

MINUTES OF THE BMFA SCALE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING **HELD AT OLD WARDEN ON 1st DECEMBER 2012**

The meeting commenced at 11:00 am.

Present were: Chris Allen, Steve Kessel, Dave Knott, Ian Pallister, Andy Sephton and Richard Scarborough. Graham Kennedy was also in attendance as GBR representative on the CIAM Scale sub-committee.

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

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

- a) The initial voting strength was six (6).
- b) The elected members voted unanimously for Ian Pallister to return as Chairman for a further year (proposed: Chris, seconded Richard). Ian then took over the Chair from Andy.
- c) No co-options were required as the voting strength was already the maximum allowed (6).
- d) The voting strength was confirmed as six (6).
- e) Done – item b.

The following elections were made, all by unanimous decision:

- f) Secretary Steve Kessel (proposed: Ian, seconded: Andy)
- g) Treasurer Richard Scarborough (proposed: Ian, seconded: Dave)
- h) Council Delegate Ian Pallister (Deputy: Chris Allen) (proposed: Dave, seconded: Chris)
- i) No specialist bodies are attached to our committee.
- j) Final voting strength established as six (6).
- k) Done – item b.
- l) Done – items f, g and h.

The following elections were made, all by unanimous decision:

- m) PRO Andy Sephton
- n) Safety Officer Chris Allen
- o) Rules Officer Chris Allen
- p) Results Officer Ian Pallister
- q) Team Travel Budget Signatory Richard Scarborough (Treasurer)

2. Apologies

No apologies were received.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous STC meeting of the 13th October 2012 were approved unanimously as a true record - proposed: Chris, seconded: Richard

4. Matters Arising

None

5. Miscellaneous Appointments

- a) There is no formal list of scale judges for domestic competitions as it is considered that this would be too constraining.
- b) The following posts and responsibilities were decided:

Newsletter	Andy Sephton
RC Contest Manager	Dave Knott
Scale Indoor Representative	Andy Sephton
Scale Free Flight Representative	Bill Dennis (ex-committee)
Scale Control Line Representative	Brian Cordwell (ex-Committee)
CIAM Representative	Chris Allen
Webmaster	Ian Pallister

6. Disciplines Covered

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

The members of the committee more than adequately represent Scale R/C and Scale Indoor but do not represent the Scale C/L and Scale F/F disciplines. Therefore it was agreed that Bill Dennis (Scale F/F) and Brian Cordwell (Scale C/L) should be invited to attend STC meetings in a non-voting capacity when appropriate.

7. Council Agenda

See 14g below

8. Nationals de-briefing and pre-planning

- a) The de-briefing of the 2012 Nationals was conducted at the previous STC meeting.
- b) Graham Kennedy is prepared to be CD for the 2013 Nationals.
- c) There is speculation that in the absence of a European Scale R/C Championships for 2013 that a significant number of competitors from mainland Europe may wish to attend the BMFA Nationals. This could pose the challenge of a larger number of competitors than normal. We shall monitor the situation and plan accordingly.

9. Teams

At the time of the meeting no proposals had been made to hold a European F4C Championships in 2013; hence, we did not propose a UK Team. (Secretary's Note: CIAM has approved a late bid from Romania to host a European Championships from 21-29 July 2013. An expression of intent to send a GBR team will be submitted to the Jan Council)

10. Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers

At the time of the meeting no proposals had been made to hold a European F4C Championships in 2013; hence, we did not propose a UK Team Manager. (See Secretary's Note above)

11. BMFA Competition Details

- a) The competition fees for 2013 were agreed as follows:

<u>Centralised events</u> RC £15 or Season Ticket £70 CL £11 FF £3 Indoor £15 registration - no class fee	<u>Nationals</u> RC £30 CL £16 FF £12 Indoor £16.50 registration plus £3.50 per class
<u>Team Trials</u> F4B, F4C and F4H £20 per class	<u>Juniors (under 18 years)</u> Free for all events

- b) Dave will print and laminate the certificates needed for the 2012 Centralised events. Steve will notify the office that certificates for one hundred (100) individual competitions will be required and that they should be sent to Dave.

12. Technical Committee Annual Return

The annual return was circulated for everyone to check their personal details. Steve will send it to the office.

13. Safety Review

The safety issues identified at the 2011 Scale F/F Nationals were addressed and successfully resolved at the 2012 Nationals. For 2013 we propose to introduce the use of a megaphone to aid communication on the flight line and with the crowd.

14. Technical Committee's Other Agenda Items

a) Minutes of the previous meeting held at Old Warden on 13th October 2012

Approved – proposed: Chris, seconded: Richard.

b) Matters Arising

None

c) Delegates Report

Ian reported on the Technical Council Meeting of 20th October 2012. Items of particular relevance to our committee were:

- i. the BMFA proposals being put forward to CIAM,
- ii. the requirement to send the full results of Nationals competitions to the Competition Secretary,
- iii. the Training and Excellence Budget,
- iv. the requirement to send a copy of Technical Committee confirmed minutes to Linda,
- v. World Cup competitions and
- vi. the requirement to publicise all events that contribute towards team selection as such in the BMFA contest calendar

d) Treasurers Report

Richard presented his report which is detailed in the appendix at the end of these minutes.

e) Free Flight

Bill has agreed to check the drawings of the 'Tailwind No.6' that have been submitted by Lawrence Marks for approval by the STC.

f) Indoor

- i. Andy reported that the indoor event at the Manchester Velodrome on 24th November was very successful.
- ii. A full set of rules for Scale Indoor R/C is required and Andy will attempt to get this done in time to be put in the BMFA 2013 Scale Rule Book.

g) Control Line

We agreed that Pete Tribe should be reimbursed for the cost of his dinner ticket at the BMFA 2012 AGM which he attended to collect his trophy for winning the Nationals.

