

# **SOCIETY OF MODEL AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS LTD.**

(T/A British Model Flying Association)

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrew's Road, Leicester LE2 8RE.

Provisional until confirmed at the next Council Meeting.

## **PRESENT**

Robin Gowler FSMAE	Chairman
Chris Moynihan	Vice-Chairman
Graham Lynn MBE	Honorary Secretary
Keith Lomax	Honorary Treasurer
Jo Halman FSMAE	Competition Secretary
Chris Bromley FSMAE	Technical Secretary
John French	Records Officer
Jim Andrews	FAI Delegate
Nigel Barker	PRO
Peter Leavesley	East Anglia Area Delegate
Martin Dilly FMSAE	London Area Delegate
George Maynard	Midland Area Delegate
Gordon Warburton FSMAE	Northern Area Delegate
Tom Jones	North East Area Delegate
David Lloyd-Jones	North West Area Delegate
Peter Christy	South Midland Area Delegate
Keith Miller FSMAE	South East Area Delegate
Stuart Simpson	Southern Area Delegate
Phil Durant	Western Area Delegate
Robin Jones FSMAE	Mid West Area Delegate
Mike Chignell	South West Area Delegate
Howard Menary FSMAE	Northern Ireland Area Delegate
Paul Bellingham	RAFMAA Area Delegate
Mike Francies	Free Flight Tech Comm Representative
Peter Halman FSMAE	Control Line Tech Comm Representative
Les Eagle	R/C Power Tech Comm Representative
Clive Needham	R/C Silent Flight Tech Comm Representative
Mike Goldby	Scale Tech Comm Representative
Mike Colling FSMAE	Indoor Tech Comm Representative

## **In Attendance**

Linda Harding	Office Manager / Minute taker
Dave Phipps	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

## **Visitors**

Frank Buttery	South West Area Chairman
Dick Roberts	SAM 35 Past President
John Huntley	SAM 35 Chairman
John Broadhead	Control Line Team
Robert Leeman	Control Line Team

## AGENDA

- 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 Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2007.
- 9 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2007 that is not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 9a) Sam 35.
- 10 To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer to include the following proposal:

That expenditure of £1100 is approved for the manufacture of two "honours boards", in the same style as, but smaller than, the current "Fellows Board", in the boardroom at Chacksfield House. The boards will be used to record past chairmen and Honorary Members.
- 10a) To hear appeal by Messrs Broadhead and Leeman against the Control Line Technical Committee's decision to exclude their times at three F2C contests when considering the selection of the 2008 World Championship team.
- 11 International Teams for this year's World and European Championships:~
  - a Ratification of Teams, Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers (where permitted) from submitted proposals as follows:
    - i *From Control Line Technical Committee that John James, BMFA No 58506 (Country Member) be appointed as Team Manager for the 2008 F2 (Control Line) World Championships, 28<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August in Landres, France. (CV attached)*
    - ii *From Control Line Technical Committee that Val James, BMFA No 156772 (Country Member) be appointed Assistant Team Manager for the 2008 F2 (Control Line) World Championships, 28<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August in Landres, France.*

iii From Control Line Technical Committee that the F2A team for the 2008 World Championships, 28<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August in Landres, France comprises the following fliers:

Peter Halman FSMAE (50198)	Sharston
Paul Eisner (57093)	Elmbridge
Ken Morrissey FSMAE (2525)	Sharston

RESERVES: None

iv From Control Line Technical Committee that the F2B team for the 2008 World Championships, 28<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August in Landres, France, comprises the following fliers:

Robert Kitley (121912)	Nuneaton
Barry Robinson (68248)	Shildon
Roy Cherry (63577)	Chiltern Flyers

RESERVES:

Bill Draper (40352)	Nottingham
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v From Control Line Technical Committee that the F2C team for the 2008 World Championships, 28<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August in Landres, France, comprises the following fliers:

Ross/Yeldham (50551/30971)	Barton/Country Member
Barker/North (51784)24195)	RAFMAA/Grantham
Fitzgerald/Thomason(56695/55814)	Feltham/Country Member

vi From Control Line Technical Committee that the F2D team for the 2008 World Championships, 28<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August in Landres, France, comprises the following fliers:

Pilots

Graham Ives (88421)	Novocastria
Mervyn Jones (79655)	Wharfedale
Mike Whillance (88347)	Urmston

