

SOCIETY OF MODEL AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS LTD

(T/A British Model Flying Association)

TO ALL FULL COUNCIL MEMBERS

There will be a Meeting of the Full Council on Saturday 14th May 2016
at 11.00am at College Court, Knighton Road, Leicester LE2 3TQ

A G E N D A

- 1 Apologies for Absence.
- 2 Request for permission to be absent.
- 3 To verify the voting strength of the meeting.
- 4 Adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 9th January 2016.
- 5 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 9th January 2016 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 6 To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer to include:
 - a The progress towards the year end Accounts.
 - b To receive a paper discussing Areas funding, including the following proposals:
 - i) That in order to receive grant funding, Areas should submit a budget each year. The Honorary Treasurer and Accounts Manager will devise a suitable form for this, in advance of the budgeting process for 2017/18. In addition, a form will be provided for Areas to submit their accounts in a consistent way.
 - ii) That Area grant funding will cover the core activities:
 - Running Area meetings to discuss Area business and the Area's viewpoint on matters to be discussed at Council;
 - Acting as a conduit between clubs in the Area and Council;
 - Resolving issues affecting clubs, where this can be done locally;
 - Promoting model flying within the Area;
 - Administering the achievement scheme in the Area (which may include running examiners workshops);
 - Support for educational activities.Additional activities should normally be self-funding, or covered from any surpluses from other activities, which will be considered by the Honorary Treasurer, Executive and Council as part of the normal budgeting process.
 - iii) That no funding will be paid to any area that has a bank balance at Financial Year End exceeding two years total expenditure.

- 7 To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.
- 8 To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.
- 9 To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary to include:
 - a The receipt of the Affiliated Club List.
 - b The receipt of the dates for Council Meetings in the year 2017.
 - c To discuss and agree the processes for the November elections.
 - d To determine the eligibility of Jo Halman FSMAE, the Competition Secretary (having served for ten or more years in the current position) to stand for re-election in accordance with rule 1.8 of the Council Handbook, Issue 8, February 2015.
 - e To receive the following proposals:
 - i) That in the Areas Constitution Document, the section dealing with AGM procedures has the following sentence added to paragraph 12:

“The AGM Agenda must always include the annual election of Area Chief Examiners and Area Chief Instructors. The election process used for these posts shall be decided, by simple majority, by a secret ballot of those duly authorised club representatives present and entitled to vote.”

And also that the following sentence is added to the end of paragraph 22:

“The actual voting figures not simply the results, whether conducted as an individual secret vote of those present or a poll vote, must be noted and recorded in the minutes of this General Meeting.”
 - ii) That the text of the first two sentences of paragraph c and sections h (i) and (ii) of Appendix P to the Council Handbook – the text dealing with the appointment and election of Achievement Scheme Controllers, be amended. (Full details appended).
 - iii) To add a new section (p) to the Terms of Reference for the Achievement Scheme Review Committee – These Terms of Reference are provided in Appendix P in the Council Handbook. (Full details appended).
 - iv) That Paragraphs (c) to (g) inclusive of Appendix P to the Council Handbook setting out the Terms of Reference of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee be changed. (Full details appended).

- 10 To receive a report from the Technical Secretary to include the following proposals:
- i) That the following paragraph be added as the first paragraph to Rule 2.3.11 Number of Competitors in the General Rules and Regulations:
A competition shall only be valid if there are at least two entries in that competition.
 - ii) Add the following to General Regulations and Rules Paragraph 1.2.4
Add after (5) the following paragraph.
(6) Video use. 5.725 GHz to 5.875 GHz. Effective Radiated Power 25mW.

