

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 January 2017
at 11.00am at College Court, Knighton Road, Leicester LE3 3TQ

A G E N D A

- 1 Apologies for Absence.
- 2 Request for permission to be absent.
- 3 To formally receive the following delegates:
 - a The RAeC Delegate
 - b The RNMAA Delegate
- 4 To formally receive the Area Delegates to Council.~
- 5 To co-opt Technical Committee Representatives to Council.~
- 6 To verify the voting strength of the meeting.
- 7 To:~
 - a Note names of the Technical Committee Chairmen.
 - b Ratify Alternate FAI Delegate.
 - c Ratify the BMFA Delegates to other organisations.
 - d Ratify Council appointed sub-committees.
 - e Ratify Council appointed posts.
- 8 ASRC:
 - a If necessary, the election of members to fill ASRC vacancies. (Ref: ASRC ToR item (c))
– *(Ballot required, CV's will be circulated to Council Members after the December deadline for receipt of applications. Voting will take place on the morning of January Full Council Meeting)*
 - b If necessary, the co-option of the ASRC Delegate to Council (if a Council Member is not already a member of the ASRC). (Ref: ASRC ToR item (a))
 - c Election of the Power or Silent Flight Controller. (Ref: ASRC ToR item (h) (ii))
- 9 Adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 10th September 2017.
- 10 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 10th September 2017 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 11 To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer.

- 12 International Teams for this year's World and European Championships:
 - a The ratification of Teams (See note appended).
 - b The ratification of Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers (where permitted) (See note appended).
 - c The receipt of declarations that it does intend to send a team from any Technical Committee that has not yet finalised a proposed team.
- 13 Confirmation of the status of SAA and LMA insurance (Ref General Rule 2.1.6 Entry to Competitions.)
- 14 To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer to include the following:
 - a) Co-option of Honorary Secretary.
- 15 To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.
- 16 To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary.
- 17 To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.
- 18 To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include:
 - a The receipt and ratification of any late contests for this year's FAI Calendar.
 - b The receipt of this year's BMFA contest fees (See note appended).
- 19 To receive a report from the Records Officer to include the following.
- 20 To receive a report from the FAI Delegate.
- 21 To receive the following proposals:
 - a From Northern Ireland Area that the BMFA agree and permit the Northern Ireland Area bid to hold an F2 European Championship in Belfast in 2019 to go forward as a submission to FAI to be considered and voted upon at the 2017 CIAM Plenary Meeting. The proposal comprises three attached papers: the proposal information; email showing the secured funding confirmed by the High Sheriff of Belfast; the proposed budget.
 - b From Free Flight Technical Committee; A - To decentralise all 'Area Centralised Contests' and introduce a straightforward mechanism for new and alternate venues to be considered. To enable this, a simple guidance note shall be added for consideration and suitability by the FFTC. Generally references to 'Centralised' shall be removed from the General Regulations and Rules Jan 2016 and means of submitting site criteria added;
B – The proposal to reduce 'Fly-Off' start time from 10mins to 5mins;
C – The proposal to provide general guidance on how to select a suitable location for a flight line - Refer detailed Sheets attached.
- 22 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)

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

- a CAA Team
- b Education Working Group
- c University Challenge
- d Computer Sub-Committee
- e Safety Review Committee
- f Achievement Scheme Review Committee
- g BMFA News Publishers
- h BMFA Archivist
- i Club Support Officer

24 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.

25 Date of next meeting.

Linda Harding
Office Manager
16th December 2016

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."

~ Refer to the booklet "Information for the January Agenda"

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

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Indicate the appropriate Council Agenda: **FULL / AREAS / TECHNICAL** (delete those which are inapplicable).

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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.

ROPOSAL:

That the British Teams (see note above), are ratified for the 2017 FAI World & European championships.

REASON:

The Team Members have been selected by appropriate team selection procedure and the data supplied by the appropriate Technical Committee or RC Specialist Body has been checked by the Competition Secretary.