Pitmen

Dave Riley (89913)	Novocastria
Martin Coe (135194)	Scampton

RESERVE: None

vii From Indoor Technical Committee that Clive King (037176) should be ratified as the GBR Team Manager for the F1D Championships in 2008. These are due to be held in Hall 1 of the Belgrade Trade Fair between 17<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

viii From Scale Technical Committee that the following F4C Team represent GBR at the F4 World Championships in Poland 11-20 July 2008:

Pete McDermott FSMAE (66173)	Winchester MFC
Dave Womersley (32449)	BAE Systems MFC
Dave Knott (47166)	Worthing MFC

Team Manager

Gordon Warburton FSMAE (58428)	Morley & DMAC (CV attached)
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RESERVES:

Mick Reeves (15674)	Ramsey MFC
Alex Kennedy (SAA 130)	Warrix MFC
Mick Henderson (SAA 4653)	Deallachy Aeromodellers

ix From Free Flight Technical Committee to appoint Manager and Assistant Team Manager for the F1E European Championships to be held in Kaltensundheim, Germany 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2008:

Manager: Ian Kaynes FSMAE(021003)Croydon & DMAC (CV attached)

Asst Manager: S Philpott (064218) Birmingham MAC (CV attached)

x From Free Flight Technical Committee to appoint a team for the F1E European Championships to be held in Kaltensundheim, Germany 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

S Philpott (64218)	Birmingham MAC
I Kaynes FSMAE (021003)	Croydon & DMAC
B Horsley (076164)	Grantham & DMAC

RESERVE:

Doug Bartle (067661)	Morley & DMAC
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xi From Free Flight Technical Committee to appoint Team Manager and Assistant Team Manager for the Free Flight European Championships to be held in Pazardzik, Bulgaria, 31<sup>st</sup> August-6<sup>th</sup> September 1008.

Manager: Mike Woodhouse FSMAE(034262)	Vikings FF Group
Asst Manager: John Carter (050520)	Grantham & DMAC

CV's attached for Manager & Asst Manager

xii From Free Flight Technical Committee to appoint a team for the Free Flight European Championships to be held in Pazardzik, Bulgaria, 31<sup>st</sup> August-6<sup>th</sup> September 1008.

F1A	Chris Edge (64198)	Country Member
	Andrew Crisp (030836)	Biggles FF Group
	Mike Cook (066798)	Maidstone FF Group
Reserve:	P Williams (052853)	Richmond & DMAC
F1B	Russell Peers (027418)	Grantham & DMAC
	Ray Jones (102918)	Country Member
	Peter Martin (045729)	Tynemouth MAC
Reserve:	Mike Woolner (057957)	East Grinstead MAC
F1C	Alan Jack (056873)	Tynemouth MAC
	Peter Watson (062347)	Gateshead MFC
	Stafford Screen FSMAE(064182)	Birmingham MAC
Reserve:	Ken Faux (052579)	Vikings FF Group

xiii From R/C Power Technical Committee that E Oliver (142849 Watford Wayfarers) be appointed as F3C Team Manager for the 2008 Season.(CV attached).

xiv From R/C Power Technical Committee that the following BMFA members be ratified as the 2008 FAI-F3C Team for the European Championships being held in Maubeuge, France, 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2008.

Steve Roberts (43791)	Watford Wayferers
Mark Christy (59602)	Watford Wayfarers
Dave Fisher (31112)	Flyin Fish MHC
Reserve:	
Daniel Crozier (134830)	St Albans

xv From R/C Power Technical Committee that the following person be ratified as the 2008 Team Manager for the FAI-F3A Team for the European Championships being held in Italy (venue tba) between 23<sup>rd</sup> August – 30<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

Alison Harrop (89395)	Hixon (CV attached)
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xvi From R/C Power Technical Committee that the following BMFA Members be ratified as the 2008 FAI-F3A Team for the European Championships being held in Italy (venue tba) between 23<sup>rd</sup> August – 30<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

John Harrop (89390)	Hixon
Richard Christopher (36195)	Winchester Mac
Stephen Simm (82954)	Country Member

Reserves to be advised.

xvii From R/C Power Technical Committee that Mark Vandervelden (43072) Country Member be appointed as F5D Team Manager for the 2008 Season.(CV attached)

xviii From R/C Power Technical Committee that the following BMFA Members be ratified as the 2008 FAI-F5D Team for the World Championships being held in Odessa, Ukraine, September 2008.

