

## MINUTES OF THE BMFA SCALE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT OLD WARDEN ON 28<sup>th</sup> June 2014

The meeting commenced at 11:00 am.

Present were: Chris Allen, Steve Kessel, Dave Knott, Richard Scarbrough and Andy Sephton

**1) Apologies** – Ian Palister sent his apologies for absence and asked that Chris Allen to chair the meeting in his absence.

**2) Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes for 8th March were approved.  
proposed: Dave, seconded: Andy

**3) Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda.

**4) Treasurers' Report**

a) Richard presented the report below.

Scale Indoor Freeflight Nationals took place on 12/13 April. Andy Sephton paid two amounts of £1,041.50 and £1,390 directly into the BMFA account after the event took place but these figures will be recorded on the next quarter's reports. (April - June 2014).

Several events were cancelled due to bad weather but those which took place are:

				<b>SURPLUS</b>
01/06/2014	Druids	9 fliers @ £15 4 members @ £0 1 CD	135.00 - 15.00	120.00
08/06/2014	Osbournby	9 fliers at £15 1 CD & 1 judge	135.00 - 30.00	105.00
22/06/2014	Merryfield	13 fliers @ £15 4 members @ £0 2 judges	195.00 - 30.00	165.00

The quarterly reports for January to March 2014 sent by Head Office, show the following:

	Costs for 4th qtr to Mar '14
<b>TC costs - scale</b>	£
Travel & food (re:meeting March '14)	312.41
Scale Sporting Codes & Rule Books	94.00
	406.41

**Training & Excellence scale costs - no transactions in quarter**

**TTF - Scale - no transactions in quarter**

Balance of monies held in the TTF Scale account at 31 March 2014 was £6,610.98.

<b>Contest Fund Scale</b>		Costs	
08/03/2014	Picture frames/laptop disk for competitions		£253.49
Balance of monies held in the Contest Fund Scale account at 31 March 2014 was £6,623.71.			
Contest Fund Interscale - No transaction report received for 3rd quarter from Head Office.			
<b>BUDGET v ACTUAL COSTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014</b>			
The total costs for the full year to 31 March 2014 are now complete and are shown below. Actual costs were below the budget set by Head Office as follows:			
		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
			<u>Under Budget by:</u>
TC costs		£2,000.00	£1,570.30
Training and excellence		£1,500.00	£344.00
			£429.70
			£1,156.00
As stated in the last Treasurers Report, the budget for 2014/15 has been set at the following reduced amounts:			
TC costs		£1,800	
Training and excellence		£1,000	
No details of costs are available for the current accounting year commencing 1 April 2014 until the 1 <sup>st</sup> quarterly reports (April to June 2014) are issued.			

It was generally agreed that we should endeavour to make more use of the Training and Excellence Budget in 2014/15 and Richard undertook to find out more about what exactly this budget can be spent on.

## 5) Chairman's Report on Full Council Meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Chris had attended the meeting in place of Ian and elaborated on the report he had already sent by e-mail. In particular, he gave a précis of the presentation made by Manny Williamson on the feasibility study that is to be conducted on the viability of a BMFA National Centre. The study is being funded by our insurers, Doodsons.

## 6) PRO Report and Newsletter

Andy thanked those that had given him content for the next newsletter and comment on the draft. However, he advised that he is getting little/no input from control line and helicopter. To balance the content of the newsletter input is needed from all disciplines.

Andy also made the observation that the control line scale competition organised by Barry Lever for the coming Old Warden Aeromodelling Weekend (19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July) has some 20 entries compared with the 3 or 4 entries we get for flying only C/L scale at the Nationals. This begs the question are we not doing enough to promote C/L scale via the scale newsletter and elsewhere?

The general matter of lack of communication from C/L and Helicopter was discussed later in the meeting; see any other business.

## 7) Free Flight

- a) Bill Dennis is organising the FF competitions for the Nationals. Chris, as CD for the scale nationals will contact him to ensure that everything is in hand.

## 8) Indoor

- a) Andy reported on the Indoor Nationals at Nottingham University. Unfortunately the event had to be reduced to one day rather than the planned two days because of lack of entries, particularly in R/C and Peanut. This meant that it was very difficult to fit in all the flights. Andy praised the helpers for their efforts in making the event a success.