ELECTED OFFICERS/COUNCIL MEMBER

Proposed by: **Jo Halman** Post: **Competition Secretary** Signature of Officer/Council Member:

Sent electronically

Date: **12th December 2016**

(Only sign if not submitted electronically)

TECHNICAL COMMITTEES OR THE ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME REVIEW COMMITTEE (ASRC)

Proposed by: Technical Committee / ASRC (delete as appropriate)

Date of Meeting: Voting Results: For: Against: Abstentions:

Date: Signature of Committee Secretary / ASRC Council Member:

(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:

NOTE:

**List of British Teams relevant to this proposal
appended as a separate document with the notification email**

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PROPOSAL:

That the British Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers (see note above) are ratified for the 2017 FAI World & European championships.

REASON:

The Team Members have been under due process and the data supplied by the appropriate Technical Committee or RC Specialist Body has been checked by the Competition Secretary.

ELECTED OFFICERS/COUNCIL MEMBER

Proposed by: **Jo Halman** Post: **Competition Secretary** Signature of Officer/Council Member:

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

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NOTE:

**List of Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers
relevant to this proposal, appended as a separate document with
the notification email**

BMFA Contest Entry Fees

Appended as a separate document with the notification email

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PROPOSAL FORM

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PROPOSAL:

That the BMFA agree and permit the Northern Ireland Area bid to hold an F2 European Championship in Belfast in 2019 to go forward as a submission to FAI to be considered and voted upon at the 2017 CIAM Plenary Meeting.

This proposal comprises three attached papers: the proposal information; the proposed budget and an email showing the secured funding confirmed by the High Sheriff of Belfast.

REASON:

It is many years since any FAI Championship was held in the UK and especially an F2 Championship. The Blanchflower Park in Belfast is an ideal flying site with accommodation, camping facilities and food provision close to the site.

The proposed Championship has substantial support from Belfast City Council. There has been a pledge of extensive experienced Control Line help from the Control Line community on the mainland and the Northern Ireland clubs have pledged support in any way they can. The Northern Ireland Area has been kept informed and supports this proposal.

ELECTED OFFICERS/COUNCIL MEMBER

Proposed by: **Maurice Doyle** Post: **Northern Ireland Area Delegate**
Signature of Officer/Council Member *sent electronically*

Date: **7th December 2016** *(Only sign if not submitted electronically)*

TECHNICAL COMMITTEES OR THE ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME REVIEW COMMITTEE (ASRC)

Proposed by: ~~Technical Committee / ASRC (delete as appropriate)~~
Date of Meeting: ~~Voting Results: For: Against: Abstentions:~~
Date: ~~Signature of Committee Secretary / ASRC Council Member:~~
(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: Area:

Proposal to BMFA Full Council – January 2017
European Championships for Control Line Model Aircraft 2019 - Belfast

On behalf of British Model Flying Association, Belfast MFC have made provisional arrangements for this Championships to be held in Blanchflower Park, Holywood Road, Belfast.

The site already has one tarmac Circle and many football pitches which are suited to being prepared for grass circles for F2B and F2D. An additional tarmac circle is needed so that there will be one each for F2A and F2C. Fencing, Line Pits and shelter for Officials are required and have been agreed with Belfast City Council. The City Council has voted £30,000 for the necessary infrastructure. The site also has a Community Hall and changing facilities for the pitches, which will all be available for Administration and the provision of food for everyone.

There is excellent accommodation, including camping facilities, convenient to the site.

Local Accommodation and provision of food has been assessed and travel costs for Officials from Europe costed. The attached Budget reflects the possible costs and anticipates a surplus sufficient to propose this Championships as a viable entity.

Many volunteer names from England have been forwarded to BMFC, giving reasonable assurance that qualified personnel will be here in sufficient numbers to run all the classes to an acceptable standard. Fliers from the Clubs in Northern Ireland Area will also be able to help with Administration, though there are limited numbers who are familiar with Control Line.