Add after the final paragraph of AIRBORNE TELEMETRY the following paragraph:
The 5.8 GHz has been allocated for apparatus designed for airborne transmission of television (video). Where require associated audio may also be used. Users need to be especially aware that equipment is available (especially if sourced from America) that uses frequencies that fall just outside the permitted band.
- 11 To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include:
- a The receipt and ratification of any contests for next year's FAI Calendar.
- 12 To receive a report from the Records Officer.
- 13 To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.
- 14 To receive a report from the FAI Delegate to include:
- a The receipt of the report of the recent CIAM Meeting.
- 15 To receive the following proposals:
- a From the Silent Flight Technical Committee that a "Joining Fee" be added to the standard BMFA membership fee for Seniors only. This fee should apply to new members and those who renew after a lapse of 1 year, or more.
 - b From the Silent Flight Technical Committee that the Silent Flight Technical Committee be allowed to spend up to £900 for the purchase of a compact digital display unit.
- 16 To receive updated briefings and reports from the Technical Committees & the Power Nationals Co-ordinator for all the BMFA National Championships.
- 17 To receive any reports from the following Delegates (reports should be brief, preferably in writing and in advance).
- a Royal Aero Club (RAeC)
 - b General Aviation Safety Council (GASCo)
 - c Air Prox
 - d Sport + Recreation Alliance (formerly CCPR)
 - e General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)

18 To receive any reports from the following Committees (reports should be brief, preferably in writing and in advance):

- a CAA Team
- b UK Radio Control Council (UKRCC)
- c Education Working Group
- d University Challenge
- e Computer Sub-Committee
- f Safety Review Committee
- g Achievement Scheme Review Committee
- h BMFA News Publishers
- i BMFA Archivist
- j Club Support Officer

19 Any Other Business.

Please note: Items for Any Other Business should be sent or handed to the Office Manager in writing before the meeting commences. This will be strictly enforced.

Any questions to be asked under AOB that require detailed answers should be previously advised to the Office Manager to allow preparation of replies.

20 Date of next meeting.

Linda Harding
Office Manager

Circulation: All Council Members

Note: Provisional Minutes are published online in due course and ratified Minutes within 7 days after the meeting at which they are ratified.”

Society of Model Aeronautical Engineers Ltd.

Area Funding

A paper for discussion at Full Council, May 14th 2016

Background

Local activities of the Society are controlled at a regional level by fourteen Areas - thirteen geographic and The Royal Air Force Model Aeronautical Association (RAFMAA), which covers all RAF bases with active model flying clubs. Funding for the operation of the Areas is provided in the form of annual grants from the central funds of the Society.

For slightly over twenty years, the formula for allocation of grants to Areas has been on the basis of a fixed lump sum (currently £851) plus an amount per club within the Area (£12.39). The figures are calculated annually by the Accounts Manager based on the number of clubs and the total budget for Areas Funding agreed by the AGFM as part of the overall Society budget which for recent years has been £22,000.

This model was implemented to simplify what had at the time been an over-complicated situation with each Area submitting detailed budgets, and no consistency between the Areas of the items that they included in the budgets.

At that time, one of the largest cost items was postage - agendas and minutes for regular meetings and the Areas' Annual General Meeting, and distribution of newsletters - hence the amount per club. Since then the world has moved on, and that majority of that communication is carried out by e-mail.

Activities in Areas

Each Area is different.

The "core business" of the Areas (ie. carried out by all Areas) includes:

- Running Area meetings to discuss Area business and the Area's viewpoint on matters to be discussed at Council;
- Acting as a conduit between clubs in the Area and Council;
- Resolving issues affecting clubs, where this can be done locally;
- Promoting model flying within the Area;
- Administering the achievement scheme in the Area (which may include running examiners workshops);
- Support for educational activities.

Other activities that some Areas also perform include:

- Running contests (including Free Flight Area Centralised contests), events, fly-ins;
- Supporting clubs' contests, events and fly-ins;
- Supporting international team members from within their Area;
- etc.

In general the Area funding grants are intended to cover the core business and not the other activities. In particular, the Society makes a consistent contribution to International Team members from the main budget; it would not be appropriate for some team members to receive additional support that originated from central funds.

Current Situation

Due to the current funding arrangements, the variation of activities within Areas, and the change in communication costs, some Areas receive more in funding than the total costs of running the Area, and have accumulated substantial balances (totalling over £60,000 and ranging from under £2,000 to almost £13,000).

Areas are already required to submit accounts to the Society as a condition of receiving the grant funding. Due to the timescales, there is a two financial year gap between the accounts and the payment - ie. to receive the funding for the financial year April 2016 to March 2017, the Areas have submitted their accounts in the year to March 2015, that will have been approved by their AGMs in November or December 2015.