Rob Ashley-Roche (80677)	Country Member
Paul Bardoe (82273)	Country Member
Darron Rodrigues (78992)	Country Member
<i>Mechanics</i>	
Julian Downham (228216)	Country Member
Mark Vandervelden (43072)	Country Member

xix From Silent Flight Technical Committee that Alan Flockhart (124745 Ramsey MAC) be ratified as Team Manager for F5B World Championships 2008 in Odessa, Ukraine, 14<sup>th</sup> Sept – 21<sup>st</sup> Sept.

xx From Silent Flight Technical Committee that Colin Lucas (81895 F3J UK Assoc) be ratified as Team Manager for F3J World Champs 2008 in Adapazari, Turkey, 27<sup>th</sup> June – 6<sup>th</sup> July.

xxi From Silent Flight Technical Committee that the following BMFA members be ratified as the F3J Team for the World Champs 2008 in Adapazari, Turkey, 27<sup>th</sup> June – 6<sup>th</sup> July.

Simon Jackson (35686)	Country Member
Brian Johnson (72977)	Boldon CAMAC
Adrian Lee (66474)	Thames Valley Silent Flyers

xxii From Free Flight Technical Committee to appoint Manager and Assistant Team Manager for the Space Modelling World Championships to be held in Spain, 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

Manager Leonard Klejnow (160995)	Country Member
Asst Manager Geoff Seabrook (118328)	SERFS
(CV's attached.)	

xxiii From Free Flight Technical Committee to appoint senior and junior teams for the Space Modelling World Championships to be held in Spain 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

**Seniors:**

Nigel Bathe (63592)	Elmbridge Model Club
Ian Dowsett (56513)	SERFS
John Ellins (141063)	SERFS
Mike Francies (39222)	Red Rose Soarers
John Jacomb (108203)	Country Member
Mike Kitchin (54308)	Red Rose Soarers
Trevor Seabrook (113101)	SERFS
Jef Ott (21361)	Canvey Island MA

**Juniors**

Catherine Jacomb (150720)	Country Member
Jonathan Jacomb (157449)	Country Member
Benedykt Klejnow (140191)	Country Member

- b Receipt of declarations from any Technical Committees that has not yet finalised a proposed team that it does intend to send a team. ~

12 To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.

13 To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.

14 To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary.

15 To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.

- 16 To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include:
- a Receipt and ratification of any outstanding contests for this year's FAI Calendar.
  - b Receipt of this year's BMFA contest fees.~
- 17 To receive a report from the Records Officer to include the following:
- a Re-assignment of Free Flight Trophies:  
*To change the class for the Eddie Cosh (No 94), Halifax (No 3), Astral (No 5), Peter Buskel (No 107) from F1C Power to F1C/F1Q Power.  
 To move the Nordic (No 110), the Mick Duce (No 80) and the Peter Buskel (No 107) from the 1<sup>st</sup> Team Selection to the East Anglian Gala.*
  - b Indoor Trophy F1D Team Selection.
  - c British Record Claims
    - i. Name Benjamin Jones – BMFA No 89029  
 Class F3D Pylon  
 Site RAF Cottesmore Date 14<sup>th</sup> October 2007  
 Duration 0 Min 58.82 Secs
    - ii. Name Steve Crawford/Roy Vaughan – BMFA Nos 58461/69977  
 Class British Goodyear Team Race – Final 200 Laps  
 Site Barkston Heath Date 27<sup>th</sup> August 2007  
 Duration 8 Min 51.0 Secs
- 18 To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.
- 19 To receive a report from the FAI Delegate.
- 20 To receive the following proposals:
- a) To receive a proposal from Honorary Treasurer that TOP GUN 2008 is held as a late season event, provisionally at Leicester Airport, in the format of a normal model show with judges looking for the best pilot of the show. Keith Lomax to be coordinator. Other details as per attached prospectus. (Document Appended with Agenda circulation).
  - b) To receive a proposal from Scale Technical Committee that Free Flight Scale be made eligible for the Handley Page Trophy (122).
  - c) To receive a proposal from North East Area that all Juniors competing at any British National Championships will be given a Certificate to show that they competed.
  - d) To receive two proposals from North West Area as follows:

**CURRENT BRITISH RECORD CATEGORIES**

That the present classifications for Outdoor Free Flight Records (as given on pages 35-36 of "Contest Rules Section 2a" – August 207) be discontinued forthwith.