Attachments:

1. Confirmation of financial support from Alderman Jim Rogers, High Sheriff of Belfast.
2. Budget

Maurice Doyle
Chairman Belfast Model Flying Club
Chairman & Delegate of the Northern Ireland Area

8th December, 2016

AGENDA ITEM 21a) 3/4

Maurice,

The Council's People & Communities Committee of which I am a member approved in the region of £30,000 toward your event at Blanchflower Park in 2019. Sinn Fein voted against it.

Regards

Jim

Alderman Jim Rodgers OBE
High Sheriff of Belfast

Budget Plan 2019 F2 European Championships - Belfast

All values in Euros

Maximum fees	
Entry	300 Euro
Banquet	50 Euro
Supporter	20% entry fee max 60 Euro

Income	Fee Per Person	Persons	Amount
Entry Fee TM	280	20	5600
Entry Fee Senior Pilots	280	157	43960
Entry Fee Junior Pilots	100	24	2400
Entry Fee F2D Mechanincs	70	36	2520
Entry Fee Supporter	55	40	2200
Banquet	100	50	5000
Sponsors			

Total Revenue	61680
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Expenses	
General	
Insurance	
Advertising	2000
Program Booklet	1000
FAI Medals	3069
CIAM Registration Fee	300
Sub Total	6369

Officials	
Accommodation Jury / Judges	500 57 28500
Travel Expenses Overseas Jury / Judges	350 13 4550
Travel Expenses Local Jury / Judges	200 44 8800
Additional Helpers	500
Transport Jury / Judges	250
Unforeseen	1500
Sub Total	44100

Infrastructure	
Pit Area Cover	1500
Administration tents	400
Judges Tower	400
Team Race display system	300
Toilet facilities	2500
Temporary fencing and barriers	2500
Results display screens	2000
Sub Total	9600

Total Expenditure	60069
Surplus	1611

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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:

A - The proposal is to decentralise all `Area Centralised Contests' and introduce a straightforward mechanism for new and alternate venues to be considered. To enable this, a simple guidance note shall be added for consideration and suitability by the FFTC.

Generally References to `Centralised' shall be removed from the General Regulations & Rules Jan 2016 and means of submitting site criteria added.

B – The proposal to reduce `Fly-Off' start time from 10mins to 5 mins

C – The proposal to provide general guidance on how to set select a suitable location for a flight line Refer detailed Sheets attached.

REASON:

A – To provide greater flexibility, reduce travelling distances for the flyers wishing to partake in the events and encourage more suitable flying sites to be located.

B – To reduce the time one has in a `fly-off' to decide when to launch which in turn reducing long thermal flights and chances of leaving the flying site.

C – To assist and clarify the decision making process for a CD in establishing a safe flight line and to exploit the use/length of the flying site to maximise the chances of staying within the sites boundaries.

ELECTED OFFICERS/COUNCIL MEMBER

Proposed by:

Post:

Date:

Signature of Officer/Council Member:

(Only signed if not submitted electronically)

TECHNICAL COMMITTEES / ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME REVIEW COMMITTEE (ASRC)

Proposed by:

Free Flight

Technical Committee / ASRC (circle as appropriate)

Date of Meeting:

08/09/16

Voting Results:

For

Unanimous

Against

Nil

Abstentions

Nil

Date: 12/12/2016

Signature of Committee Secretary / Appointed ASRC Council Member:

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.

