

MINUTES OF SCALE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT HONILEY ON 1ST DECEMBER 2007

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 were made, all by unanimous decision.

Chairman	Ian Pallister
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 co-options were required.

No specialist bodies are attached to our committee

Gordon was thanked for his valuable work during his year as chairman.

2 Apologies

There were none.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes for 13th October 2007 were accepted as a true record and signed by the chairman.

4. Matters Arising.

4.1. After further consideration we decided that the Scale RC classes eligible for the award of the John David Jones painting at the Nationals would be F4C and Clubman, but not Flying Only. (Section 10 in the October minutes). Scale FF classes are also eligible, as before.

5. Election of other Officers and Distribution of Responsibilities.

The following posts and responsibilities were decided:

Minutes Secretary	Martin Fardell
RC Contest Manager	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.

We had no further proposals to submit.

8. 2007 Nationals.

We conducted our de-briefing at our previous meeting.

9. Teams.

The World Championships (F4B and F4C) will be in Poland, in July 2008. The F4C team and reserves have been submitted to Council for ratification at the January meeting.

10. Team Manager

The proposal to appoint Gordon Team Manager has also been submitted to Council.

11. Competition Details.

11.1. We agreed the following fees.

<u>Centralised events</u>				
RC £12 (season ticket £60)	CL £10	FF £5	Indoor £10 registration and	£3 per event
<u>Nationals</u>				
RC £25	CL £15	FF £14	Indoor £10 registration and	£3 per event
<u>Team Trials</u>				
F4B and F4C	£15			
<u>Juniors</u>	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. Competitors will be warned in the Newsletter.

13.2. New safety procedures are now in force at Barkston Heath (apart from the Nationals). We now have to sign in individually at the gate, and liaise with other users before flying commences.

14. Scale RC Contest Programme..

The dates for 2008 are now fixed, but some venues remain to be confirmed. We decided that the events would be as follows:

20 th April	Flying Only
11 th May	Flying Only
25 th May	Flying Only (England – Scotland)
8 th June	Clubman, for the Ripmax Trophy
22 nd June	Clubman
6 th July	Flying Only
20 th July	Flying Only
22 nd , 23 rd , 24 th August	Nationals. F4C, Clubman and Flying Only
7 th September	Flying Only
20 th , 21 st September	Team Trials F4C, and F4B if required.

15. Team Training.

15.1. We discussed training for our F4C team. Gordon has contacted the team and reserves, and there was strong support for a training day on 26th May at Church Fenton. We are going ahead, and contribution to overnight expenses will be offered to competitors and judges, from the training budget of £1250.

15.2. The format for the day will be flexible, but we will start with each competitor making a complete contest flight in front of experienced judges and the other competitors. Mike suggested “writers” to record errors.

15.3. There was agreement that a second training day would be valuable, and Gordon will look into the possibility of running one on 9th June at Barkston.

15.4. We discussed reserves for the World Championships. Gordon will contact Mick Reeves to see what model(s) he might have available. We agreed that any substitute model would, as usual, have to complete satisfactory flights at two events and also achieve the required standard statically.

15. Scale Indoor.

15.1. The hangar at Digby (10 miles North of Barkston) has been booked for 24th February. Ian is contacting the indoor fliers to check potential support. If there is sufficient interest to justify going ahead we will run a combined Flying Only class (CO2/ electric and Rubber), a Kit Scale event, and Peanut.

15.2. The Scale Indoor Nationals will be at Nottingham on 27th April.

16. Scale Free Flight.

Bill said that there had been some reaction to our decision not to run the Rubber event at the Nationals next year. Nick Bosdet is attempting to revive interest and drum up support. In view of this we decided that if there are six or more entries in 2008 we will run the event. If there are less than six we will stick with our decision to amalgamate the entries with CO2/electric. This will be made clear on the entry form. If Rubber runs as a separate event there will be no ROG in the marking schedule and therefore K-factors will be readjusted.

16. AOB

- 16.1. We discussed the possibility of submitting a bid to run the 2012 World Championships, at RAF Scampton. Chris said Richard Crapp had done some preliminary investigation. We decided to invite Richard to attend our next meeting.
- 16.2. The Newsletter circulation list was updated. A newsletter will be issued early in the New Year, as soon as RC venues are confirmed.
- 16.3. We discussed the problem of overlapping flight lines at the Nationals, following a comment from RC Power. Gordon will raise this informally with IMAC
- 16.4. We agreed to invite David Knott to attend our future meetings as an International team member.

17. Next Meeting.

The next meeting was fixed for 8th March 2008.