Areas use a wide range of descriptions of line items, making it difficult to consolidate into a single comparative sheet - for example in the year to March 2014, over 40 different line item descriptions were used.

Proposals

In order to address various anomalies outlined above, the following proposals are recommended for Council approval.

1. That in order to receive grant funding, Areas should submit a budget each year. The Honorary Treasurer and Accounts Manager will devise a suitable form for this, in advance of the budgeting process for 2017/18. In addition, a form will be provided for Areas to submit their accounts in a consistent way.
2. That grant funding will cover the core activities. Additional activities should normally be self funding, or covered from any surpluses from other activities. The budget form will include scope for Areas to request funding for additional activities, which will be considered by the Honorary Treasurer, Executive and Council as part of the normal budgeting process.
3. That no funding will be paid to any area that has a bank balance exceeding two years expenditure.

RAFMAA

RAFMAA is a special case, in that they are effectively an Area with only one club. The RAFMAA Committee is defacto the Area Committee. However they receive a grant based on one "club share" for every five members that affiliate to the Society through RAFMAA. This is a legacy from the time when RAFMAA became an Area; previously they operated independently but were entitled to a seat on the SMAE Council. This means that for RAFMAA members, the BMFA subscription includes the cost of administering their club. As at March 2016, RAFMAA affiliated 50 members to the SMAE. Their membership is presumably higher, with most members affiliating through other clubs or joining as Country Members.

However, with the current affiliation, BMFA receives a total of £1650, and pays out £975 in Area Support. This grant is disproportionately high compared to other Areas. Therefore, I would also like Council to consider the following proposal:

4. That Grant funding for RAFMAA is capped at £5 for every member that affiliates to the BMFA through RAFMAA.

Keith Lomax
Honorary Treasurer
17th April, 2016

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A separate sheet may be used and attached for long proposals or reasons.

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REASON:

The current formula for Areas funding is no longer fit for purpose. The profile of area expenditure has changed with the growth of electronic communication, and some areas spend less each year than the level of the grant.

The range of items detailed in current Area Accounts is such that it is difficult for the Accounts Manager to review and consolidate Area expenditure, to inform the Executive how the money is spent.

See discussion paper for more details.

ELECTED OFFICERS/COUNCIL MEMBER

Proposed by: **Keith Lomax FSMAE**
Date: **17th April 2016**
Electronically

Post: **Honorary Treasurer**
Signature of Officer/Council Member: Submitted

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REASON:

Areas conduct a wide range of activities. It is not always appropriate for these to be funded from the subscriptions of the total membership base. See discussion paper for more details.

ELECTED OFFICERS/COUNCIL MEMBER

Proposed by: **Keith Lomax FSMAE**
Date: **17th April 2016**
Electronically

Post: **Honorary Treasurer**
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PROPOSAL:

That no funding will be paid to any area that has a bank balance at Financial Year End exceeding two years total expenditure.

REASON:

If Areas have this level of bank balance, they should not require additional funding from membership subscriptions. See discussion paper for more details.

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Proposed by: **Keith Lomax FSMAE**
Date: **17th April 2016**
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PROPOSAL:

That Grant funding for RAFMAA is capped at £5 for every member that affiliates to the BMFA through RAFMAA.

REASON:

Compared to other Areas, RAFMAAs Area Grant is disproportionately high (around 60% of total subscriptions received from members affiliated through RAFMAA). See discussion paper for more details.

ELECTED OFFICERS/COUNCIL MEMBER

Proposed by: **Keith Lomax FSMAE**
Date: **17th April 2016**
Electronically

Post: **Honorary Treasurer**
Signature of Officer/Council Member: Submitted

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2017 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

■ Amendments

** Subject to change.

2016

Mon 12th December

2017 1st Full Council Meeting Agenda Deadline

Fri 16th December

2017 1st Full Council Meeting Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin

2017

Sat 14th January

1st Full Council Meeting

{Sat 28th January (TBC)

Team Managers Briefing – Comp Sec }

{Sat 4th Feb Reserve date (TBC)