Ian will ensure that the 'Knokke No.2' Trophy is allocated to the winner of the Nationals Scale C/L competition (as previously requested by the STC) by raising the subject at the January 2013 BMFA Council Meeting. Likewise, he will ensure that the 'Clubman' Trophy is allocated to the winner of the Nationals Standoff R/C competition at the same meeting.

h) Radio Control

- i. Responses to Chris's article 'The Future of Radio Control Scale Flying Competition' are on-going and it seems to have achieved the intended task of provoking debate on the subject.
- ii. The RCM&E suggestion to have a larger marquee at the Nationals was discussed. The cost and space required for such a marquee are major issues, but we felt that it might be possible to extend the existing marquee sufficiently to provide a space to exhibit the Scale F/F models; this will be investigated further. Richard offered to cut the grass where the R/C models are normally displayed, if we can get permission to do so and if it can be done in the week leading up to the Nationals. This would improve the presentation of the models to the public.
- iii. It was agreed that the MS Excel file which Steve produced as an alternative to the existing scoring programme be given a more extensive trial in 2013. Steve will update the file to bring it into step with the 2013 rules.

i) Competition Programme for 2013

Dave presented the proposed programme for next year with many of the venues and dates already confirmed. He will publish it soon with a call for judges.

j) Proposals for 2013 CIAM Plenary

We reviewed the proposals being put forward by the BMFA, i.e.

- i. To replace current F4H Rules and consequent revision of annexes to rules.
- ii. To stop fast tracking of competitions to championship status.
- iii. To impose a moratorium of at least three years before competition classes can be given championship status.

k) BMFA Scale Rule Book for 2013

Chris presented the proposed changes to the rule book that he and Andy have been working on. All the changes were agreed with a few minor changes. One significant change is that the Judges' Guide will be removed from the Rule Book and published separately on the STC website with a link from the BMFA website. This will make it easier to update the Judges' Guide. Ian thanked Chris and Andy for their time and effort in making such a thorough review.

l) Newsletter

Andy reported that because most people are now taking the newsletter by e-mail the costs of circulating it have been significantly reduced. He thanked everyone who had supplied him with reports and photographs and for feedback from proofreading. For the future he would like to get more input from the Scale C/L fraternity and introduce reviews on new products that we find and would like to share with everyone else. He also asked the STC members to provide a brief CV on themselves for an article introducing the STC members which he plans to put in the next edition.

15. AOB

Ian thanked Graham for taking the time to join the meeting.

16. Date of Meetings for 2013

We looked at the calendar and decided the preferred meeting dates for next year would be:

March 16th, June 15th, October 19th and December 7th.

Steve will check on the availability of these dates with Old Warden and make the bookings accordingly.

Stephen Kessel
Secretary - Scale Technical Committee

16th December 2012

Appendix – Treasurer’s Report

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MEETING 1 DECEMBER 2012

No events have taken place since the last Treasurer’s Report on 12 October 2012.

David Knott is now able to pay monies into the bank directly for events for which he is Contest Director.

The quarterly reports (for 2nd quarter July to September 2012) have now been received from head office. These show the following :

	Costs for 2nd qtr to Sept'12	Total costs 1st & 2nd qtr
TC costs - scale		
C. Allen Travel & food (re:meeting 12/7/12)	85.12	
Scale Newsletter	48.20	
	<u>133.32</u>	<u>359.37</u>
Training & Excellence scale costs		
Team training - travel & accommodation (June)	291.88	
Training in N Ireland - C Allen 1/7/12	297.40	
	<u>589.28</u>	<u>1,016.48</u>
TTF - Scale costs		
Additional payments to 2012 Team : 3 x £800	<u>2,400.00</u>	<u>3,600.00</u>
Contest Fund Scale (receipts)		
Osournby Comp : 26/7/12	120.00	
Indoor Nats repayment of chq. from J Minchell	20.00	
	<u>140.00</u>	<u>613.42</u>

N.B. Further monies relating to events in the 1st quarter to 30/9/12 totalling £605 were banked 15/10/12 and will therefore be shown on the 3rd quarter's printouts.

Contest Fund Interscale	<u>No transactions</u>	<u>No transactions</u>
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The total costs incurred for the 1st and 2nd quarter for TC costs are well within the budget set by head office for 2012/13 year.

	1st & 2nd qtr	Total 2012/13 budget
TC costs	<u>£359</u>	<u>£2,000</u>

However, total 1st and 2nd quarter actual costs for Training and excellence are approaching budget limit set for 2012/13:

	1st & 2nd qtr	Total 2012/13 budget
Training and excellence	<u>£1,016</u>	<u>£1,500</u>

N.B. : This total is not likely to increase significantly before end of 2012/13 as most events have now been completed.