

MINUTES OF THE BMFA SCALE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT OLD WARDEN ON 11th DECEMBER 2010

The meeting commenced at 11:00 am.

Present were: Ian Pallister, David Knott, Chris Allen, Steve Kessel, John Elkington and Richard Scarborough.

We followed the laid down agenda for the first meeting of a new Technical Committee. The meeting was opened by Dave Knott acting as temporary Chairman as appointed by the BMFA Chairman, Robin Gowler.

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

- a.) The voting strength was noted as six (6).
- b.) The elected members voted unanimously for Ian Pallister to return as Chairman for a further year (proposed: Richard, seconded Steve). Ian then took over the Chair from Dave.
- c.) No co-options were required as the voting strength is already the maximum allowed (6).
- d.) Stand-in Chairman for this meeting was not required as Chairman was present.

The following elections were made, all by unanimous decision:

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| e.) Secretary | Steve Kessel (proposed: Chris, seconded: John) |
| f.) Treasurer | Richard Scarborough (proposed: Dave, seconded: Ian) |
| g.) Council Delegate | Ian Pallister (Deputy: Chris Allen)
(proposed: Richard, seconded: Chris) |

- h.) No specialist bodies are attached to our committee.

The following elections were made, all by unanimous decision:

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| i.) PRO | Martin Fardell (Ex Committee) |
| j.) Safety Officer | Chris Allen |
| k.) Rules Officer | Chris Allen |
| l.) Results Officer | Dave Knott |
| m.) Team Travel Budget Signatory | Richard Scarborough |

2. Apologies

No apologies were received.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes for 2nd October 2010 were approved as a true record.
(proposed: John, seconded: Dave. 5 for, 1 abstention)

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Item 3 Matters Arising – Team Manager Funding

Ian will write to Jo Halman with a proposal to revise the procedures for payment to a team member who also acts as team manager. A copy will be sent to Richard, STC treasurer.

4.2 Item 11.5 – Rubber Stamp

Ian will obtain four rubber stamps for marking approved drawings; one for each of our checkers, Pete McDermott, Bill Dennis and Chris Allen, and one spare.

5. Miscellaneous Appointments and Distribution of Responsibilities

5.1 There is no formal list of domestic Scale judges.

5.2 The following posts and responsibilities were decided:

Newsletter	Martin Fardell (ex-committee)
RC Contest Manager	Dave Knott
Scale Indoor Representative	Ian Pallister
Scale Free Flight Representative	Bill Dennis (ex-committee)
Scale Control Line Representative	Bran Cordwell (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

Reference Item 8.3 - The principle of introducing 'pre-qualifying' for the F4C and Flying Only competitions at the BMFA Nationals.

STC Chairman Ian undertook to discuss the matter with Jo Halman and draft a formal proposal which would be circulated to the rest of the STC on 12th December 2010 for comment before being officially submitted via e-mail on 13th December 2010 followed up on the same day by a hard copy, signed by STC Secretary Steve, sent for the attention of Linda Harding at the BMFA office.

8. Nationals de-briefing and pre-planning

8.1 The de-briefing of the 2010 Nationals was conducted at the previous STC meeting.

8.2 Ian Pallister will ask Graham Kennedy if he would be prepared to be CD for the 2011 Nationals and will report back to the next STC meeting.

8.3 Ideas were discussed about how to manage the large number of entries for the RC Scale events, especially Flying Only. After considering various courses of action the committee decided to put a formal proposal to the BMFA Full Council to introduce the principle of 'pre-qualifying' for these competitions and thus control the number of entries. Refer to item 7 - Council Agenda.

9. Teams

The European Championships (F4C only) will be held in Romania from 22 to 30 July 2011. The trial to select a team for this event, which had been planned for 25th and 26th September 2010, was not held because of lack of interest from potential competitors; consequently the STC is unable to declare an intention to send a team as of this moment. A letter will be sent to all potential competitors asking them to respond by 29th January 2011 if they are interested in being a team member. A new date for a team trial will be arranged if there is a positive response to this letter.

Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers

An advertisement for a Team Manager would be published in the next BMFA News. However, the post would only be required if there is a positive response from potential competitors to form a UK team for the 2011 European Championships. Refer to item 9 - Teams.

10. BMFA Competition Details

11.1 We agreed the following fees.

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

11.2. Ian will speak to Gordon Warburton and ask him if he is prepared to continue to organise trophies and diplomas (printed from blank sheets) for all Scale events.

11. Technical Committee Annual Return

Steve will submit our Annual Return.

12. Safety Review

It was noted that insurance claims are up compared with previous years, mostly due to incidents involving members' cars. Nothing else to report.

