

# **MINUTES OF THE BMFA SCALE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING** **HELD AT BMFA HQ ON 27<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

The meeting commenced at 11:00 am.

Present were: Chris Allen, Robin Gowler, Dave Knott, Andy Sephton, John Minchell and Steve Kessel

**a) Apologies** – Ian Pallister, Bill Dennis, Andy Hewitt, Brian Cordwell

**b) Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes for 5th December 2015 were approved proposed: Robin, seconded: Andy.

**c) Matters Arising**

- Item 4 - 6e Transfer of STC website to BMFA website. This matter is ongoing. **(Action IP)**
- Item 11 – Notify office of certificate requirements when the programme of centralised RC events has been agreed. This matter is ongoing. **(action SK)**
- Item 14c – Conflicting rules. Chris is in discussion with jo Halman. Ongoing. **(action CA)**
- Item 14d – It was unanimously agreed to allocate £500 to each of our F4H team members from the Team Travel Fund for this year's World Championships. This is in addition to the £400 allocated directly by the BMFA; thus each team member will receive £900 assistance to compete.

**d) Treasurer's Report**

Dave presented the treasurer's report, Appendix A.

John asked if the monies held in the Interscale Fund could be used towards putting on a UK hosted Interscale event. It was agreed that it could and that John could put together provisional plans for such an event. **(action JM)**

**e) Chairman's Report on Full Council Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

Robin briefly went over his report on the Full Council Meeting which he had already circulated to the committee, Appendix B.

**f) PRO Report and Newsletter**

Andy said that he had little to report but once again asked for more input from CD's on the centralised RC events. He is planning to introduce a 'build thread' into his scale column in the BMFA News. This will be based on a 93" span Fieseler Storch. He has received correspondence from several readers with the question: 'how do I get into scale RC competition'. The reply he has given was to start with flying only competitions. This lead onto discussion about how to encourage new blood and the idea of having a Novice Flying Only award was proposed. The idea being that the award was only available to be won by competitors who had not won a Sunday centralised event in the last 10 years. Andy volunteered to make a list of winners from the last ten years results. **(action AS)**

**g) Free Flight**

It was agreed that the proposal to hold the FF Scale Nats competitions at the FF Nats in May was the best course of action for this year. Bill Dennis and Andy Hewitt to be advised. **(action SK/CA)**

**h) Indoor**

John requested helpers for the Indoor FF Scale Nats on 1<sup>st</sup> May. He also raised a query regarding a young lad who has already entered indoor scale FO events with some success and would like to enter the scratch build class with a model built by his father. As the rules stand we have to say no to this suggestion, but of course he could enter flying only with his father's model.

**i) Control Line**

Nothing to report.

**j) Helicopters**

Nothing to report.

**k) Radio Control**

- a) Contest Calendar – Chris circulated the current calendar which has many blank spaces to be filled, Appendix C. He has now taken on the job of organising the missing events. The task is ongoing. **(action CA)**
- b) Nationals Planning – The loss of Barkston Heath for the August Nationals means that we have to find an alternative venue. It was agreed that mid-August or possibly September would be the best time for the event. Various sites were suggested and actions were taken by members of the committee to investigate and report back : **(actions: SK Tibbenham, RG Honington- (RAFMA Champs), JM Weston Park and Cosford)**
- c) World Championships – Steve reported that there are currently 11 countries intending to send teams. Competitors are down on the previous WC with both F4C and F4H having 24 competitors. Traveling to Romania is going to be a challenge but Steve has been working with the BMFA office to investigate the possibility of using DHL to send the models and the team travelling by air. The plans are ongoing. **(action SK)**

**l) BMFA Scale Rule Book and Judges Guide**

- a) Rulebook – finished and downloadable from BMFA website.
- b) Judges Guide – Chris had circulated this before the meeting for comment. There are a few minor changes to make and then the guide will be published. **(action CA)**

**12) CIAM**

We reviewed the proposals for the forthcoming CIAM Plenary relevant to scale; many of which have their roots in Graham Kennedy's input when he was Chairman of the Scale Sub-Committee. Chris will report back to Peter Halman with detailed instructions on how we wish to vote on the individual proposals.