Team Managers Briefing – Comp Sec }

Mon 30th January

1st Full Council Meeting Draft Minutes despatch

Mon 20th February

1st Tech Council Agenda Deadline

Mon 20th February

1st Full Council Meeting Provisional Minutes despatch

Fri 24th February

1st Tech Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin

Sat 18th March

1st Tech Council Meeting

Friday 31st March

1st Tech Council Meeting Minutes despatch

Tues 18th April

2nd Full Council Agenda Deadline

Fri 21st April

2nd Full Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin

Sat 13th May

2nd Full Council Meeting

27/28/29 May (TBC)

Free Flight Nats & Space Modelling Nats

Mon 5th June

2nd Full Council Meeting Draft Minutes despatch

Mon 26th June

**AGM 1 despatch

Tues 1st August

Deadline for receipt of Award Nominations

Monday 7th August

** Nomination Deadline

Mon 14th August

3rd Full Council Agenda Deadline

Fri 18th August

3rd Full Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin

Fri 25th August

End of Year for Director's Annual Reports

26/27/28 Aug (TBC)

R/C Power, Scale, C/L Nats, S/F Nats

Friday 8th September

**AGM 2 despatch

Sat 9th September

3rd Full Council Meeting

Mon 11th September

Absolute Deadline for receipt of Director's Annual Report

Mon 18th September

2nd Technical Council Agenda Deadline/CIAM Rule Change

Deadline

Fri 22nd September

2nd Technical Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin

Mon 2nd October

3rd Full Council Meeting Draft Minutes despatch

Sat 14th October

2nd Technical Council Meeting

Mon 16th October

Deadline for receipt of BMFA rule changes from Tech Committees

to the Technical Secretary

Fri 20th October

**AGM 3 despatch

Tues 24th October

3rd Full Council Meeting Provisional Minutes despatch

Fri 27th October

2nd Technical Council Meeting Minutes despatch

Mon 6th November

**Voting Deadline

Fri 17th November

**Proxy Deadline

Sat 18th November

****70th Annual General Meeting**

Mon 11th December

2018 1st Full Council Meeting Agenda Deadline

Fri 15th December

2018 1st Full Council Meeting Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin

2018

Sat 13th January 2018 2018 1st Full Council Meeting

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Use a separate sheet for long proposals or reasons and attach to this form. Refer to the notes on page 2 regarding the conditions for submitting proposals.

PROPOSAL: That the text of the first two sentences of Paragraph c and sections h (i) and (ii) of Appendix P to the Council Handbook – the text dealing with the appointment and election of Achievement Scheme Controllers, be amended to read as follows:

(c) The membership of the ASRC shall consist of the ~~two~~ Achievement Scheme **Controller/s** and seven elected members. **Additionally there is a standing invitation to the Club Support Officer to attend in a non voting capacity.**

(h) Achievement Scheme Controllers

- (i) The ~~two~~ Achievement Scheme Controllers will also be subject to election and this will **normally** occur in alternate years. The day to day running of the Achievement Scheme is delegated by Areas Council to the ~~two~~ Controllers, who are required to report to each Areas Council meeting. There is an open invitation by the Chairman of that ~~the~~ ~~relevant~~ Council to ~~both~~ **the** Controllers to attend in person to present those reports and deal with any queries that may arise.
- (ii) **Under normal circumstances there would be two Controllers, one for Power and one for Silent Flight. However it is recognised that the work load associated with Silent Flight is low and it is permissible for the Power Controller to cover the Silent Flight activity if he agrees to do so. Nonetheless, the Silent Flight Controller post must still be advertised in the appropriate election cycle.** ~~A~~ **The** vacancy for the Power Controller will be advertised in the BMFA News in odd years and that for the Silent Flight Controller in even years. ~~Each~~ Either will be elected for a two year period but may subsequently apply for re-election at the end of that period. The appointment or election of ~~this~~ **the** Controller will then be made at the **following** January meeting of the Full Council where all accredited voting members of that Council shall have a vote on such an appointment.
- (iii) Should **there be** no applicant for ~~that the~~ vacancy ~~exist~~, the Full Council has the right to appoint a Controller to the vacant position for the subsequent two year period of office. If only one applicant applies for the vacant position then the Full Council shall either confirm and appoint that applicant or, in exceptional circumstances (where Council deems the applicant is not suitable), Full Council shall have the right to co-opt an alternative but suitably qualified person to the vacant position. This appointment, even if made by a co-option, shall also be for the subsequent two year period. In the event of more than one applicant for the vacant position of a Controller, the Full Council (not the Areas Council) shall vote to determine and so appoint the elected Controller. The appointment again will be for a two year period. If the post becomes vacant for any reason, subsequent co-options shall be for the remainder of the two year term of office.