**NEW BRITISH RECORD CATEGORIES**

That British Outdoor Free Flight Records be recognised in the following 3 categories ONLY:-

- (a) Rubber powered models of any type.
- (b) IC (and other) powered models of any type.
- (c) Gliders of any type.

Records will be awarded on an annual basis – for the longest FLYOFF flight made under contest conditions following a series of 'maximums'. The number and length of the 'maximums' is irrelevant.

Potential records scores will be collated automatically by the Records Officer from BMFA Contest results, plus any others submitted specifically from other events.

The current position should be published at intervals throughout the year.

e) To receive a proposal from R/C Power Technical Committee that this Council adopts the JMA/GTBA Code of Practice for the operation of turbine powered models. (Document appended).

21 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 Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR)
- e General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)

22 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 Flight Challenge
- e University Challenge
- f Computer Sub-Committee
- g Safety Review Committee
- h Achievement Scheme Review Committee
- i BMFA News Publishers
- j Flying Site Adviser's Report

23 Any Other Business.

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## MINUTES

### 495/01/08 (1) Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from the following:

Peter Disney - RNMAA Delegate

### 496/01/08 (2) Request for permission to be absent.

There were no requests.

### 497/01/08 (3) To formally receive the following delegates:

- a) Martin Dilly FSMAE - RAeC Delegate
- b) Peter Disney - RNMAA Delegate

**498/01/08 (4) To formally receive the Area Delegates to Council.**

East Anglia	Peter Leavesley
London	Martin Dilly FSMAE
Midland	George Maynard
Northern	Gordon Warburton FSMAE
North East	Tom Jones
North West	David Lloyd-Jones
South Midland	Peter Christy
South East	Keith Miller FSMAE
Southern	Stuart Simpson
Western	Phil Durant
Mid West	Robin Jones FSMAE
South West	Mike Chignell
RAFMAA	Paul Bellingham

**499/01/08 (5) To co-opt Technical Representatives to Council.**

Free Flight	Mike Francies
Control Line	Peter Halman FSMAE
R/C Power	Les Eagle
R/C Silent Flight	Clive Needham
Scale	Mike Goldby
Indoor	Mike Colling FSMAE

The Honorary Secretary advised that following an exploratory meeting with the Chairman of the R/C Power Technical Committee, it seems that a genuine mistake had been made by him at the R/C Power Technical Committee Plenary Meeting which led to one person being accepted onto the Committee as a Specialist Body representative where, subsequently it has been brought to his attention that the Specialist Body did not exist at that time.

The R/C Power Tech Committee Chairman has accepted that the error was made whilst following the Set Agenda for the Plenary Technical Committee, which made a difference to the voting numbers when electing the members to the relevant positions on the Committee.

The Honorary Secretary made the recommendation that the Delegate to Council, put forward today by the R/C Power Technical Committee, be accepted by Council under the provision made in Article 47 of the BMFA Constitution, which makes specific provision for the acceptance of appointments where a genuine mistake is made in the appointments procedures. He asked the R/C Power Technical Committee Chairman to re-confirm their decision to him after their next meeting.

**ACTION: R/CPOWER TECH COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

**Northern Area proposed that Council formally co-opt the above members to the 2008 Society Council.**

Seconded by PRO

Vote	For	16
	Ags	1
	Abs	6

Carried by a majority vote.



**500/01/08 (6) To verify the voting strength of the meeting.**

There were 29 members eligible to vote at this meeting.

**501/01/08 (7) To note names of the Technical Committee Chairmen; To ratify Alternate FAI Delegate; To ratify the BMFA Delegates to other organisations; To ratify Council appointed sub-committees; To ratify Council appointed posts.**

**a) To note names of the Technical Committee Chairmen.**

Free Flight	Mike Woodhouse FSMAE
Control Line	Chris Barker
Silent Flight	Clive Needham
R/C Power	Peter Christy
Scale	Ian Pallister
Indoor	Mike Colling FSMAE

**b) To ratify Alternate FAI Delegate.**

Nick Neve FSMAE

**c) To ratify the BMFA Delegates to other organisations.**

Royal Aero Club	Martin Dilly FSMAE
GASCo	Robin Gowler FSMAE
Airprox	Development Officer
CCPR	Graham Lynn MBE
RAeC Tech Committee	Bob Cutter
GAAC	Development Officer

**d) To ratify Council appointed sub-committees.**

BMFA Safety Review Committee Vice Chairman  
Technical Secretary  
Development Officer  
Flying Site Adviser  
Specialist from each Tech Committee as required  
N.B. Information to be copied to Technical Secretary.