BMFA FFTC – Proposed Rule Changes for 2017 – Final Iteration

Amendments/changes

Omissions

General Regulations and Rules Jan 2016

2.1.2 Free Flight Area Centralised Contests. (a) Free Flight Area **Centralised** contests are held on the same date at multiple venues with the results consolidated overall. (b) The dates of the events and the classes to be flown are the responsibility of the Free Flight Technical Committee who shall publish details of them in the official BMFA Events and Contest Calendar (c) Free Flight Area **Centralised** contests (i) Shall be organised by Area Committees **or an independent** group on flying grounds selected by those committees/groups. (ii) Shall be under the control of a Contest Director who shall be responsible to the relevant Area Committee **or group** and its appointed contest organiser (See Section 2.2.) (d) A group may present a venue to the Free Flight Technical Committee who shall consider its suitability (see Site Criteria Form **Appendix A**) (e) A new/alternate venue must be ratified by the Free Flight Technical Committee no later than 21 days before the scheduled event. (f) An Area Contest must have a minimum of 2 competitors including the appointed Contest Director (g) Area **Centralised** contests are open to any flier who has the appropriate insurance cover (See 2.1.5).

2.2.2 Contest Organiser a) The Contest Organiser is responsible for: (i) the inclusion of the event in the official BMFA Contests & Events Calendar; (ii) the specification of Local Rules (2.5.4) or Emergency Local rules (2.5.5); (iii) the appointment of the Contest Director; (iv) the specification and licensing of the site and the appointment or recognition of the Site Manager. b) For Free Flight **Area Centralised** Events, once the dates of the events are specified in the official BMFA Contest & Events Calendar by the Free Flight Technical Committee, the appropriate Area Committee **or group** becomes the Contest Organiser.

2.3.15 Reporting of Results The results of all BMFA contests including Area **Centralised** and Centralised contests and all Nationals contests (sometimes run on behalf of BMFA by Specialist Bodies), plus any BMFA league contests and their final placings must be reported to the BMFA as follows.

2.3.16 Free Flight Area Centralised Results Returns....

2.4.2 BMFA contests include Team Trials, Team Selection Leagues, World Air Games National Selection Contests, Free Flight Area **Centralised** Contests, other Centralised contests, Leagues and Individual Contests.

Appendix A

Site Criteria Form for `Group` venue: (contents/list)

1. Name of Venue
2. Exact location (Ordnance Survey co-ordinates)
3. Map & aerial photograph
4. Brief statement of suitability e.g. availability, proximity to roads, housing, size, access, number of fliers at any one time etc.
5. Details of `Group` (Proposers) – Contact details
6. Details of land owner and recent History – Contact details

Contest Rules Jan 2016

3.1.4.1 Maximums (a) The duration of flights will be used for scoring purposes with a maximum of three minutes being recorded for all but fly-off flights (unless specified otherwise in the special rules governing the contest). For Area **centralised** contests the maximum **BMFA Free Flight Rules 6 Effective January 2016** shall be two and a half minutes unless a lower maximum is already specified in the special regulations governing the class. Before the start of a centralised contest the Contest Director (CD) may vary the maximum to suit conditions but once the contest has started no variation is permitted. The maximum for FAI and **other** contests **run in rounds** may be varied to suit the conditions before the start of any round.

3.1.4.3 Fly-Offs (a) (i) Competitors who score a maximum on every flight are entitled to make an additional flight (ii) If two or more competitors score the same total time then, at the discretion of the CD and when the competitors concerned have been notified, they shall be entitled to make a further additional flight. (iii) The additional flights will determine the order of placing. These flights will be subject to the attempt rule 3.1.6, and must be made in a 40 5 minute period specified by the CD. (b) In Area Centralised contests any competitor returning a maximum score for each of his official flights should make this additional flight even if no other maximum score has been returned in his Area; the additional flight must commence within the hour following the close of the contest and must commence within 40 5 minutes of the starting signal being given. (c) At Centralised contests the additional flight(s) must commence within the hour following the close of the contest and must commence within 40 5 minutes of the starting signal being given

