

**MINUTES OF SCALE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD AT RAF DIGBY ON THE 30 NOVEMBER 2008**

The meeting commenced at 4 p.m. Present were Gordon Warburton FSMAE, Mike Goldby, Ian Pallister.

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	Gordon Warburton
Council Delegate	Ian Pallister
Safety Officer	Chris Allen
Results Officer	Gordon Warburton
Team Travel Budget Signatory	Gordon Warburton

Chris Allen was co-opted onto the Committee for a period of one year. This left one vacancy for a future co-option.

No specialist bodies are attached to our committee

**2. Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Dave Knott.

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting.**

The minutes for 25 October 2008 were accepted as a true record.

**4. Matters Arising.**

4.1 Gordon will attend the RC, CL and Scale Nationals planning meeting in 2009

4.2 Ian had drafted a letter to the Stn Cdr of RAF Cranwell on behalf of the Chairman advising him that it was not feasible in today's economic climate to host the Scale World Championships in 2012.

**5. Election of other Officers and Distribution of Responsibilities.**

The following posts and responsibilities were decided:

RC Contest Manager	Dave Knott
PRO and Newsletter	Martin Fardell (ex – Committee)
Scale Indoor	Ian Pallister
Scale Free Flight	Bill Dennis (ex – Committee)
CIAM Rep	Chris Allen

**6. Disciplines Covered.**

The disciplines covered by this committee are: Scale RC, Scale FF, Scale CL, and Scale Indoor.

**7. Council Agenda.**

We had no further proposals to submit.

**8. 2008 Nationals.**

We conducted our de-briefing at our previous meeting.

**9. Teams.**

The European Championships (F4B and F4C) will be in Norway, in 2009. The F4C team and reserves have been submitted to Council for ratification at the January 2009 Council meeting.

**10. Team Manager.**

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

**11. Competition Details.**

11.1. We agreed the following fees.

Centralised events

RC £12 (season ticket £60)                      CL £10                      FF £5                      Indoor £10 registration and £3 per event

Nationals

RC £25    CL £15    FF £14    Indoor £10 registration and £3 per event

Team Trials

F4B and F4C £15

Juniors 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. Chris had attended the BMFA safety meeting on the 7 November 2008 and would report back at the next meeting.

13.2.. Fail-safes will be checked early in the season, and spot checks will be carried out during the year.

13.3. Gordon would request that the roping crew erect a crowd control barrier immediately before the Scale FF Nationals commence when he attends the RC, CL and Scale Nationals planning meeting.

**14. Scale RC Contest Programme.**

14.1. Some dates and venues for 2009 have yet to be finalised but those confirmed are:

Pontefract	19 April
Bulford	10 May
Church Fenton	23 & 24 May
Barkston Heath	7 June
Warboys	21 June
Team Trials	26 & 27 September.
Scale Nationals	29-31 August.

14.2. Dave would arrange the judges and CDs for the events.

**15. Team Training.**

Team training would take place at Church Fenton on the 23 May and follow the same format as 2008.

**16. Scale Indoor.**

16.1. The RAFMAA were to be approached by Ian asking them to open their April 2009 meeting to Scale Indoor competitors who wished to trim their models prior to the Scale Indoor Nationals. This would free up the fourth licensed RAF Digby event for another indoor meeting.

16.2. The Scale Indoor Nationals will be at Nottingham on 26 April 2009.

16.3. The inaugural Scale Indoor RC competition held at RAF Digby on the 30 November 2008 was deemed to have been sufficiently successful to organise a further event. The provisional rules would be amended by Ian following feedback from the competitors and judges.

**17. Scale Free Flight.**

Bill Dennis had advised that he was willing to continue organising the Scale FF events but wished to do so ex-Committee.

**18. Finance Report.**

No statements had been received since the last meeting.

**19. AOB.**

19.1. The suggestion made by Richard Crapp on introducing a new class, Team Scale, to replace Clubman would be discussed at the next meeting.

19.2. Ian agreed to check the BMFA Scale rule changes for 2009 once drafted into the new rule book by the Technical Secretary. Mike was to advise the Technical Secretary.

**20. Next Meeting.**

The next meeting was arranged for 21 February 2009.

Mike Goldby  
STC Sec

3 December 2008