Awards Committee

Vice Chairman  
RAeC Delegate  
Dave Stapleton FSMAE  
Allan Weighell FSMAE  
John Henderson FSMAE  
Tech Council Representative  
Areas Council Representative

CAA &  
UK Radio Control Council  
(UKRCC)

Chris Bromley FSMAE  
Graham Lynn MBE

Education Working Group

Mike Colling FSMAE  
Dave Kerswell FSMAE  
Trevor Faulkner  
Stuart Lodge  
Area Co-ordinators

<u>BMFA News Publishers</u>	Kath Watson FSMAE John French Keith Lomax
<u>Computer Committee</u>	Chris Bromley FSMAE Dave Phipps - Chief Executive Linda Harding - Office Manager
<u>Areas Council</u>	Members as detailed in the Areas Council Terms of Reference
<u>Technical Council</u>	Members as detailed in the Technical Council Terms of Reference
<u>Executive Council</u>	The nine Elected Executive Officers Chief Executive

**e) To ratify Council appointed posts.**

<u>PAS Controller</u>	Peter Spurway
<u>S/F AS Controller</u>	Nial Ball
<u>Archivist</u>	Kath Watson FSMAE

The Chairman asked for a proposition for the above en bloc.

**Northern Area proposed that the FAI Alternate Delegate; BMFA Delegates to other organisations; Council appointed sub-committees; Council appointed posts as detailed above, are accepted.**

Seconded by Vice Chairman  
Carried unanimously.

At this point the Chairman reminded Delegates if they had not already done so, that they are required to have current membership status through an Affiliated Club, unless they are Fellows.

**502/01/08 (8) Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2007.**

**ACTION/NOTES**

**There were no corrections.**

**South East Area proposed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2007 is accepted as a true record.**

Seconded by FAI Delegate

Vote: For: 23

Ags: 0

Abs: 6

Carried by a majority vote.

**502/01/08 (9) Matters/Actions arising from the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup>  
September 2007 that is not included elsewhere on this Agenda**

**Page 4**

- **Second paragraph after apologies, Company Law ruling regarding appointment of Alternate Delegates** - The action on the Chairman from the last meeting had been placed with the Honorary Secretary. The Honorary Secretary unfortunately had not had time to contact Companies House yet but he would be doing so. Hopefully he would be able to report on a definitive answer at the next meeting.

**HON SEC**

**Page 6**

- **Fourth paragraph from the bottom, request for input from Tech Comms regarding a fundraising event for teams** - London Area asked if there had been any further response from Tech Committees. It was confirmed that no further responses had been received since reported on at the last meeting.

**Page 7**

- **Second paragraph, response from CPSU (Child Protection in Sport Unit) regarding Child Protection Policy document update** - London Area asked if a response had been received. The CEO advised that he was hoping to bring the final document to the meeting today, however he only received a response yesterday from the CPSU and there are a few amendments required which means he will have to postpone this until the May Full Council meeting.

**CEO**

- **Fifth paragraph, Records Officer request for Tech Committees to submit results for archiving** - London Area asked the Records Officer if he had received the information required from Tech Committees. The Records Officer confirmed that he had.

Mid West Area raised the issue of updating of Record Claims on the website, which according to when he last looked this morning there still seem to be some missing.

The Competition Secretary checked the website and confirmed that, with the exception of the Record Claims ratified at the September 2007 Council meeting, it was up-to-date.

London Area mentioned that at the last meeting he also suggested that it would be useful to list pending Record Claims. It was pointed out that pending Record Claims do appear on the Agenda for the relevant Council meeting at which they would be ratified.

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- **Seventh paragraph, pursuing the use of RAF Digby for model flying** - London Area asked if any progress had been made. Silent Flight advised that they are looking into the possibility of using RAF Digby. It was confirmed that the aerials are still erected at RAF Digby.

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- **487/09/07 (16) Reports from Tech Committees on the National Championships** - The Competition Secretary requested that it is noted in these minutes that the title for the report headed "Free Flight" should have said "Free Flight and Space Nationals". The Chairman said this will be recorded in the minutes with the correct heading in the future, until such time that the situation changes.

There was some question whether reporting the R/C, Control Line and Scale Nationals as "Power Nationals" is acceptable and the general consensus was that this was adequate.