**13) Any Other Business**

Andy asked that we put the issue of gyros/electronic stabilisation on the agenda for the next STC meeting.

**14) Next Meeting**

The next meeting is planned for Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June in the club hut of the Ramsey Model Aero Club.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 4:15pm.

Stephen Kessel  
Secretary - Scale Technical Committee

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015

# Appendix A

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE STC MEETING ON 27-2-16

The quarterly reports for the period October to November send by Head Office, show the following:

<b>TC Costs- Scale</b>	<b>£</b>
Travel & lunch costs for STC meetings of 3-10-15	334.84
and 5-12-15	399.03
Scale Website renewal	68.39
total	802.26

<b>Training &amp; Excellence scale costs</b>	<b>£</b>
No Transactions	

<b>TTF – Scale</b>	<b>£</b>
No transactions for quarter	
Balance of monies held in TTF Scale account	4,656.57

<b>Contest Fund -Scale</b>	
Team Trials surplus	60.00
AGM Refund - I Taylor	-26.00
Indoor Nationals Hall Hire & costs	-153.43
Balance of monies held in Contest Fund – Scale	6,696.85

<b>Contest Fund Interscale</b>	
No transactions for quarter	
Balance of monies held in Contest Fund- Interscale	3,083.78

### **Budget for year ending 31 March 2016**

The budget for the 2015/2016 year has been set at £1,800.00  
Costs incurred to end of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter £1,246.20

If costs for this meeting are similar to previous meetings of about £400 plus £35 for room hire, we should just be in budget.

## Appendix B

### Full Council Meeting January 9<sup>th</sup> 2016

#### Report to Scale Technical Committee.

The first part of the meeting was taken up by the formal acceptance of area delegates, the co-option of Technical Committee (TC) representatives and to ratify BMFA delegates to other organisations.

Brian Cooper, Peter Jenkins, Terry Rounce and Peter Willis were elected to the ASRC

The investigation into the levying of Non Domestic Rates on clubs is work in progress. Six clubs are now having to pay out of 14 that have been assessed.

I raised the point that our F4H team had been omitted from the published list of teams for ratification.

The Competition Secretary apologised for the oversight and the team was duly ratified. Subsequent to the meeting Steve Kessell has been ratified as the F4H team manager by the Competition Secretary.

It was confirmed that the SAA and LMA had switched their insurance provider to Integro and that their insurance cover is equivalent to ours in relation to individual members.

A ballot was held for the vacant position of Public Relations Officer, the two candidates were Duncan McClure and Maz Ainsworth, Duncan McClure was duly elected and co-opted to the Executive to serve until the 2016 AGM.

*(Post meeting Note, Duncan McClure has subsequently stood down as PRO due to a change in his personal circumstances)*

A new deal with our insurers provides us with £100,000.00 of sponsorship over the next three years, the new arrangements also provides our affiliated clubs with equipment insurance free of charge.

It was confirmed that Barkston Heath would not be available to us for the power nationals in August.

The work on the National Centre is on-going and the land currently under consideration was unsuitable (due to the weather) for a demonstration to the land-owners, this is to be rearranged.

Following a comprehensive presentation Council voted to give The Balloon Association specialist body status subject to minor amendments to their constitution.

The Great Britain Slope Racing Association sought permission, through the Silent Flight TC, to host the 2018 FAI World Championships for F3F. Unfortunately, no representative from the GBSRA was present to present the case and the SFTC had not been briefed. The Chairman moved to a vote on the strength of the written submission which was passed on condition that an acceptable budget was presented to the May Council meeting.

The University Challenge will take place at Elvington on the weekend of June 11/12<sup>th</sup>.

Next meeting May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Robin I Gowler FSMAE Delegate

February 2016.

## Appendix C

Chris, please would you add your chart here. Thanks, Steve

Approved