

MINUTES OF SCALE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT HONILEY ON 25TH OCTOBER 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 28th June 2008 were corrected in section 12.1. as follows:

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

All classes with static judging will be changed to match the new F4C rules, apart from peanut and Pistachio

The minutes were then accepted as a true record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising

All matters arising are covered elsewhere on the agenda.

4. Finance.

4.1. Ian gave the balances in the accounts, as on 30th September, as follows:

Technical Committee	£1721
Interscale	£3007
Contest	£2314
Team Travel	£9067
Training and Excellence	£445

4.2. The Scale Indoor event at Digby (sharing the venue with Indoor) yielded a surplus of approximately £252. Indoor contributed £130 towards the cost of the annual licence.

5. Full Council.

Mike's report for the meeting on 8th September has been circulated.

6. Technical Council

6.1. Gordon's report for the meeting on 18th October has been circulated.

6.2. We discussed the space limitations of our flightline at the August Nationals, and the over-flying problems. No conclusion was reached; we will continue the discussion at our next meeting. Mike will raise the issue at the Nationals Planning meeting.

7. Scale Free Flight.

Free flight matters were brought up under item 10. (Nationals)

8. Scale Indoor.

8.1. The event at Digby was a qualified success with 30 people coming, including 20 who actually entered.

8.2. Bill raised his doubts about Flying Only events for Scale Indoor and Scale Free Flight. We discussed this; Ian will sound out the membership for their views in his next indoor letter before we make a decision.

8.3. The indoor RC event will now be at Digby on **Sunday 30th November**. There is a strong possibility that Earls Court will be available on 7th December. Ian said that he did not wish to

organise an event there himself on that date, but he would circulate the fliers to see if there was interest.

8.4. Marshalls of Cambridge are no longer able to offer a venue for September 2009.

9. Scale Radio Control.

9.1. Gordon reported on the 2008 season. The weather had been very mixed, but we have had some good days in between the washed-out events. The final event, at Warboys in late September, was particularly successful.

9.2. Gordon circulated a list of provisional dates and venues for 2009. We are intending to ask Bath SpaRCS if they would like to host an event at Colerne next year. Another venue in the South would be useful; Mike will raise this with Area Chairmen at the Areas Council to see if clubs can be found who would like to host events (including other BMFA events as well as Scale).

9.3. The Team trials at the end of the 2009 season will be at a northern venue.

10. August Nationals.

10.1. Gordon's report has been circulated.

10.2. Only two entrants flew in Clubman this year. After lengthy discussion we decided not to run Clubman at the Nationals next year. Most newcomers are now entering Flying Only and the highest placed newcomer to Scale RC at the Nationals will be awarded the Radio Modeller 1 trophy, as agreed at our last meeting.

10.3. In Scale FF there was a big increase in entries in the Rubber class, so this class will continue next year.

10.4. We discussed safety at the evening Scale FF events. Instead of a rope in front of the spectators we decided to have a plastic mesh fence, set back by 1m from the edge of the runway. We will ask for the roping crew to put this up at 6pm on Saturday and Sunday. Mike will bring this up at the Nationals Planning meeting.

10.3. Scale CL have asked for a Flying Only event next year, alongside F4B. We decided to go ahead with this; a new paragraph 6.2.11 will be added to the rule book, matching 6.12.3 for RC Flying Only. Existing 6.2.11 will be re-numbered 6.2.12.

11. Hosting a Future World Championships.

We reluctantly agreed not to continue with investigations at present. We still felt that UK should consider a bid at some time in the future, but it was felt that we were very unlikely to get the necessary £100 000 sponsorship in the present financial climate, especially in or near to the 2012 Olympics year. Ian will advise Robin Gowler of our decision and draft a letter for him to send to the Station Commander of RAF Cranwell. He will be appraised of our decision and thanked for his offer of support.

12. FAI.

12.1. Gordon's report as team manager on the World Championships has been circulated. Gordon said he would be happy for his name to go forward for ratification as team manager in 2009.

12.2. Chris said that he had received a note from Stan Alexander explaining how the static scores in Poland were retrospectively changed.

12.3. We discussed the decision to enter Pete McDermott's DH9A in the World Championships, instead of the model used at the Trials (Sopwith Snipe). We acknowledged that the change of aircraft, while strictly contrary to the rules on selection, had been endorsed by the Team Manager on best evidence at the time. Whilst the outcome was disappointing, the decision was accepted by the committee as understandable under the circumstances.

12.4. Our proposals for changes to FAI rules were considered again, and final small changes made. Mike will liaise with Jo Halman and the proposals will be submitted through the appropriate channels.

12.5. The following team for the 2009 European Championships will be submitted to Council for ratification:

Name	Club	Model	BMFA
P McDermott	Winchester	DH9A	66173
D Womersley	BAE Systems	Chipmunk	32449
M Henderson	Deallachy Aero Modellers	DH9	SAA4653
RESERVES			
1. M Reeves	Ramsey	Camel	15674
2. R Crapp	Watford Wayfarers	Ryan PT22	52698

13. BMFA Rule Changes.

13.1. We discussed the rule changes again. The final versions to appear in the 2009 rule book are attached as an appendix at the end of these minutes. Scale RC rule changes are mainly to bring us into line with coming FAI changes. Scale FF changes reduce the maximum permissible weight, introduce a requirement for safety cut-out on electric models and prohibit electronic stabilising devices. The flight judging of Kit Scale class (Scale FF) will now be brought into line with the other FF classes; a new section 6.15 will be added to the rule book, together with a section in the judges guide for Kit Scale. Kit Scale 6.15 will be added to the list at 6.4.11 for the flying judges guide

14. Newsletter

14.1. The final newsletter for 2008 will be sent out at the beginning of November. We decided to include preliminary RC dates for 2009 (without specifying venues), also early information on the rule changes for 2009.

15 AOB.

15.1. Ian has received a letter from Graham Lynn, responding to our concerns about the introduction of a Scale C certificate.

15.2. Chris hopes to be able to attend the meeting of the Safety Review Committee on 7th November. If he is unable to go, Mike will attend.

16. Next meeting.

The first meeting of the new committee was fixed for Saturday 6th December. Bill and Martin are standing down from the committee and Ian thanked them for their hard work over the years.

APPENDIX.

BMFA SCALE RULE CHANGES FOR 2009.