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PROPOSAL: That Paragraphs (c) to (g) inclusive of Appendix P to the Council Handbook setting out the terms of reference of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee be changed to read as follows:

- (c) The membership of the ASRC shall consist of the Achievement Scheme Controller/s and seven elected members. Additionally there is a standing invitation to the Club Support Officer to attend in a non-voting capacity. One of the ASRC members must be a Full Council member and in the event that the ASRC membership does not already include a full Council member, the ASRC shall nominate a delegate to Full Council and Council may then co-opt that delegate as a Full Council member. An ASRC meeting requires a quorum of five people (from the seven, elected or co-opted, members and the Achievement Scheme Controllers). The Chief Executive, or another person appointed by Full Council, shall keep a record of the members of the ASRC and shall send out requests for nominations, together with a list of the current members of that Committee, noting those due to retire, not less than 12 weeks prior to the € Annual General Meeting.
- (d) Notice of vacancies on the ASRC shall be posted in the BMFA News seeking candidates to apply for such vacancies. Applications must include a CV based on the form (see Annex A to these Terms of Reference). Applications in response to the BMFA News posting should be sent to the BMFA office. Potential members should be experienced flyers, preferably with experience as Scheme Examiners or Instructors and they must have an overriding interest in the Achievement Scheme
If it is necessary to hold a ballot to elect any of the ASRC members this should be effected prior to the AGM, using the Council approved voting procedure, and the result of the ballot announced at the AGM.
- (e) Elected members shall each serve for two years, with half their number retiring each year in rotation Thus, four members of the ASRC shall retire in even years and the other three in odd years but they may apply for re-election.
- (f) If the membership of the Committee's standing members is not filled, the Committee may co-opt to bring the number of standing members up to seven. Co-opted members may only serve until the next election, ie for a maximum of one year.
- (g) The ASRC Chairman will be elected annually, at the first ASRC meeting of the year, by the Committee from its own members and this appointment notified to the Areas and Full Council.

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PROPOSAL:

That the following paragraph be added as the first paragraph to Rule 2.3.11 Number of Competitors in the General Regulations and Rules.

A competition shall only be valid if there are at least two entries in that competition

REASON:

ELECTED OFFICERS/COUNCIL MEMBER

Proposed by: **David Varallo**
Date: **25 April 2016**

Post: **Technical Secretary**
Signature of Officer/Council Member
(Only signed if not submitted electronically)

TECHNICAL COMMITTEES / ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME REVIEW COMMITTEE (ASRC)

Proposed by: Technical Committee / ASRC (circle as appropriate)
Date of Meeting: Voting Results: For

Against
Abstentions

Date: Signature of Committee Secretary / Appointed ASRC Council Member:
(Only signed if not submitted electronically)

AREA COMMITTEES

Proposed by:
Seconded by:

Club Signature of Club Delegate*:
Club Signature of Club Delegate*:
(Only signed if not submitted electronically)

Date of Area Meeting:

Voting Results: For
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Date:

AREA:

***NB:** The Club Delegate **MUST** be approved by the majority of the Club Committee.

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Only Council Members (Elected Officers and co-opted Technical Committees and the ASRC) and Area Committees may offer proposals. *If time is short, an Area Delegate or Technical Committee Representative may put forward a proposal from his Area or Technical Committee under his own signature (as is his/her right as a Council Member). Delegates and Representatives should be very cautious if they do this and should be prepared to answer questions from Council about the involvement of their Committee in the proposal. If an Area Delegate or Technical Committee Representative as a bona fide Council Member has put forward a proposal in his/her own right and without input from his Committee, he/she must declare that he/she has done this before the proposal is discussed at a Council Meeting.*

A separate sheet may be used and attached for long proposals or reasons.

