

**MINUTES OF SCALE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD AT HONILEY ON 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 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 24<sup>th</sup> February 2007**

The figures given for account balances were corrected. Team Travel should be £7262 and Committee should be £1149. Also the Eric Coates Trophy was presented at the Kit Scale event at Earls Court in January. The minutes were then accepted as a true record of the meeting and signed by the chairman.

**3. Matters Arising.**

The European Championships in Ukraine has been cancelled. There was only one firm entry.

**4. Full Council Meeting.**

Mike has circulated a written report of the meeting.

**5. Technical Council Meeting**

Gordon attended. Nothing arose of direct concern to Scale

**6. Finance.**

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

Committee	£778
Contest	£547
Team Travel	£8702
Interscale	£2919

6.2. Ian attended a meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> April of the treasurers from each discipline, to discuss distribution of Nationals surplus. It was agreed that the money would be distributed on a per capita basis, irrespective of venues.

**7. Scale Free Flight.**

Bill reported on the events so far this year. At the FF Nationals the very poor weather resulted in a near wash-out, although there was some scale flying. At the Festival of Flight in June there were only 3 entries for the scale event, despite good weather. Bill will continue to organise events, despite the poor level of support at the moment (apart from at the August Nationals)

**8. Scale Indoor.**

8.1. Ian reported on the Scale Indoor Nationals in April. It had been a great success, with increased entries and very good atmosphere. Financially there had been a surplus of £80, mainly thanks to the raffle.

8.2. We discussed running other Indoor events in the future, and possible venues. The feeling of the committee was that when the indoor fliers ask for other events we will run them. Recently events have lost heavily financially due to poor support. However the Kit Scale event at Earls Court this year was a success, and would be repeated if the venue were available. Ian suggested trying RAF Digby as a venue, which would probably be available cheaply. He would look into this, and try and gauge possible support.

**9. Scale RC.**

9.1. We agreed that we would not change the Flying Only rules to incorporate handicapping.

9.2. The list of names of those not eligible for Clubman Class at the Nationals will be updated and published in our minutes annually. The list for this year's Nationals is

P McDermott, B Taylor, I Bryant, M Reeves, D Knott, G Warburton, G Brown, B Wood, A Kennedy, T Ruck, J Thomas, J Carpenter, M Henderson, D Moule.

9.3. We agreed that we would try and alternate grass field and tarmac venues for the Ripmax Trophy.

**10. August Nationals.**

10.1 Brian Cordwell will be CD for Scale CL. Score sheets will be processed at the Scale scoring tent.

10.2. Gordon, in his letter to competitors, will emphasise that all transmitters were to be in by 9 am on each day. Those with problems getting in for 9 am will be asked to speak to Gordon in advance.

10.3. Andy Simmonds will run transmitter control, and will park his caravan by our tent.

10.4 Chairs, tables, ropes and marquee as last year.

10.5 Charlie Newman will do some commentating on the Scale RC line. Gaps may be filled by committee members.

10.6 We discussed safety and roping for the Scale FF event in the evenings. We agreed to run the ropes parallel to the runway on the South side, but 2 metres back from the runway edge. Efforts would be made to limit the number of “helpers” forward of the ropes.

#### **11. Scale Rules.**

At our next meeting we plan to remove all references to F4B and F4A from the rule book, replacing with Scale CL and Scale FF. Future Team Trials for Scale CL will need to be run to F4B (FAI) rules, and the rule book will give details of the website where the FAI rules are available.

#### **12. FAI.**

12.1 Chris reported on FAI rule changes effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008.. The rule to limit the total thrust of Gas Turbine engines to 25 kg was passed at the plenary meeting. Chris felt the rule was badly worded, since it is not practical to measure total thrust, and the term static thrust has not been used. Also there was no reference as to how this was to be measured.

12.2. The general rules for static judging have been ‘clarified’. Where there are more than 40 competitors, all competitors will have their static judging done before their first flight. Flight judging will start after the first ten have had their models statically assessed.

#### **13. CAP 658.**

Mike reminded us of the requirement to report incidents which could have resulted in damage to property or persons. At our events, the CD has the responsibility of reporting such incidents. A reminder will go in the newsletter.

#### **14. AOB**

14.1. Chris said he felt that the reference to black wire corrosion in the BMFA handbook ought to mention that tinned copper wire does not generally suffer from the problem.

14.2. Chris raised certain safety concerns regarding 2.4 GHz radio. Mike agreed to raise this with the Technical Secretary.

(Following our meeting, Mike received a very full and detailed response from the Technical Secretary. This was very reassuring, and there is no doubt that the chances of interference between sets on 2.4 GHz are minimal)

#### **15. Next Meeting.**

The next meeting was fixed for 13<sup>th</sup> October.