

# MINUTES OF THE BMFA SCALE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT OLD WARDEN ON 15<sup>th</sup> June 2013

The meeting commenced at 11:00 am.

Present were: Chris Allen, Ian Pallister, Andy Sephton, Steve Kessel

## 1) Apologies – Richard Scarbrough, Dave Knott

## 2) Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes for 17<sup>th</sup> March 2013 were approved unanimously as a true record.  
proposed: Chris, seconded: Andy

## 3) Matters Arising

- a) The judges guide and form for commentary information are now on the STC website.
- b) Chris is re-thinking the design of a table for static judging; it will be a construction project for the winter.

## 4) Treasurers' Report

- a) Richard forwarded the following report after the meeting:

### 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
<b>TC costs - scale</b>		
Travel & food (re:meeting Oct'12)	342.16	
Travel & food (re:meeting 1/12/12)	410.74	
Postage stamps	7.20	
	<u>760.10</u>	<u>1,119.47</u>
<b>Training &amp; Excellence scale costs</b>		
No costs during quarter	-	
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,016.48</u>
<b>TTF - Scale costs</b>		
No costs during quarter	-	
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,600.00</u>

(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
<b>Contest Fund Scale</b>			
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)	
	<u>517.33</u>	<u>(655.00)</u>	<u>751.09</u>
Balance		<u>(137.67)</u>	
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<b>Contest Fund Interscale</b>		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	<u>£1,119</u>	<u>£2,000</u>

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	<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.

- b) We agreed that the T&E account could be used to pay reasonable expenses (B&B + mileage at half rate) for the 'tutors' at the recent documentation seminar.

## 5) Chairman's Report

### a) Full Council Meeting of 18th May 2013

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

- Profit share income from our insurer's Doodson's
- Vote for executives who had served more than ten years
- Investigations into creating a centre for UK model flying including a museum
- Agreement that a proposal be put to the AGM to suspend the Areas Council
- Agreement to our proposals to re-allocate the Knokke trophy from F4B to C/L Scale and the old Clubman trophy from R/C Clubman Scale to R/C Standoff Scale
- Acknowledgment Jo Halman's FAI Gold medal
- Record entry for this year's University Challenge
- Note that the next edition of BMFA News will be last under the current editor

### b) Technical Council Meeting of 23rd March 2013

To note that foreign visitors participating in BMFA competition are deemed as having temporary BMFA membership in regard to insurance. However, contact details for anyone covered in this way must be obtained and forwarded to the BMFA office (after the event is fine) to allow the insurers to monitor any 'exposure'.

## 6) PRO's Report

### a) Publicity Leaflet

We approved the publicity leaflet that Andy has put together to promote scale modelling in the BMFA. This will now be printed and used at the Nationals and other public events.

### b) Newsletter

We approved the next Scale Newsletter which will be published shortly.

### c) Information Boards

We reviewed and approved the proposed A3 information boards for the scale flight lines at the Nationals. Andy will produce laminated copies and Chris will produce the posts and boards to mount them on.

## 7) Free Flight

### a) August Nationals

Bill has requested two marshals plus some tables and chairs for the FF flight line at this year's Nationals. This has been noted by the CD, Graham Kennedy.

### b) May Nationals

The two non-championship FF Scale events held at this year's FF Nationals on 25th to 27th May saw a big jump in entries compared with previous years. The weather was perfect and Bill said, "Free flight scale can sometimes seem a masochistic activity but days like this remind us why we do it." On Saturday the Aeromodeller and Model Aircraft designs event was won by Ray Hall with his fine-flying 'Blackburn B2'. On Sunday the Open competition was won by Derek Knight with his 'Baroudeur'. A full report will appear in the newsletter with provisional rules for next year.

## 8) Indoor

### a) Walsall 7th April

Andy reported that the first indoor competition of the year at the Walsall Sports centre was a very successful and fun day. The Hall cost £650 and income was £420. However, this was considered an acceptable deficit for the first time at this venue and should be put in perspective against the £1000 surplus from this year's Nationals which took place two weeks after the Walsall event. There was good feedback from those trying indoor RC scale for the first time and the Walsall management are keen for us to return next year. It has been noted that the on-site restaurant could be open at additional cost (£200).