## 9) Control Line

- a) Chris, as CD for the scale nationals has been in contact Brian Cordwell to ensure that everything is in hand.
- b) The query about the use of 2.4GHz for tertiary controls on C/L models is something which has arisen before. Chris recalled that there was a proposal on the CIAM Plenary agenda for this a few years ago and it was thrown out because the International F4B fraternity did not want C/L 'corrupted' by R/C. Apparently the clue is in the title ..... i.e. control line and not control by radio. However F4B is no longer an FAI Championship class and since no one on the STC had any strong feelings on the subject it was decided that Brian Cordwell should propose a change to the BMFA C/L Scale rules for 2015 if that is what the C/L flyers want. Steve will inform him of this decision.

## 10) Helicopters

Nothing reported.

## 11) Radio Control

- a) 2014 Contest Calendar  
Bad weather has prevented all but three competitions this season, i.e. at Druids 1<sup>st</sup> June, Osbounby on 8<sup>th</sup> June and Merryfield on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Dave reported that these competitions have made a surplus of £390. Because of the lack of competitions this year the Ripmax Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the F4C class at the Nationals. Dave is trying to organise additional competitions at Baldock in September and North London in September/October. He also reminded us that the Pontefract competition has been moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> August.
- b) Nationals Planning
  - i. CD - Chris Allen has taken over the role of CD from Graham Kennedy following Graham's election as the CIAM F4 Committee Chairman.
  - ii. Judges – Chris is in the progress of sorting out the judges.
  - iii. Helicopters – No information.
  - iv. Safety Concerns – Chris reported that he has not received any response regarding the Nationals R/C Scale Flying Safety paper which was passed to Dave Phipps at the Full Council Meeting, neither had he heard anything about any changes to resolve the problems. Having now taken over as Scale CD he advised that he will be in contact with Dave to seek assurances that he would be kept informed of any changes to Nats planning. We agreed that what is needed is an observer positioned in line with the 5000 ft runway marker who is able to advise both the Scale and the Show flight-lines when and if a model encroaches into the wrong airspace. The possible use of flags was discussed but this was not considered to be ideal. Richard suggested that he may have access to a buzzer system and offered to investigate further.
- c) 2014 F4C and F4H World Championships
  - i. Team Training - Steve reported that the team training took place over the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> June at Warboys and Osbournby. Neil Tidey, the Assistant Manager lead the training. Time was spent checking documentation and with practice flights. Richard said that he had now received expense claims from all the team and will forward them to the office to be paid.
  - ii. Travel – All the team have their travel booked. Dave asked Steve when team expenses are due to be paid. Steve to check with office and report back to the team directly.
  - iii. Uniforms – Some more Jackets have had to be purchased this year. The uniform allowance from the BMFA is sufficient for polo shirts but not enough to cover the cost of jackets as well so Steve suggested that we should be putting some funds aside to pay for more jackets in future years. This has not been an issue in the last few years because the team members have not changed significantly and so no new jackets were needed.

- iv. Steve highlighted the fact that the Competitor's Declaration that has been sent out by the organisers is different from the one in the FAI Regulations in that it does not have a box for endorsement by the local NAC. To avoid possible problems at the championships a version conforming to the FAI Regulations will be taken in addition to the organisers form. Steve will arrange with Ian to get his signature as the endorsement.
- v. Chris raised the subject of the 'local rules' which were an addition to the FAI sporting Code 2014 edition as defined on the WC website. Although these local rules were mentioned in the Plenary Minutes and Steve confirmed that he had been advised of them in an e-mail, concern was expressed that because they were not specifically mentioned on the WC website they may be open to misinterpretation and result in grounds for a protest. It was hoped that they would get mentioned during the rules seminar or the Team Managers briefing, although this might be considered a little late!

## 12)Any Other Business

It was decided that Ian as chairman of the STC should write to the control line and helicopter representatives to ask them how we can improve communications with them and find out how, if at all, they want us to actively promote their activities.

## 12)Next Meeting

The next meeting is planned for Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October in the SVAS Library at Old Warden.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 3.20pm.

Stephen Kessel  
Secretary - Scale Technical Committee

29<sup>th</sup> June 2014

## Critical dates for STC

BMFA News	Copy dates	August 2014 Issue – copy date 19 <sup>th</sup> June October 2014 Issue – copy date 3 <sup>rd</sup> September December 2014 Issue – copy date 25 <sup>th</sup> November
Full Council		6 <sup>th</sup> September - Agenda deadline 11 <sup>th</sup> August
Technical Council		18 <sup>th</sup> October - Agenda deadline 22 <sup>nd</sup> September
STC meetings		4 <sup>th</sup> October, 6 <sup>th</sup> December