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- **Roger Bedford Memorial Trophy** - Southern Area asked if the unfortunate incident when the Roger Bedford Memorial Trophy was dropped and broke during the annual Awards presentation had been resolved.

The CEO confirmed that Richard Doubleday from Perkins Slade our Insurance Brokers stepped forward immediately at the event and asked him to arrange a replacement, which they would sponsor. This was done within a couple of weeks and our Chairman presented it to Doreen Palmer at a Southern Area event, which took place just before Christmas.

The Chairman had written to the Insurance Brokers to thank them.

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- **Bottom of page, AOB item regarding Indoor Technical Committee problems**- Indoor pointed out that he felt it should have been reported in the minutes that a suggestion was made at the time that we should adopt a code of conduct.

The Chairman accepted that this should be noted. He also pointed out however that he did advise Indoor at the time that they would be required to draft a sample Code of what they thought it should comprise and submit a proposal to this Council for discussion.

Scale asked if the Indoor Technical Committee situation had been resolved satisfactorily.

The Chairman advised that a meeting was called on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2007 of all parties concerned. The agreement reached in the meeting was that a statement would be made to the January Council meeting.

The Chairman made the following statement and said as far as he is concerned this is now the end of the matter:

"An amicable agreement was reached and the full Indoor Technical Committee will work amicably together into the future under the principle of democratic voting."

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- **List of copies to** - The Competition Secretary reminded the Office Manager that as SpaceCom Committee no longer exists, the SpaceCom Secretary should be removed from the list.

**OFFICE MGR**

This concluded matters arising.

**504/01/08 (9a) SAM 35**

The Chairman advised that SAM 35 had formally requested to be considered as a Recognised Specialist Body of the Association and introduced Dick Roberts, past President SAM 35 and John Huntley, Chairman SAM 35 to give a presentation in support of their request. *(Appended)*

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**APPENDIX A**

London Area enquired as to whether it is likely to have an impact on 1066, and is it something we should be bothered about. John Huntley advised that he is a member of both organisations and does not envisage any conflict.

Free Flight commented that they are concerned as to which Technical Committee SAM 35 will be represented on. They suggest maybe a working party be put together to discuss it properly. The Chairman agreed this is something that needs to be given a lot of thought once SAM 35 has been accepted.

Dick Roberts suggested it would be prudent to identify where the most good could be done to ascertain which Technical Committee SAM 35 should be assigned to. The Chairman said this is exactly what should happen and they need to talk to their members and establish their feelings.

**The Chairman proposed that SAM 35 are accepted to the BMFA as a Recognised Specialist Body.**

Seconded by Technical Secretary  
Carried unanimously.

**OFFICE MGR  
ACCTS MGR  
TECH CTTEES**

The Chairman welcomed SAM 35 on board.

Free Flight asked at what point in the future SAM 35 would be assigned to a Technical Committee. The Chairman advised that he believes the best solution is that Council would have to accept a recommendation from the Executive. The Executive will need to discuss the situation with SAM 35 to ascertain where their greatest interest lies and where the most good can be done with a vote.

It was pointed out that they can appoint a representative to other Technical Committees at their own expense as a non-voting representative. The Competition Secretary advised that this already happens within Control Line. A member of SAM 35 attends Control Line Technical Committee meetings in a non-voting capacity.

London Area asked why it was not possible for a representative to be appointed on each Technical Committee. The Chairman explained that the Specialist Body Terms of Reference does not allow this.

London Area suggested it might be time for a change to the Terms of Reference to incorporate this. The Chairman said if this is what is felt is required then a recommendation would need to be put to this Council for consideration in the future.

**505/01/08 (10) To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer.**

The Honorary Treasurer reported that in conjunction with the CEO they looked at the feasibility of on-line payments and reviewed the various on-line payment options available. They concluded that the best and cheapest option would be to use the more widely used PAYPAL system. The CEO will be pursuing this option in more detail with the Webmaster.

CEO

It should be noted that the charges incurred when using on-line payments and, as previously discussed at the September meeting of introducing charges for credit card payments for membership, it will be made clear to members that a surcharge will be incurred on top of the membership fee.

Once the on-line payments scheme is up and running it will be possible to use it for any purchase.

In response to a request and for information purposes the Honorary Treasurer explained that items purchased by Tech Committees or Areas from Society central funds should be made available for use by any faction of the organisation as long as it is not being used by the primary holder at the time.