13. Technical Committee's Other Agenda Items

14.1 Treasurer's Report

Ian gave the financial report based on the latest figures provided by the BMFA Accounts Manager and passed on by the previous treasurer, Gordon Warburton. The Treasurer's books and briefing notes were handed over to Richard as the new Treasurer.

14.2 BMFA Technical Council Meeting 10/10/2010

Ian reported on the meeting which he attended on behalf of the STC.

Points to note were:

- i.) Poor attendance. Only 8 voting members were present.
- ii.) Nationals results must be forwarded to John French (Records Officer) and the Technical Secretary.
- iii.) Weights must be stated in kilogramme (kg) NOT Newton (N).
- iv.) Technical committees must declare their requirements for the Nationals at the prior October meeting of the Technical Council.
- v.) All TCs were reminded that there was an award for the highest placed SAA member at the BMFA Nationals (all classes) and this should be noted in the results reported.
- vi.) STC must inform the Technical Council of the name of the Team Manager for the 2011 European Championships by March 2011 (if we send a team).
- vii.) The Silverstone 'Motordome' may be a possible venue for indoor events.
- viii.) Managers of international teams must send a full list of the competition results to the Comp Sec in addition to their report.
- ix.) CIAM are going to produce a 'credit card' style FAI Competition Licence.

14.3 ASRC Meeting 27th November 2010

Ian reported on the ASRC meeting which he attended on behalf of the STC.

There are some changes to the proposed Scale C certificate compared with the original proposal; these are:

- i.) The Triangular Circuit and Rectangular Circuit have been left in the choice of options but
- ii.) the acceptance of their use in individual test schedules is dependent on the local situation particularly in respect of safety, and left to the discretion of the Examiners.
- iii.) The 'Remarks' column is to be retained.
- iv.) The candidate must score at least 70% on all manoeuvres.
- v.) The Stall Turn must be made 'away' from the judges.

The revised proposal will be put before the next Areas Council on 29th January.

14.4 Free Flight

There was nothing to report.

14.5 Indoor

- a. It was noted that the first event at RAF Digby took place but only as a trimming event for 'Interscale'. The second (R/C) event was cancelled due to lack of entries and the severe weather conditions. A licence for Digby has been bought and paid for. We will pay £30/hour for sole BMFA use and £10/head when shared with a RAFMAA event.
- b. The Manchester Velodrome is available for hire at £26/hour if it is shared with cycling events. Flying takes place within the track and safety is assured by means of nets. However, it is not considered as suitable for Indoor R/C competition as the Digby gym.
- c. Nottingham University is booked for the last weekend in April for the 2011 Indoor Nationals. The Nationals themselves will be on 1 May (not 24 April as previously advertised as this is Easter Sunday.)
- d. RAF Digby has been provisionally booked for the re-arranged R/C event on 6 March and the RAFMAA Indoor Championships for the weekend 9/10 April. The latter will also be a centralised F/F Scale event and available for pre-Nats trimming.

14.6 Control Line

There was nothing to report.

14.7 Radio Control

a. Stand-off Scale Competition

It was decided to form a working party to formulate rules for a new domestic Stand-off Scale provisional competition class. Chris will re-draft the current proposal ahead of the first meeting of the working party. It is hoped to trial the class at the Barkston Competition on 5th June. We decided not to introduce the class in the 2011 BMFA Nationals.

b. Competition Dates for 2011

Some dates and venues for 2011 have yet to be finalised but the provisional list is:

Pontefract confirmed	17th April	F/O
F/F Indoor Nats, Nottingham confirmed	30 th April/1 st May	
Bulford TBC	8th May	F/O
Church Fenton	29th May	F/O
Barkston Heath	5th June	Stand Off Scale and F/O
Warboys TBC	19th June	Ripmax Trophy Clubman and F/O
Merryfield TBC	3rd July	F/O
Sussex RFC TBC	17th July	F/O
European Championships	23 – 31 July	F4C and F4H
Osbornby confirmed	31st July	F/O
Scottish Nationals	xx August	
BMFA Nationals	28 - 30 August	F4C and F/O
Merryfield TBC	11th September	F/O
Team Trials TBC	24/25 September	

Dave will arrange the judges and CDs for the events.

14.8 BMFA Scale Competition Rules for 2011

Chris has collated all the changes and typos and will update the rules before the New Year.

14.9 Mike Goldby Memorial Trophy

The trophy is excellent and was presented for the first time at the BMFA Annual Dinner on 20 November.

14.10 Newsletter

There was nothing to report.

14. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

15. Next Meeting

It was agreed that Old Warden was an excellent venue and we decided to book ahead the following dates for our meetings next year:

Saturday 12th March
Saturday 11th June
Saturday 8th October
Saturday 3rd December

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 3:10 pm.

Stephen Kessel
Secretary - Scale Technical Committee

17th December 2010