

# **MINUTES OF THE BMFA SCALE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING** **HELD AT OLD WARDEN ON 11<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

The meeting commenced at 11:00 am.

Present were: Ian Pallister, David Knott, Steve Kessel, Andy Sephton and Richard Scarborough.

## **1. Apologies**

An apology for absence was received from Chris Allen. It was noted that John Elkington has stepped down from the STC since the last meeting due to pressure from other commitments. Andy Sephton was co-opted to take John's place on the committee for the remainder of the year pending formal election at the AGM.

## **2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes for the STC Meeting of 12th March 2011 were approved as a true record.

## **3. Matters Arising (not covered by the agenda)**

### **Item 3 - 4.2 Drawing Certification**

Ian reminded everyone that we decided to retain the current system of marking certified drawings using a colour sticker which would then be over-stamped.

### **Item 3 – 10.2 Continuity of Gordon Warburton's activities**

Dave is going to take over some of the tasks previously performed by Gordon, in particular, producing diplomas.

### **Item3 Action 3.1**

Ian is to visit Gordon to review the situation regarding the scoring software that is used for competitions.

### **Item 3 Action 3.2**

Dave has handed over to Ian the Corel Drawing software used to create some of the images for the rule book diagrams.

### **Item 8d F/O Qualification Criteria - Action 8.1**

It was noted that the qualification criteria for the F/O competition at the Nats has now been published.

### **Item 9**

It has been brought to our attention that some people do not appear to be receiving the Scale Newsletter. Action: Ian to discuss with Martin.

#### 4. Treasurers Report

Richard presented the following report:

With regard to the financial year ending 31 March 2011, the allocated budgets were :

Scale Technical Committee costs	£2,000
Scale Training & Excellence	£1,500

In both cases actual costs were well under budget and were not dissimilar from 2010 actual totals.

Travel costs are the single biggest expenditure item within STC costs.

	2011	Under budget	2010
Scale Technical Committee costs	£1,554	£446	£1,785
Scale Training & Excellence	£776	£724	£736

Budget costs for the year ended 31 March 2012 have not yet been received from HQ.

(Last year budget figures were not provided until August).

Since the last meeting in March 2011, the following events have taken place with surpluses as follows:

		Surplus/(deficit)	
Digby RC Indoor Scale	06/03/2011	(72.80)	Deficit due to Hall Rental £210
Digby FF Indoor scale	10/04/2011	130.00	
Pontefract F/O	17/04/2011	135.00	
Indoor Nats F/F	01/05/2011	47.30 *	
Church Fenton F/O	29/05/2011	62.00	
Barkston Heath F/O & Stand off	05/06/2011	58.00	

\* Indoor Nats surplus of £47.30 (last year showed a deficit of £52.42).  
Income of £1,652 was raised for this event, consisting of Entry fees £675, Door receipts (spectators and fun fly) £666 and Raffle £311.  
The main cost was £1,600 for hire of the two halls but this remained at the same figure as for 2010 and 2009.

Nothing to report regarding TTF Scale (Team Travel Fund), Contest Fund Interscale, or Training and Excellence as no details have been sent from HQ.

#### 2010 Indoor Nats Budget

<u>Income</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Competition Pre- Entries	£621.00	£380.00	£449.00				
Late Entry Fees Paid at Door	£54.00	£157.00	£80.00	Hall Rental	£1,600.00	£1,600.00	£1,600.00
<b>Total Entries</b>	<b>£675.00</b>	<b>£537.00</b>	<b>£529.00</b>				
Door Receipts (Fun Fly & Spectators)	£666.00	£616.30	£694.00	Raffle Tickets	£3.20	£3.20	
				Postage	£1.36	£17.52	£12.98
Raffle	£310.86	£415.00	£243.00	Food & Mic			£40.68
Donations			£67.00				
Refreshments			£228.00				
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£1,651.86</b>	<b>£1,568.30</b>	<b>£1,761.00</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£1,604.56</b>	<b>£1,620.72</b>	<b>£1,653.66</b>
				<b>Surplus</b>	<b>£47.30</b>	<b>-£52.42</b>	<b>£107.34</b>

## 5. Chairman's Report

Ian reported on the following matters:

5.1 Mileage costs. The BMFA will now pay up to the upper limit before tax of 45p/mile, as defined at the last budget.

5.2 To note that 'First Person View' (FPV) control systems are only legal in the UK if used with a buddy box system and if the primary pilot is in visual contact with the model.