The Honorary Treasurer provided delegates with a copy of the quarterly accounts for information. The net profit and loss at this stage is looking very healthy and is comparable with previous years.

The Honorary Treasurer also provided copies of a breakdown of the Power Nationals for the last ten years. The surplus has always been reasonably healthy but the 2007 Power Nationals made a surplus of over £21,500. This is split half into the Nationals reserve fund and half into the team travel funds of the disciplines that are represented at that event, in proportion to the number of team members that we ratify later on today.

The Nationals Reserve Fund including the split from 2007 will be in the region of £43,000. This is not an unreasonable amount as it would only cover us for putting on the event for about two years if, as past experiences have shown, the weather is very bad and numbers through the gate are poor.

A question was raised regarding the substantial increase in expenditure for 2007 for the Airshow line. The Honorary Treasurer explained that this is a reflection of a change in the organisation and administration in respect of **recouping** the camping cost element for the participating pilots.

The Honorary Treasurer pointed out that a number of participants of the Silent Flight Nationals made use of the camping facilities at the Power Nationals. This in turn contributed to some of the income generated at the Power Nationals and calculated at £500, which has been transferred into Silent Flight Nationals account.

The Vice Chairman reported in his capacity as one of the Silent Flight Nationals co-ordinators, that Silent Flight Nationals in 2007 returned an operating surplus of £200, which includes the transfer of the £500. The surplus will be transferred into the Silent Flight Team Travel Fund.

The Honorary Treasurer put forward the following proposal:

**That expenditure of £1100 is approved for the manufacture of two "honours boards", in the same style as, but smaller than, the current "Fellows Board", in the boardroom at Chacksfield House. The boards will be used to record past chairmen and Honorary Members.**

The Honorary Treasurer explained that the idea has been discussed at various times in the past that there are other people that we should be recognising in a similar way to what we do for the Fellows with the inscription on the "Fellows" board displayed in this Council Meeting room.

The Honorary Treasurer pointed out that there is an error on the original proposal because it was his intention to include, together with the past Chairmen, past Presidents and Vice-Presidents, but he had omitted this in the proposal. The other group of people for consideration are the Honorary Members, who are appointed by this Council.

He also raised a further point as a possible amendment to the proposal for the inclusion of a third board to cover BMFA individual World Champions. This would increase the cost by about £300-£400.

The Honorary Treasurer therefore proposed the following amendment:

**That expenditure is increased to £1500 to include an "honours board" in recognition of BMFA Individual World Champions and to include past Presidents and Vice-Presidents along with past Chairmen.**

Seconded by Competition Secretary

Vote: For: 24  
Ags: 0  
Abs: 5

Carried by a majority vote.

Some concerns were expressed with regard to whether there is justification for so many "honours boards" and where would it end. The Honorary Treasurer commented that if anybody at any time wants a further board to cover any other aspect of achievers or dedicated volunteers etc. then that proposal would come before this Council and will be discussed at the time.

The Chairman asked that the substantive proposal from the Honorary Treasurer is seconded and voted on:

**That expenditure of £1500 is approved for the manufacture of three "honours boards", in the same style as, but smaller than, the current "Fellows Board", in the boardroom at Chacksfield House. The boards will be used to record past Chairmen, Presidents, Vice-Presidents; Honorary Members; Individual BMFA World Champions.**

Seconded by North East

Vote: For: 26  
Ags: 0  
Abs: 3

Carried by a majority vote.

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CEO

**506/01/08 (10a) To hear appeal by Messrs Broadhead and Leeman against the Control Line Technical Committee's decision to exclude their times at three F2C contests when considering the selection of the 2008 World Championship Team.**

The Chairman read out the following statement regarding the appeal to Council by J.S. Broadhead and R Leeman.

*Messrs Broadhead & Leeman have lodged an appeal with Council against the decision of the Control Line Technical Committee to disregard their times in three F2C events held at Barton, Cottesmore and Barkston Heath on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 07, 29<sup>th</sup> April 07 and the 10<sup>th</sup> June 07 respectively.*

*The reason for the times being discontinued is that J.S. Broadhead entered each of the above mentioned centralised events in contravention of the FAI Sporting Code, rule 4.3.1.*



*As a result the Broadhead/Leeman team were placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the final league placings and therefore were not considered for a place in the 2008 F2C World Championship Team.*

All parties concerned were given the opportunity to present their case to Council.

