

MINUTES OF SCALE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT HONILEY ON 27th June 2009

The meeting commenced at 1 pm. Present were Ian Pallister (Chairman), Gordon Warburton FSMAE, David Knott, and Chris Allen.

1. Apologies

The Chairman tendered apologies from Mike Goldby.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held at Honiley Court Hotel on 21st February 2009 were accepted by Gordon and Dave.

3. Matters Arising from above not covered by the agenda

None

4. Finance.

4.1. Gordon submitted the accounts, as at 22nd June 09 as follows:

Contest Fund	£3,062.57
Team Travel	£8,743.28
Training	£1,541.23
Interscale	£3,037.98

4.2 The cost of the Team and Judges training weekend at Church Fenton was £676.17 in expenses and £60.00 payment for the use of the airfield; £737.17 overall.

4.3 The Scale indoor Nationals produced a surplus of £107.00 which is included in the Contest fund above.

5. Council Meetings.

Ian reported on his attendance at the Tech Council Meeting of 28th February and the Full council Meeting of the 9th May. No action required but all are requested to note that from 2010 the STC will be required to appoint a Rules Officer.

6. Scale Free Flight.

Bill has circulated a revised calendar of events and also advised that two judges are still required for the Nats.

7. Scale Indoor.

Ian reported on the Indoor Nats. Entries were slightly down on 2008; it was considered that the recession and clashes with other events made an impact. Digby remains a favourite venue but it is expected that the licence fee will increase in 2010.

8. Scale Radio Control

8.1 Training Day. The feedback from the 2009 Scale Team indicated that the exercise was worthwhile. The Flight Judges training exercise was also considered to be of value and served to confirm that scale fight judging within the UK is to a consistent high standard. Analysis of the scoring from the eight judges present showed an average variation of less than 2 marks. Post-flight debrief by the judges was seen by some competitors to be of particular value. Unfortunately this process is not practical during a normal competition and a more formalised method of judge's comments on the score sheet was seen as a possible substitute. Chris agreed to examine this concept in more detail.

8.2 Domestic events to date.

19th April - Pontefract - good, 8 Competitors
10th May - Bulford - good 14 Competitors
24th May - Church Fenton - good 13 Competitors
7th June - Barkston Heath - Washout
21st June – Warboys - good 14 Competitors

8.3 Prizes for Domestic Events. With stock running low, picture frames and mounts need to be re-sourced. Dave and Gordon are investigating suppliers and costs.

9. Nationals Preparation

9.1 Over-Flying. The perennial subject of invading adjacent flight line airspace was discussed and it was agreed that all Competitors and Judges would be reminded that keeping manoeuvres tight to avoid over-flying would not be down marked.

9.2 Tx Control. 2.4 GHz Tx's would be checked but not impounded. 35 MHz Tx's would remain impounded and be subject to the normal Tx Control procedures.

9.3 Deputy CD. Dave volunteered to act as deputy CD for Gordon.

9.4 PA Announcer. Gordon agreed to approach Graham Kennedy

10. UK hosting a combined F4 /F2 World Championships.

The UK tentative bid to host the World Championships in 2012 has been accepted by the CIAM. Negotiations are ongoing; the outlook is promising. (It should be noted that China has made a firm bid for these Championships.)

11. FAI Matters

11.1 The latest FAI rule changes emerging from the 2009 CIAM Plenary were reviewed and noted. Of concern was the change which allows 2 panels of 2 static judges.

11.2 The post of Team Manager for the 2010 World Champs would need to be advertised; this would be included in the next issue of Scale News and the BMFA News.

11.3 STC members were reminded of the need to consider any future changes for submission to the 2010 Plenary Agenda. **Post meeting note. Mike has subsequently advised that proposals must be ratified at the October Tech Council Mtg. for which the agenda deadline is 21st September.**

12. BMFA Scale Rule Book

Proposals for amendment (for submission to BMFA Tech Sec):-

12.1 Rule 6.3.9 – Add “except 2.4 GHz” before transmitters on line 1.

12.2 Rule 6.3.5 – Delete last paragraph of notes (duplicated at 6.3.6)

Post meeting Note: Rule 6.3.13.7 also needs correcting to reflect the change of K-factor for Choice of Options from 12 to 4 and the increase of options from 5 to 6 (in two places).

13. Newsletter

Ian reported that Martin had advised that the next issue was ready and held pending any input from the STC meeting. Ian to forward late additions from this meeting.

14. Candidates for 2010 STC

Ian advised that a number of posts are up for election and nomination forms would be sent out in July. A request for volunteers would be included in the Newsletter.

15. A O B

15.1 Official recording of STC endorsement of Drawings :-

Mick Reeves - ¼ scale Spitfire Mk IX

Mike Trew – Vega Gull

Richard Crossley – Flea (Crossley)

15.2 The calling notice for the 2009 Safety Policy Meeting on 10th September had been received. Chris agreed to represent the STC.

15.3 The STC had received a request from the BMFA Comp Sec to compile a historic list of International F4B and F4C Medal winners. (Post Meeting Note – Pete McDermott subsequently supplied an updated list, copy attached.)

