

**MINUTES OF SCALE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD AT HONILEY ON 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2008**

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

**1. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes for 8<sup>th</sup> March 2008 were accepted as a true record.

**3. Matters Arising**

Mike has written to RCPTC about restricting the entry to Flying Only (thanking Steve Ogden for his suggestion) and informing them of our decision.

**4. Finance.**

4.1. Ian gave the balances in the accounts, as on 26<sup>th</sup> June, as follows:

Technical Committee	£2231
Interscale	£2977
Contest	£2720
Team Travel	£8977

4.2. The Scale Indoor Nationals made a surplus of £495.

4.3. When claims were submitted for our Training Day, we were made aware of a memo from the Treasurer allowing only 50% of travel costs to be paid. There was some doubt about this decision, and Mike will raise it at the next Council meeting.

4.4. We discussed next year's budget, which will be essentially the same as this year's. However, our Technical Committee budget will be reduced to £2000, as we were well under-spent this year.

**5. Full Council.**

Mike's report had been circulated.

**6. Scale Free Flight.**

Bill reported that the event at the May Nationals had been abandoned because of the high winds. The event at Barkston on May 23<sup>rd</sup> had been successful, with 13 entries.

**7. Scale Indoor.**

7.1. Documentation for many entries at the Nationals had been of a very poor standard. Ian will emphasise the importance of complete documentation in his next letter to competitors.

7.2. Marshalls of Cambridge have offered to allow us to hold an indoor event at their Open Day in September 2009. This would be in one of their hangars. Ian has accepted the offer.

7.3. Ian has obtained an annual license for Digby (costing about £360), allowing 4 events per year. We will share the venue with Indoor, and ask the Indoor TC to share the cost. An October event is possible. We will definitely hold a Scale event there in February.

7.4. Interest in Scale Indoor RC is increasing. Ian will draw up provisional rules (flying only initially) and circulate them. We will run an RC event at Digby, probably in early December.

## **8. Scale RC.**

8.1. Three events have had to be abandoned so far due to wind and rain. We agreed to accept the Ramsay Club's offer to re-schedule the Warboys event for 28<sup>th</sup> September.

8.2. Colerne has now been confirmed as the venue for 7<sup>th</sup> September. Martin will contact the local club and check the site to see if any special factors affect the normal BMFA insurance risk assessment.

8.3. The Team Trials for Euro championships in Norway will be judged by Bill, Chris and Mike (static) and Chris, Mike and AN Other (flying). We decided to retain the requirement for 2 qualifying scores to be carried forward to the trials, even though 3 events so far this year had been washed out.

8.4. We discussed ways in which events could be cancelled if very poor weather is forecast. A notice of possible cancellation could be circulated by e-mail on the Friday, and a definite decision made by Saturday at noon. One or two telephone numbers would be available for confirmation, and where possible all regular competitors would be informed by e-mail. We agreed to try this, or a similar system, next year.

## **9. August Nationals.**

9.1. Gordon reported that everything was well under control. Nine prize giving dinner tickets would be needed.

9.2. Roger Kirby will be responsible for Tx control, and Graham Kennedy has agreed to provide the commentary for most of the time. Other TC members will fill the gaps where necessary. Gordon will ask firmly for information on the models when he writes to entrants.

9.3. We agreed that Scale CL will do their own static judging, in the tent.

9.4. We discussed limiting entries to 40 in the RC classes, but decided against this. We will make every effort to speed up the flying, including asking for engines to be started as the previous model touches down.

9.5. We will continue to collect in all transmitters, including those on 2.4GHz.

9.6. The wording on the entry form and in our rule book needs to emphasise the Builder of the Model rule for all classes. (The exception for Flying Only is covered in the rule book.) Mike will come up with a suitable form of words.

9.7. Flight Judges were needed for the CO2/electric FF class at the Nationals. Martin and Gordon would try and find volunteers from the radio flyers.

## **10. Possible Hosting of a Scale World Championships.**

10.1. Mike circulated a budgetary estimate. A shortfall of some £93 000 would have to be covered by sponsorship and gate receipts.

10.2. Chris circulated his draft of a contribution for BMFA News which was aimed at finding sponsors. Some changes were suggested; we agreed to publish the article. Mike would send some letters on similar lines directly to some selected large companies.

## **11. FAI.**

11.1. We went through the F4C rule changes from CIAM and agreed to adopt the following changes into BMFA rules also:

All the changes to static judging, ie the splitting of surface texture and realism marks, and the changes to K factors.

The changes to the flight schedule, ie deleting straight flight, and increasing options to 6 plus compulsory figure eight and descending circle. To be flown in any pre-nominated order.

The Choice of Options rule will be applied as now, ie a default mark of 10 for all legal options. The K factor is reduced to 4.

The re-write of the Lazy Eight option.

A minor change to the description of the Cuban Eight is needed in our rule book – the diagram incorrectly mentions a  $\frac{3}{4}$  loop.

11.2. We agreed not to adopt the new FAI classes of F4G (25kg large scale) and F4H (Stand-off scale).

## **12. Other BMFA Rule Changes.**

12.1. The following changes were agreed, and Mike will produce draft alterations for the rule book at our next meeting.

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In Peanut/Pistachio models must record at least one flight time to qualify. Models that fail to record a flight score will be deleted from the competition. This is actually already covered by 6.1.11.

The rule for resolution of a tie in Peanut will be replaced by the wording of the Pistachio rule, ie 6.8.5 replaces 6.14.5.

All classes with static judging will be changed to match the new F4C rules.

Add Kit Scale as a new Scale Indoor class (6.15). Flight schedule will match other indoor classes, except that 10 seconds will be qualifying time. Possibly different K factors will be used.. Ian will circulate draft rules.

12.2. We discussed artificial stability aids in our FF classes, following a query from Stephen Glass. There was a feeling that the rules should not allow electronic stability aids. We agreed to discuss this again at our next meeting before making a decision. A new rule could replace the now redundant 6.1.6(f) in the book. Stephen's system of a pendulum driving servos to move controls would be allowed at the Nationals this year.

## **13. Newsletter.**

Our decision on qualifying flights for the Trials will be in the next Newsletter, also notification of the coming FAI rule changes which will affect the trials in September.

## **14. AOB**

14.1. The Radio Modeller 1 trophy has reappeared. We will request that it be handed back to our committee, and it will then be awarded to the highest placed newcomer to RC Scale at the August Nationals in the Flying Only class

14.2. The Midlands Area will be donating £150 to our Team Travel fund.

14.3. We discussed Ian's draft letter concerning the ASRC and the proposed Scale C certificate. Some minor changes were agreed, and the letter will be sent to Graham Lynne (chairman of Areas Council and Hon Sec) and to Robin Gowler.

**15. Next Meeting.**

The next meeting was fixed for October 25<sup>th</sup>.