5.3 The new Vice President of the BMFA is now Martin Dilley FSMAE.

5.4 A draft of a new BMFA Members Handbook has been produced. Ian will circulate an electronic copy to the STC members.

5.5 It has been noted by the BMFA & CIAM Competition Secretary that the STC did make every effort to enter a team for the aborted European Championships that were to have taken place in Romania.

5.6 There has been a recent air proximity incident involving a model glider and a full size crop spraying aircraft. No other detail available.

## 6. Free Flight

Nothing to report.

## 7. Indoor

Andy Sephton has agreed to take over the organisation of the Indoor Nationals from Ian Pallister. There are some question marks about the affordability of the Nottingham University Hall in the future but the venue has been booked for next year.

## 8. Control Line

Brian Cordwell is organising the F4B Control Line Scale competition for the Nationals and is in contact with Graham Kennedy.

## 9. Radio Control

### Scale Website

The question was asked as to whether Gordon Warburton is still updating the scale website. Action: Ian will speak to him about this when he visits him to discuss the scoring software.

### Flying Only – Qualifying Situation

Dave provided a list showing the latest situation for regular competitors regarding the qualifying situation for the F/O competition at the Nationals this year. Many have already qualified and the question was asked: is the 80% qualifying level high enough to restrict the entries to a manageable level? The situation will be reviewed after the Nationals.

### Stand-off Scale Rules

Following the recent trial run of the new Stand-off Scale Competition Rules it was agreed that we should review the rules at the October STC meeting.

### 2012 World Championships in Spain

Actions:

- Ian will speak to the O/C AEF at Church Fenton to see if he will agree allow us to have the airfield for a full day for the Team Trials.
- Steve will put and advert in the BMFA News asking for applications for the position of Team Manager with a closing date of 30th November 2011. The advert will also go on the website.

## **10. Proposed Policy for International Team Funding**

The proposed changes to the funding of UK teams at European and World Championships were discussed. The overwhelming view was that although the increase in funding for European Championships was welcomed the proposed funding was insufficient to cover the cost of representing the UK at World Championships. Also, we were unanimous in our opinion that all team members should be treated equally, i.e. 'helpers' should be funded to the same level as 'pilots' if their contribution is essential to the success of the team. Ian will represent these views when the matter is discussed at Full Council meeting.

## **11. ASRC Scale C**

Ian will ask Martin Fardell to liaise with examiners regarding training in the way we judge scale competition flying and invite them to attend some scale competitions for guidance and practical experience.

## **12. Newsletter**

The following items were identified for inclusion in the next newsletter:

- a. Andy Sephton has taken over the organisation of the Indoor Nationals from Ian Pallister.
- b. John Elkington has stood down from the STC and Andy Sephton has been co-opted to take his place.
- c. Mention that the Stand-off Scale Rules will be reviewed at the October STC in light of the recent 'trial' competition.
- d. Current status of pilots qualifying for the Flying Only competition at this years Nationals.
- e. The introduction of 'flagmen' at this years Nationals to inform pilots and judges if aircraft stray close to or beyond the Scale R/C boundaries. Action: Steve to procure flags.

## **13. Next Meeting**

It was noted that the Library at Old Warden has been booked for our remaining meetings this year on: Saturday 8th October, and Saturday 3rd December.

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

Stephen Kessel  
Secretary - Scale Technical Committee

19th July 2011