15.4 Gordon advised that he had received a request from Richard Thomas to rule on the Non- Aerobatic status of the Junkers Ju87 Stuka. After a short discussion it was agreed that the Stuka is ‘Non-Aerobatic’

16. Next meeting.

The provisional date for the next meeting was agreed as 10th October.

Chris Allen
For the Secretary STC

Attachment - List of F4B and F4C International Championship Medal Winners

GB F4C World Championship Team Members

<u>Year</u>	<u>Venue</u> <u>Team Manager</u>	<u>Team Position</u>	<u>Team Members</u>		
1970	Cranfield, England Norman Butcher	Gold	Mick Charles (1)	Roy Yates (3)	Terry Melleney
1972	Toulouse, France Norman Butcher	Bronze	Terry Melleney (2)	Mick Reeves	Roy Yates
1974	Lakehurst, USA Ron Moulton	Silver	Brian Taylor	Tony Lunt	Mick Reeves
1976	Dalarna, Sweden Ted Mellish	Gold	Brian Taylor (2)	Dave Vaughan (3)	Mick Reeves
1978	Woodvale, England Tony Lunt	Gold	Mick Reeves (1)	Terry Melleney	Brian Taylor
1980	Ottawa, Canada Roy Yates	Silver	Mick Reeves (3)	Duncan Hutson	Terry Melleney
1982	Reno, USA Doug Sheppard	Gold	Terry Melleney (1)	Mick Reeves	Terry Manley
1984	Paris, France Doug Sheppard	Silver	Mick Reeves	Brian Taylor	Pete McDermott
1986	Oslo, Norway Doug Sheppard	Bronze	Chris Foss	Pete McDermott	Brian Taylor
1988	Gorizia, Italy Vic Wilson	Gold	Pete McDermott (2)	Brian Taylor (3)	Mick Reeves
1990	Warsaw, Poland Vic Wilson	Gold	Pete McDermott (2)	Mick Reeves	Brian Taylor
1992	Muncie, USA Stewart Ryan	Gold	Pete McDermott (1)	Mick Reeves	Chris Foss
1994	Deelan, Holland Stewart Ryan	Bronze	Pete McDermott (3)	Mick Reeves	Brian Taylor
1996	Perigueux, France Mike Goldby	Silver	Mick Reeves	Duncan Hutson	Jim Reeves
1998	Swartkop, South Africa Mike Goldby	Bronze	Pete McDermott	Mick Reeves	Jim Reeves
2000	Interlaken, Switzerland Robin Gowler	Silver	Pete McDermott (3)	Duncan Hutson	Ian Bryant
2002	Tilsonburg, Canada Graham Kennedy	-	Mick Reeves	Dave Knott	Richard Crapp
2004	Deblin, Poland Graham Kennedy	-	Mick Reeves	Dave Knott	Mike Goldby
2006	Norrköping, Sweden Gordon Warburton	Silver	Pete McDermott (3)	Dave Knott	Mick Reeves
2008	Wloclawek Poland Gordon Warburton	Bronze	Pete McDermott	Dave Knott	Dave Womersley

GB F4C European Championship Team Members

1987	Nyköping, Sweden Doug Sheppard	Gold	Pete McDermott (1)	Mick Reeves	Terry Manley
1989	Perigueux, France Vic Wilson	Gold	Pete McDermott (2)	Mick Reeves	Brian Taylor
1991				Event not held	
1993	Lappeenranta, Finland Pete McDermott	Silver	Pete McDermott (1)	Mick Reeves	Jim Reeves
1995	Deblin, Poland Pete McDermott	Silver	Mick Reeves (2)	Ian Bryant	Jim Reeves
1997	Suceava, Romania	-	Late notification of event, team not entered due to insufficient interest.		
1999	Vodochody, Czech Rep. Robin Gowler	Gold	Pete McDermott (2)	Mick Reeves	Ian Bryant
2001				Event not held	
2003	Gnas, Austria Graham Kennedy	-	Pete McDermott	Dave Knott	Mick Reeves
2005	Pombal, Portugal Mike Golby	Gold	Pete McDermott (2)	Mick Reeves (3)	Alex Kennedy
2007	Kiev, Ukraine		Event cancelled due to insufficient interest.		
2009	Elverum, Norway Gordon Warburton	Gold	Pete McDermott(1)	Dave Womersley	Mick Henderson

GB F4B World Championship Team Members

1970	Cranfield, England	Silver	Mick Reeves (1)	Derek Goddard	Albert Briggs
1972	Toulouse, France	-	Mick Reeves	Mick Staples	Derek Goddard
1974	Lakehurst, USA	-	Mick Reeves (3)	Horace Venables	Vic Willson
1984	Paris, France	Bronze	Vic Wilson	Chris Bradford	Ron Truelove
1986	Oslo, Norway	Bronze	Mick Reeves	Chris Bradford	Ron Truelove
1988	Kiev, Russia	-	Ron Truelove	Chris Bradford	John Roberts
1996	Perigueux, France	-	Mike Chapman		
2000	Interlaken, Switzerland	-	Bernard Seale		

Note: Numbers in parenthesis indicate individual medallists: (1) Gold, (2) Silver, (3) Bronze