

# **MINUTES OF THE BMFA SCALE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT HONILEY ON 5th DECEMBER 2009**

The meeting commenced at 1:00 pm.

Present were Gordon Warburton FSMAE, Ian Pallister, David Knott, Chris Allen and Steve Kessel.

Before starting the business of the meeting Ian Pallister called for a one minute silence in remembrance of our friend and committee member Mike Goldby.

We followed the laid down agenda for the first meeting of a new Technical Committee. The meeting was opened with Chris Allen as temporary Chairman as appointed by the BMFA Chairman.

## **1. Election of Officers, Co-Options, Specialist Bodies**

1.1 The elected members voted for Ian Pallister to return as Chairman for a further year. Ian then took over the Chair from Chris.

1.2 Gordon Warburton was co-opted onto the Committee for a period of one year. This leaves one vacancy for a future co-option. Ian Pallister will approach John Elkington, who has expressed an interest in being co-opted, and invite him to attend the next STC meeting in March 2010.

1.3 The following elections were made, all by unanimous decision:

Secretary	Steve Kessel
Treasurer	Gordon Warburton
Council Delegate	Ian Pallister (Deputy Chris Allen)

1.4 No specialist bodies are attached to our committee.

1.5 The following elections were made, all by unanimous decision:

PRO	Martin Fardell (Ex Committee) as Newsletter Editor
Safety Officer	Chris Allen
Results Officer	Gordon Warburton
Team Travel Budget Signatory	Gordon Warburton

## **2. Apologies**

No apologies were received.

## **3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes for 10<sup>th</sup> October 2009 were unanimously accepted as a true record.

## **4. Matters Arising**

4.1 Item 14.2 Eric Coates Trophy  
Gordon will speak to John French about making provision for more winners' names on the trophy.

4.2 Item 5 Council Meetings  
Chris reported on the BMFA Technical Council of 17<sup>th</sup> October 2009 and Safety Review meeting.  
Points to note were:

- a) The STC proposals for the forthcoming CIAM meeting were accepted and have been forwarded to the FAI.

- b) The British Electrical Flying Association has ceased to exist. Chris Monahan has already formed a committee to ensure that the work previously done by the BEFA in overseeing the technical aspects of electric flying will continue.
- c) There continues to be concern about NiMh batteries with a capacity over 1600mAh. Experience has shown that they have the unfortunate characteristic of dying suddenly when under load and are therefore not considered suitable for airborne systems that may draw high currents.
- d) Amanda Wynn-Jones of Perkins Slade (BMFA insurers) reported that there are no concerns about the level of claims from BMFA members. The single most common category of claim continues to be for damage caused by models hitting cars.

## 5. Miscellaneous Appointments and Distribution of Responsibilities

5.1 There is no formal domestic Scale judges list.

5.2 The following posts and responsibilities were decided:

RC Contest Manager	Dave Knott
Newsletter	Martin Fardell (ex-committee)
Scale Indoor	Ian Pallister
Scale Free Flight	Bill Dennis (ex-committee)
CIAM Representative	Chris Allen

## 6. Disciplines Covered

The disciplines covered by this committee are: Scale R/C, Scale F/F, Scale C/L and Scale Indoor.

## 7. Council Agenda

We had no further proposals to submit.

## 8. Nationals de-briefing and pre-planning

8.1 The de-briefing of the 2009 Nationals was conducted at our previous meeting.

8.2 Ian Pallister will ask Graham Kennedy if he would be prepared to be CD for the 2010 Nationals and will report back to the next STC meeting.

## 9. Teams

The World Championships (F4B and F4C) will be held in Poland from 30<sup>th</sup> July to 8<sup>th</sup> August 2010. The F4C team and reserves have been submitted to Council for ratification at the January 2009 Council meeting.

Team will be:

Peter McDermott	BMFA 66173
Mick Henderson	SAA 4653
David Knott	BMFA 47166

Reserves will be:

1 <sup>st</sup> Mick Reeves	BMFA 15674
2 <sup>nd</sup> Richard Crapp	BMFA 52698

## 10. Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers

Gordon Warburton was originally nominated as Team Manager for the 2010 World Championships but has had to withdraw because of family commitments. Peter McDermott had previously offered to take on the role of Team Manager in addition to competing. Gordon agreed to approach other possible contenders for the role before we considered asking any of the competitors to be dual-hatted. We will aim to have a suitable nominee in place by the next meeting.

## 11. BMFA Competition Details

We agreed the following fees.