3.1.9.4 Team Contests (a) Team contests are those Free Flight events run under the jurisdiction of the BMFA ~~BMFA Free Flight Rules 11 Effective January 2016~~ Council in which contestants compete individually (thereby competing for British Free Flight Championship points) but in which affiliated clubs may nominate up to three club members as a team. An individual may only compete as a member of the club specified upon his BMFA/SAA membership card when making his first competition entry of the season, regardless of whether that event was a team or 'club points' scoring event. He will then be tied to that club for the rest of the season. Under exceptional circumstances (e.g. moving to the other end of the country) a move to another club may be permitted. This will require recording with the BMFA/SAA office and receipt of a new membership card before attending his first competition for the new club and will only be permitted where application is made before 1st July. Where such a change is made any points scored before the change shall remain with the club for which they were originally scored. For Area Centralised competitions all members of a team must compete at the same venue.

3.1.10 The Plugge Cup

The requirements in this competition on an individual for qualifying club membership are the same as rule 3.1.9.4 (a).

(a) The Plugge Cup is awarded annually to the club scoring the highest number of points in the following contests:

K & MAA Cup, Halifax Trophy, Duce Trophy,

Model Engineer' Cup, Keil Trophy, Farrow Shield,

together with additional competitions at each of the eight area centralised events as nominated in the contest calendar.

15 3.1.18 Starting and Closing times of Contests and Organisation of Contests.

All Free Flight contests should start at 09.00 hours and must close at 18.00 hours or 2 hours before sunset at Greenwich whichever is the earlier.

If an Area is unable to gain access to its flying site for Area Centralised events before 13.00 hours, the closing time can be extended by up to 4 hours. If previous notice is given Free Flight Centralised contests may start before 09.00 hours.

(See also General Rule Book rule 2.3.10 and also note the requirements for contest organisation, fees and scoring in rules 2.1.2, 2.3.3, 2.3.4 and 2.3.16 of that rule book)

3.2.2 Models

(a) Contests for FAI classes F1A, F1B, F1C, F1Q and F1P when flown by Juniors (see rule 3.2.4.1 (a) paragraph 2), may be of two types; 5 flight events and 7 flight events (not including fly-offs). Competitors may enter and have checked 3 models for 5 flight events and 4 models for 7 flight events. Additional models shall not be allowed for fly-offs.

NOTE - This rule was clarified during 1991 and flyers should be aware that they may utilise any combination of models, within the numbers allowed, that they wish. For instance, in a 5 flight event, they may make their 5 official flights with one or two models, reserving their third model solely for a fly-off if needed.

(b) In contests for FAI class F1E, competitors may enter and have checked 5 models and are entitled to 5 official flights.

(c) Competitors may interchange the various parts of their models provided the resulting model conforms to the rules.

(d) Competitors may use spare propellers, rubber motors, I.C. engines or electric motors. An I.C. engine or electric motor may not be used by more than one competitor in a particular contest.

(e) Repairs are permitted provided they do not in any way alter the specification of the model as defined in the rules.

(f) In Area **Centralised** contests where 5 flights are flown, 3.1.2 Free Flight contest rules apply.

3.2.3 Fly-Offs

In order to decide the winner where there is a tie, additional deciding flights shall be made after the last flights of the event have been completed. Two attempts are allowed for each of these additional flights within the scope of rule 3.1.6.3. Should bad weather, lack of time or daylight make progressive fly-offs impractical, a single fly-off to rule 3.1.4.3 may be used at the CD's discretion. In Area **Centralised** events, rule 3.1.4.3. shall apply. 3.2.3 Fly-Offs

3.1.8.7 Flight Line

At all BMFA Free Flight Contests the Contest Director shall:

1. Select and position a suitable upwind **'flight line'** before commencement of the contest based on the weather conditions.
2. The lines position should be such that it provides ample upwind space for the various classes as well as maximising the venues flyable downwind space
3. This line can be a natural feature such as a runway, path or created by placing poles or traffic cones in a straight line.
4. All flights shall be commenced upwind of this line.
5. Disregard of this rule will result in the competitors score marked zero.