

MINUTES OF SCALE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT HONILEY ON 24TH FEBRUARY 2007

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

1. Apologies for Absence.

There were none.

2. Minutes of the Meeting on 2nd December 2006.

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting and signed by the chairman.

3. Matters Arising.

- 3.1. The new Scale rule book has now been issued, but unfortunately part of the old version of 6.3.13.8 (Realism in Flight, Choice of Options) has not been deleted. Chris Bromley will issue an amendment as soon as possible, and the correct version will be on our website.
- 3.2. We will not be sending a team to the Ukraine for the European championships. Gordon explained that we were not able to raise a full team from those who qualified at the trials, because of the difficulties of travelling to the Ukraine.

4. Full Council Meeting.

- 4.1. Mike has circulated a written report of the meeting on 6th January.
- 4.2. The Eric Coates trophy was presented to Derek Knight at the February Scale Indoor meeting. The trophy has now been adopted by the BMFA; we will decide on the 2007 winner at the August Nationals.

5. Technical Council Meeting on 3rd March.

- 5.1. Gordon and possibly Chris will attend. We went through the agenda.
- 5.2. The proposal from CIAM scale sub-committee to limit turbines to a maximum static thrust of 25 kg did not seem logical.
- 5.3. CIAM proposes that at international events with more than 40 entries nobody would be asked to fly before being statically judged. At least 10 models will be statically judged before flying starts. We agreed that this was sensible.

6. Finance.

- 6.1. Ian reported the balances on the four Scale accounts:

Committee	£1101
Contest	£1874
Team Travel	£1874
Interscale	£2904

- 6.2. We agreed to transfer £1000 from the contest account to the team travel account.

7. Scale Free Flight.

- 7.1. Bill went through the events for the year, which are now on our web site. Two evening events will be held at the FF Nationals in May. There will also be a competition at the Midland Area event at Barkston on 10th June, which will be flying only, with all Scale FF classes in together.

8. Scale Indoor.

- 8.1. Ian reported on the Kit Scale event at Earls Court in February. It had been a great success, with 18 entries. Particularly encouraging had been the help given by the experienced flyers to newcomers.
- 8.2. We briefly considered possible handicapping systems for future kit scale events. We will look at this again after the Nationals in Nottingham. Kit Scale at Nottingham will be run as an open event, without handicapping.
- 8.3. An entry form for the Nationals will be in the next BMFA News, with a short article.
- 8.4. We considered the possibilities for an event next February. We will try and gauge possible support at the Nationals, and then make a decision at our next meeting.

9. Scale RC.

- 9.1. Judging duties for 2007 were finalised.
- 9.2. We discussed the new Choice of Options rule again. After lengthy discussion we decided to suggest to flight judges that
- (i) five valid options should be given the default mark of 8 as a starting point. (valid in the sense that only certified non-aerobatic prototypes can do the non-aerobatic options).
 - (ii) One or two extra marks should be given for options which fully demonstrate all aspects of the prototype's performance envelope. (This is the wording in the rule book)

Martin will write to the judges when the duties rota is sent out.

9.3. Gordon distributed new flight score sheets. A “remarks” column has been added, allowing judges to comment on choice of options, also to highlight errors in flying if they wish.

9.4. Transmitters operating on 2.4 GHz will be allowed at our events. All transmitters will be kept in a transmitter pound as usual.

9.4. Steve Jackson’s letter concerning encouragement of newcomers to our events was discussed briefly. Gordon has already replied, responding to the points Steve made.

10. August Nationals.

10.1. Gordon will be CD for RC events this year. His letter to competitors will make the arrangements for checking-in of transmitters absolutely clear. Bill will be overall CD for FF.

10.2. Control Line static judging will be in the marquee as usual. We will offer help with CL static judging, but they may prefer to arrange the judging amongst themselves.

10.3. We discussed possible commentators for the Scale RC line.

11. FAI.

11.1. We considered the impact of ARTF models and Flying Only events on qualifying scores for team selection. We decided that

- (i) Only the scores from F4C models would be used when calculating the normalised marks to be carried forward to the trials. To qualify as F4C, models need correct documentation, with the signed BOM declaration.
- (ii) At the Nationals only the F4C scores would be allowed to be carried forward. Clubman and Flying Only scores at the Nationals will not be allowed to be carried forward. This will be made clear to competitors in the next newsletter.

10.2. We discussed team training. Mike suggested a mentoring scheme with experienced fliers offering help and guidance with flying, and also with static if required. We agreed to try this at Barkston on 22nd July. We will find out who is willing to help, and make an announcement in the next newsletter.

12. Newsletter.

12.1. The next newsletter will be in June. We will put in a reminder about CAP 658 and the CAA rules about reporting accidents and near-accidents.

13. AOB.

13.1. Mike said that the next Flight Challenge for young people would be at Duxford on 29th June. Help and more entries would be welcome.

14. Next Meeting.

14.1. The next meeting will be on 7th July 2007.