<u>Centralised events</u> RC £12 or Season Ticket £60 CL £10 FF £2 Indoor £10 registration and £3 per event	<u>Nationals</u> RC £25 CL £15 FF £10 Indoor £10 registration and £3 per event
<u>Team Trials</u> F4B and F4C £15	<u>Juniors</u> 50% of senior fees for all events

11.2. Gordon will organise trophies and diplomas (printed from blank sheets) for all Scale events. He will liaise with the Records Officer.

## 12. Technical Committee Annual Return

Steve will submit our Annual Return.

## 13. Safety Review

13.1. See item 4.2.

## 14. Scale RC Contest Programme

14.1. Some dates and venues for 2010 have yet to be finalised but the provisional list is:

Pontefract	18 April	F/O
Bulford	9 May	F/O
Church Fenton	29 & 30 May	F/O
Barkston Heath	6 June	F4C
Warboys	20 June	F4C and F/O
Merryfield	4 July	F4C and F/O
Sussex RFC	18 July	F/O
World Championships	30 July - 8 August	
Osbornby	1 August	
Scottish Nationals	7 – 8 August	
Nationals	28 – 30 August	F4C and F/O
Merryfield	12 September	F/O
Team Trials	25 – 26 September	

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

## 15. Finance Report

No statements had been received since the last meeting.

## 16. Scale Indoor

16.1 F/F (Open Scale, Peanut and Pistachio) meeting in early November was shared with Indoor Duration and attracted approximately 12 flyers. BMFA members flew as guests of RAFMAA .

16.2 R/C meeting at RAF Digby on 29<sup>th</sup> November attracted approximately 10 flyers to each class (Scratch and ARTF). This event is slowly gaining popularity and we will keep pushing it to develop the class.

16.3 We have a licence for one more event at RAF Digby. This will probably be held in Spring 2010 to allow trimming prior to the Indoor Nationals.

16.4 The Indoor Nationals will be at Nottingham University on 25 April. Poppy Gowler has offered to provide catering facilities for the event which should help to offset costs. Ian will clear this with the University staff before inviting Poppy formally to do it.

## 17. Scale Free Flight

Bill Dennis had advised that he is willing to continue organising the Scale F/F events but wishes to do so ex-committee.

## 18. FAI Matters

18.1 Chris has primed the CIAM Scale Technical Committee about our proposed rule changes. The Chairman, Narv Jensen, has apparently received the proposals well. Australia is reported to say that they do not believe a 20% penalty on the static score is enough for ARTF models!

18.2 Ian to contact Pete Halman with justification for Chris's attendance at the CIAM Technical Committee Meeting in March 2010.

## 19. BMFA Scale Rule Book

19.1 Chris Bromley is updating the rule book as per our changes (V4 in the minutes).

19.2 Steve to send Chris copies of the new Flying Score Sheet and the Static Score Sheet.

## 20. Newsletter

Martin Fardell has advised that he is prepared to continue producing the newsletter but wishes to do so ex-committee. However, if someone else wishes to take over this task he would be happy to pass it on. We also discussed the need to encourage other people to provide input to the newsletter if it is to cover the full range of Scale disciplines and not just R/C. It was also felt that the task of distributing the newsletter could be made easier if some recipients were prepared to receive it by e-mail.

## 21. AOB

### 20.1 Peanut Trophy

Ian had received a letter from the Records Officer requiring the STC to sign as taking responsibility for the care and safekeeping of the trophy. Ian will sign on behalf of the STC and forward a letter to Richard Crossley (current holder) getting him to accept responsibility for the current year.

*(Sec's Note: There appears to be an anomaly in the Contest Rulebook as this trophy appears twice – as both a Nationals trophy (the Modellers' Den Trophy) and as a STC Trophy (the 'Peanut' Trophy). This could explain why the Records Officer asked for it to be signed for.)*

### 20.2 Aeroplane Monthly Trophy

This trophy (painting) was also a STC Trophy but had not been signed for by the recipient in recent years. Ian agreed to set up a formal arrangement to ensure that its 'ownership' was tracked each year and appropriate insurance arrangements made.

20.3 The minutes of the last ASRC meeting recorded that the Scale C certificate would be discussed at their next meeting and that Ian, Phil Kent and Graham Kennedy would be invited to attend. The view of the STC remained that they saw no need for a Scale C and were against it in principle. Nevertheless, they would participate in discussion to ensure that any proposed solution was workable and would not undermine the integrity of Scale flying in the perception of the membership.

*(Sec's note: Only Phil Kent was able to attend this meeting on our behalf but Ian and Gordon have been invited to the next one provisionally set for 6 March. This date clashes with our own STC Meeting so one of them will have to change.)*

## **22. Next Meeting**

The next meeting was arranged for 6<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at Honiley.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 4:30 pm.

Stephen Kessel  
Secretary - Scale Technical Committee

8<sup>th</sup> January 2010