

MINUTES OF THE BMFA SCALE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT OLD WARDEN ON 12TH MARCH 2011

The meeting commenced at 1100hrs

Present were; Ian Pallister; Dave Knott; Richard Scarborough and Chris Allen.

Chris agreed to take notes and produce the minutes in the absence of the Secretary.

Andy Sephton joined the meeting during item 8.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Steve Kessel and John Elkington

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 11th December 2010 were accepted. (N.B. Item 10 sub-paragraph numbering was incorrect.)

3. Matters arising (not covered by the agenda)

4.1 Team Manager Funding - Ongoing

4.2 Purchase of Rubber Stamps for Drawing certification - Ongoing but it was also agreed to retain the colour sticker which would be over stamped.

10.1 Fees for 2011 - The 2011 fees were referred to HQ, however Committee members are reminded that reporting to HQ must always be by letter and HQ staff will NOT extract information from Minutes.

10.2 Continuity of Gordon Warburton's activities – Dave advised that Gordon would continue to organise trophies and diplomas, he also advised that he has asked Gordon to update the scoring program. This raised the question of configuration control for software upon which we now rely and which is embedded in the computers of ex-committee members.

ACTION 3.1 – Ian to speak to Gordon re. scoring software.

ACTION 3.2 – Dave to speak to Pete re. Corel Draw and the rule book diagrams.

14.3 ASRC and the Scale C – Ian advised that he had attended the recent ASRC meeting and suggested that Chief Examiners be invited to attend

coaching sessions at scheduled Scale events, Ian agreed to forward the competition schedule to Terry Rounce, the ASRC Chairman.

4 Treasurer's Report

Richard advised that there was little to report and that he was waiting for a statement from HQ.

5 Free Flight

ACTION 5.1 – Ian to speak to Bill Dennis regarding including the F/F schedule in Scale News.

6. Indoor

6.1 Ian reported disappointing entries so far for the Digby R/C Indoor Scale event with only 5 in class 1 and 7 in flying only.

6.2 An additional manoeuvre, the Lazy-8 is to be added to the flying schedule.

6.3 The Indoor Nationals was confirmed at Nottingham University on 1st May; Static Judges and Timekeepers were still required.

7. Control Line

Nothing to report

8. Radio Control

a. Cancellation of European Championships - Ian to submit statement for the Scale News.

b. Rule Changes for 2011 (BMFA) – All the changes had been incorporated in the 2011 Rule Book which was now available from HQ.

c. Contest Calendar – Dave to approach Alan Glover to judge static with Graham Kennedy at the Church Fenton event.

d. Dave presented his analysis of the proposed qualification criteria for F/O at the Nats. This was based on achieving 80% of the 'normalised' scores for 2 competitions in the last 2 seasons or 90% for one competition. It was agreed that this should have the desired limiting effect. It was suggested that an exemption for overseas competitors would apply if they had been a member of their national team at an international event.

ACTION 8.1 – Ian and Dave to finalise wording and forward to Martin for the Scale News and HQ for the BMFA News.

e. Stand –Off Scale – After a review of the draft rules, some minor changes were agreed. It was agreed to trial the rules at Barkston on 5th June. Ian agreed to talk to Linda regarding distribution of copies from HQ and draft note for the BMFA news

ACTION 8.2 – Chris to finalise Rules; Judges guide; Score Sheet and Declaration and forward to Martin for inclusion in the next issue of Scale News and Ian for the BMFA News.

9. Newsletter

Ian to speak to Martin re. EU Champs; Qualification procedure for the Nats; Stand-Off rules and the contest Programme.

10. AOB

10.1 Dave advised that UK success at the World Champs 2010 did not feature in the BMFA News, despite being widely reported in the Aeromodelling Press. Ian agreed to include a note in the STC report to Tech Council.

10.2 It was noted that the forthcoming Tech Council meeting was due to discuss the CIAM Plenary agenda which had yet to be published. Chris gave a summary of the anticipated Scale issues based on his knowledge of the scale sub-Committee activity over the past few months. Since this was not a 'scale year' for the Plenary, only non championship rule changes could be considered. i.e. F4H and the proposed changes for F4H had been previously commented upon. Chris agreed to advise the CIAM Delegate as soon as the Plenary Agenda is published.

11 Next Meeting

All to note – The SVAS Library has been booked for the next meeting on 11th June.