

MINUTES OF THE BMFA SCALE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT OLD WARDEN ON 16th March 2013

The meeting commenced at 11:00 am.

Present were: Chris Allen, Steve Kessel, Dave Knott, Ian Pallister, Andy Sephton, Richard Scarbrough and Graham Kennedy (guest)

1) Apologies - None

2) Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes for 1st December 2012 were approved unanimously as a true record.
proposed: Chris, seconded: Andy

3) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4) Treasurers' Report

a) Richard presented the report detailed below.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MEETING 16 MARCH 2013

No events have taken place since the last Treasurer's Report on 1 December 2012.

The quarterly reports (for 3rd quarter 1st October to 31st December 2012) have been received from head office. These show the following :

	Costs for 3rd qtr to Dec'12 Debit	Total costs 1st/2nd/3rd qtrs Debit
TC costs - scale		
Travel & food (re:meeting Oct'12)	342.16	
Travel & food (re:meeting 1/12/12)	410.74	
Postage stamps	7.20	
	760.10	1,119.47
Training & Excellence scale costs		
No costs during quarter	-	
	-	1,016.48
TTF - Scale costs		
No costs during quarter	-	
	-	3,600.00

(Account balance per head office computer - as per last three quarters is shown as £6,479.44 CR?)

	Costs for 3rd qtr to Dec'12 Debit	Income for 3rd qtr to Dec'12 Credit	Total 1st/2nd/3rd qtrs
Contest Fund Scale			
Indoor competitions costs (Oct/Nov)	465.33		
AGM Dinner refunds 2 x £26	52.00		
Scale competitions receipts		(605.00)	
Donation from Peterborough MFC		(50.00)	
	517.33	(655.00)	751.09
Balance		(137.67)	
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Contest Fund Interscale		No transactions	No transactions

BUDGET DETAILS :

The total costs incurred for the 1st/2nd/3rd quarters for TC costs are well within the budget set by head office for 2012/13 year.

	1st/2nd/3rd qtrs	Total 2012/13 budget
TC costs	£1,119	£2,000

However, total 1st/2nd/3rd quarter actual costs for Training and excellence are approaching budget limit set for 2012/13:

	1st/2nd/3rd qtrs	Total 2012/13 budget
Training and excellence	£1,016	£1,500

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

b) We agreed to use up to £100 from the Contest Fund to pay for a new Judging Table which Chris has offered to make.

5) Chairman's Report on Full Council Meeting of 7th January 2012

Ian elaborated on the FCM report that he had already sent by e-mail. Points he highlighted were:

- Pilot of the Year – to note that the qualifying year will run from 1st August to 31st July and nominations must be in by 4th August.
- To ensure that we put in a formal request to change the allocation of the Knokke trophy from F4B to C/L Scale and the allocation of the old Clubman trophy from R/C Clubman Scale to R/C Standoff Scale. Steve will send the request to Linda at HQ to be put on the May Council Meeting.
- To note that the Technical Council meets on 23rd March.

6) Free Flight

Nothing to report

7) Indoor

- a) Andy reminded us that the first indoor competition of the year will be at the Wallsall Sports centre and will include Indoor R/C Scale. Some ready to fly models will be available for those who do not have their own to try the R/C competition.
- b) The Indoor FF Nationals will be at Nottingham University on 21st April. So far there are only 8 entries in Kit Scale. Foreign entries will be asked to provide evidence of insurance. Andy asked about prizes for the event. (Since the meeting he has obtained a promise of vouchers from Sam's Models to use as prizes.)

8) Control Line

Andy requested input for the newsletter from the C/L Scale fraternity.

9) Radio Control

- a) Contest Calendar – Dave has everything in hand – An effort will be made to 'recycle' the picture trophies to save some costs and alternative prizes will be investigated.
- b) The 'Excel' scoring programme will be trialled again at the first competition of the season at Osbounby.
- c) It was noted that the 2013 European Scale Championships in Romania have been cancelled. Our thanks to the team who were preparing to represent the UK.
- d) We expressed our concern about the 'accuracy' and 'lateness' of the official Jury report on the 2012 World Scale Championships in Spain. Also, it is our belief that the organiser's bid for this event was inaccurate and the 'lay of the land' was biased against tail draggers. Chris will discuss the matter with Robin Gowler and Ian and Chris will raise the matter at the forthcoming Technical Council meeting.

*(Post meeting note: Robin confirmed that he **had** signed off the Jury report after inclusion of his own comments on safety, and acknowledged that the flying site had not been ideal for the wind and weather conditions experienced at the time. However, he pointed out that whilst a site inspections should ideally be carried out prior to awarding Championships, the Spanish bid was the best on offer at the time and other Nations who were not prepared to make a bid should not be too critical. (The last UK-based World Champs was in 1978!) He also observed that CIAM should perhaps reflect that successive increases in the permissible weight and size of models served to narrow the field of suitable locations.)*

10) BMFA Scale Rule Book and Judges Guide

- a) Chris had circulated his first draft of the Judges Guide before the meeting and asked for comment. We all felt that the information was much easier to digest separated from the rules and did not have any significant changes to suggest. The guide will be published soon on the STC website.
- b) We discussed how the 'General Rules' section of the Scale Rule Book could be modified to clarify the description of how to calculate the scores for the different scale classes (Section 6.1.1.10). A change for next year's rule book will be to replace the 'final scoring description' with a table showing how to calculate the score for each class. Also, clarification will be given on what to do if only one round of flying can be completed because of bad weather. These clarifications may be posted on the STC website soon.

- c) Static Judging and Documentation Seminar – We discussed the possibility of running such a seminar, possibly on the weekend of 25th/26th May, somewhere in the South Yorkshire area. A notice will be put in the forthcoming newsletter to gauge the level of interest.
- d) We discussed the query from Nick Bodset regarding the builder of the model declaration and agreed that no change should be made for FF competition. Andy will reply to Nick.

11) Nationals Planning

- a) General planning is in hand and the CD will be Graham Kennedy.
- b) Richard has offered to cut the grass along the side of the runway where the models are usually displayed. He will have access to get this done before the competition.
- c) Ian said that he has been told that it may be possible for us to have one or two marquees in the side of the trade area that is immediately behind where we fly from. This would enable us to put on a static display under cover. Discussions are on-going.
- d) Andy showed us the draft of some posters that he is working on to explain how our competitions are run for the crowds that come to watch. These will be produced in A3 size and fixed to the fence posts.

12) Forthcoming CIAM Meeting

We went through the proposals to be put forward at the forthcoming CIAM meeting relating to scale and agreed the following recommendations for voting:

Section 13.1.A proposal 'a' yes, proposal 'b' yes

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Section 13.2 proposal 'f' yes, proposal 'g' 'no'

Section 13.12 F4H - proposal 'a' yes.

Section 13.12 F4H - proposal 'b' yes, proposal 'c' yes, proposal 'd' yes, proposal 'e' yes

12) Public Relations and Newsletter

Andy is planning a flyer to promote flying scale models and asked for input; in particular he requested any interesting quotes that express the satisfaction to be got from achieving a realistic flight from a scale model.

13) Any Other Business

None

14) Next Meeting

The next meeting is planned for Saturday 15th June in the SVAS Library at Old Warden.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 3:45pm.

Stephen Kessel
Secretary - Scale Technical Committee

31st March 2012