### b) Nationals 21st April

The Indoor FF Nationals were held at Nottingham University on 21st April. Andy reported, "In many ways, this year saw the most successful BMFA Scale Indoor Nationals yet. Entries were up by 35% and the number of competitors by 47%. Spectator and fun flyer numbers were also up on previous years as was the raffle prize pool. However, for me the major success was the first junior entry for as long as I can remember in the form of the Peterborough Club's Joe Rabicano. I sincerely hope that for the future of

Scale Indoors, this is a hint of where are going.” Twelve of the entries for came as a direct result of the interest generated by two talks given by Mike Stewart and Andy Sephton to the Peterborough and Ramsey clubs. Nottingham has been booked again for next year’s Nationals which will be a two day event including an RC competition. The need for a trophy for Indoor RC Scale was noted.

The event was also a success from the financial viewpoint, making a surplus of £400. Entries and entry fees were up on last year and the raffle raised £542. There was £225 in donations from the talks given by Mike Stewart and Andy Sephton.

- c) Coming Events
  - Shawbury on 27th October 2013. This is being organised by Andy Sephton and John Minchell and will be a FO RC event.
  - Bushfields on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2014. FF with trimming plus FO RC.
  - Scale Indoor Nationals – Nottingham 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April 2014
- d) Plans for Next year
  - Introduction of indoor gliders
  - Remove ban on previous winners in kit scale

## 9) Control Line

Nothing to report.

## 10) Radio Control

- a) Contest Calendar – The contests are up and running and Dave has everything in hand.
- b) We now have two scoring programmes the original produced by Gordon and the Excel version produced by Steve. Adjustments will be made to these to inflate the flying score for situations when we choose to fly less manoeuvres in a competition.
- c) Nationals Planning – We are still uncertain about the size of the additional marquee that will be provided to display some of the models. Clear directions must be given regarding the siting of the marquee.
- d) Richard has the organisation of the grass cutting in hand.
- e) Flags – Steve will contact Graham regarding the whereabouts of the flags for the linemen. (Graham and Dave have both been contacted since the meeting but neither knew the whereabouts of the flags.)
- f) With the introduction of F4H as a competition class we need to define who is eligible to go forward to the Team Trials for consideration of a place in the F4C and F4H teams and how we manage the team trials, especially for those who wish to be considered initially for the F4C team, but if they are not successful in this then the F4H team (using the same model). There was much discussion but no definite conclusion. Finally it was agreed that Steve should put some words together to pull together the thoughts of the team and send it to Chris. Between them they would then produce a proposal to circulate to the rest of the STC for further consideration.

## 11) FAI/CIAM Plenary

Minutes for the plenary are not yet published but key points from the plenary are:

- a) The CIAM sub-committee will vet bids for future World and Continental Championships
- b) The CIAM sub-committee will be responsible for appointing officials for World and Continental Championships.
- c) The UK proposal for the F4H rules have been accepted with some changes. - Chris was concerned that changes to the words in the original UK proposal introduce conflict within the rules. He will contact Jo Halman regarding this.

## 12) Documentation Seminar

- a) This was an excellent seminar enjoyed by all who participated. For those who did not attend it was a missed opportunity. Some points to come out of the discussions were:
- b) Why are the minimum drawing requirements different for RC and FF? It was agreed that they should not be and the distinction that we really need to define is the difference between the requirements for indoor and outdoor competitions.
- c) To clarify that the definition of a 'kit' includes a set of laser cut or CNC produced parts.

## 13) Any Other Business

None

## 14) Next Meeting

The next meeting is planned for Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October in the SVAS Library at Old Warden.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 3:40pm.

Stephen Kessel  
Secretary - Scale Technical Committee

17<sup>th</sup> July 2013