PROPOSAL:

Add the following to General Regulations and Rules Paragraph 1.2.4

Add after (5) the following paragraph.

(6) Video use. 5.725 GHz to 5.875 GHz. Effective Radiated Power 25 mW.

Add after the final paragraph of AIRBORNE TELEMETRY the following paragraph

The 5.8 GHZ has been allocated for apparatus designed for airborne transmission of television (video).

Where required associated audio may also be used. Users need to be especially aware that equipment is available (especially if sourced from America) that uses frequencies that fall just outside the permitted band

REASON:

To update the rules to include the frequencies used for First Person Video.

ELECTED OFFICERS/COUNCIL MEMBER

Proposed by: **David Varallo** Post: **Technical Secretary**
 Date: **25 April 2016** Signature of Officer/Council Member
(Only signed if not submitted electronically)

TECHNICAL COMMITTEES / ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME REVIEW COMMITTEE (ASRC)

Proposed by: _____ Technical Committee / ASRC (circle as appropriate)
 Date of Meeting: _____ Voting Results: For
 Against
 Abstentions
 Date: _____ Signature of Committee Secretary / Appointed ASRC Council Member:
(Only signed if not submitted electronically)

AREA COMMITTEES

Proposed by: _____ Club Signature of Club Delegate*:
 Seconded by: _____ Club Signature of Club Delegate*:
(Only signed if not submitted electronically)
 Date of Area Meeting: _____ Voting Results: For
 Against
 Abstentions
 Date: _____ AREA:

***NB:** The Club Delegate **MUST** be approved by the majority of the Club Committee.

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P R O P O S A L F O R M

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PROPOSAL:

That a "Joining Fee" be added to the standard BMFA membership fee for Seniors only. This fee should apply to new members and those who re-new after a lapse of 1 year, or more.

REASON:

There is always administrative work involved in processing new or re-joining members. Current annual drop-out rate is approximately 5-6000 members and any excess income from this fee imposition could be used to fund the National Flying Site.

ELECTED OFFICERS/COUNCIL MEMBER

Proposed by: _____ Post: _____ Signature of Officer/Council Member: _____
Date: _____ *(Only sign if not submitted electronically)*

TECHNICAL COMMITTEES OR THE ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME REVIEW COMMITTEE (ASRC)

Proposed by: **Silent Flight, Technical Committee**

Date of Meeting: **Mar 12 2016** Voting Results: For: 7 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0
Date: April 4 2016 Signature of Committee Secretary M Proctor
(Only sign if not submitted electronically)

AREA COMMITTEES

Proposed by: _____ Club: _____ Signature of Club Delegate: _____
Seconded by: _____ Club: _____ Signature of Club Delegate: _____
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Date of Meeting: _____ Voting Results: For: _____ Against: _____ Abstentions: _____
Date: _____ Are _____

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PROPOSAL FORM

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PROPOSAL:

That the Silent Flight Technical Committee be allowed to spend up to £900 for the purchase of a compact digital display unit.

REASON:

This amount is considered a major expenditure, requiring Council approval. The unit would be used to display timing, or other, information to competitors/spectators at UK competitions. It would be driven by the competition scoring program, usually on a laptop computer. It would be used by several disciplines within the SFTC.

ELECTED OFFICERS/COUNCIL MEMBER

Proposed by: _____ Post: _____ Signature of Officer/Council Member: _____
 Date: _____ *(Only sign if not submitted electronically)*

TECHNICAL COMMITTEES OR THE ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME REVIEW COMMITTEE (ASRC)

Proposed by: **Silent Flight** **Technical Committee**
 Date of Meeting: **Mar 12** Voting Results: For: 7 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0
 Date: April 9 2016 Signature of Committee Secretary / ASRC Council Member: M Proctor
(Only sign if not submitted electronically)

AREA COMMITTEES

Proposed by: _____ Club: _____ Signature of Club Delegate: _____
 Seconded by: _____ Club: _____ Signature of Club Delegate: _____
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 Date of Meeting: _____ Voting Results: For: _____ Against: _____ Abstentions: _____
 Date: _____ Area: _____