we agreed that we must follow the rule at all events. We decided that we would not advise our judges on how to implement the rule. We will leave it to each set of judges to make their own interpretation, and consider the outcome at the end of the year.

The wording in the rule book will be as follows:

6.3.13.8. Realism in Flight

Choice of OptionsK = 12

This final item should be discussed by all judges after completion of the flight in consultation with any claim for non-aerobatic eligibility made on the competitor's declaration form and the guidelines detailed below.

The judges should attempt to arrive at an agreed score for this item.

Judges should take into account the presentation of the chosen options, awarding higher marks in this section for more ambitious manoeuvres, but taking into account the capabilities of the prototype. It is expected that most competitors should score quite highly in this section, provided appropriate flying options are chosen. A default mark of "8" is recommended leaving a possible additional "2" marks for manoeuvres that fully demonstrate all aspects of the prototypes performance envelope.

15. Scale Indoor.

15.1. The Kit Scale event is going ahead in London on 7th January. The next Scale Indoor event after that will be the Nationals at Nottingham in April

15.2. We discussed at some length the best way of updating our Ready Board for indoor events. We considered (i) an improved card system, (ii) a digital display module and (iii) a digital projector. We decided not to go for the digital display module. Ian would upgrade the card system, and we would investigate digital projectors further.

16. AOB

We discussed ways of using the money which is available for team training. Our summer calendar is very full, and finding a venue for training might also be difficult. In the next Newsletter, Gordon or Martin will ask our competitors and team members if there is any form of training which they would find helpful.

17. Next Meeting.

The next meeting was fixed for 24th February 2007.