Various aspects were covered in the ensuing debate and questions were put to both parties and viewpoints put forward.

The Chairman asked Messrs Broadhead and Leeman to leave the room whilst a vote was taken.

The Chairman made it clear as to what Council are required to vote on.

*An appeal has been lodged against a decision of the Technical Committee to disregard the three times recorded by Messrs Broadhead & Leeman in F2C Team Racing in 2007.*

The Chairman asked for a vote for those who wished to see the appeal upheld.

The results are as follows:

Vote:	In favour:	12
Vote:	Against:	10
	Abstentions:	7

Messrs Broadhead & Leeman were brought back into the room and the Chairman announced the decision that the appeal is upheld.

The Chairman advised that item 11a) v Proposal from Control Line Technical Committee for the F2C team would be held in abeyance until the Control Line Technical Committee are able to submit a revised Team proposal.

The Competition Secretary has the authority to ratify the proposal in the interim.

This Council have reinstated the times put up by Messrs Broadhead & Leeman and the Control Line Technical Committee must now reconsider the composition of the F2C team.

**CLTC**

**507/01/08 (11) International Teams for this year's World and European Championships.**

The Competition Secretary suggested we proceed with a vote en bloc for the following International Team proposals excluding v, ix, xviii, xxiii as she has some queries relating to these.

**a) The Competition Secretary proposed that the following International Team proposals are ratified en bloc 11a) i, ii, iii, iv, vi, vii, viii, x, xi, xii, xiii, xiv, xv, xvi, xvii, xix, xx, xxi, xxii.**

*i From Control Line Technical Committee that John James, BMFA No 58506 (Country Member) be appointed as Team Manager for the 2008 F2 (Control Line) World Championships, 28<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August in Landres, France. (CV attached)*

*ii From Control Line Technical Committee that Val James, BMFA No 156772 (Country Member) be appointed Assistant Team Manager for the 2008 F2 (Control Line) World Championships, 28<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August in Landres, France.*

*iii From Control Line Technical Committee that the F2A team for the 2008 World Championships, 28<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August in Landres, France comprises the following fliers:*

<i>Peter Halman FSMAE (50198)</i>	<i>Sharston</i>
<i>Paul Eisner (57093)</i>	<i>Elmbridge</i>
<i>Ken Morrissey FSMAE (2525)</i>	<i>Sharston</i>

*RESERVES: None*

*iv From Control Line Technical Committee that the F2B team for the 2008 World Championships, 28<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August in Landres, France, comprises the following fliers:*

<i>Robert Kitley (121912)</i>	<i>Nuneaton</i>
<i>Barry Robinson (68248)</i>	<i>Shildon</i>
<i>Roy Cherry (63577)</i>	<i>Chiltern Flyers</i>

*RESERVES:*

<i>Bill Draper (40352)</i>	<i>Nottingham</i>
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*vi From Control Line Technical Committee that the F2D team for the 2008 World Championships, 28<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August in Landres, France, comprises the following fliers:*

*Pilots*

<i>Graham Ives (88421)</i>	<i>Novocastria</i>
<i>Mervyn Jones (79655)</i>	<i>Wharfedale</i>
<i>Mike Whillance (88347)</i>	<i>Urmston</i>

*Pitmen*

<i>Dave Riley (89913)</i>	<i>Novocastria</i>
<i>Martin Coe (135194)</i>	<i>Scampton</i>

*RESERVE: None*

*vii From Indoor Technical Committee that Clive King (037176) should be ratified as the GBR Team Manager for the F1D Championships in 2008. These are due to be held in Hall 1 of the Belgrade Trade Fair between 17<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> August.*

*viii From Scale Technical Committee that the following F4C Team represent GBR at the F4 World Championships in Poland 11-20 July 2008:*

<i>Pete McDermott FSMAE (66173)</i>	<i>Winchester MFC</i>
<i>Dave Womersley (32449)</i>	<i>BAE Systems MFC</i>
<i>Dave Knott (47166)</i>	<i>Worthing MFC</i>

*Team Manager*

*Gordon Warburton FSMAE (58428) Morley & DMAC (CV attached)*

*RESERVES:*

<i>Mick Reeves (15674)</i>	<i>Ramsey MFC</i>
<i>Alex Kennedy (SAA 130)</i>	<i>Warrix MFC</i>
<i>Mick Henderson (SAA 4653)</i>	<i>Deallachy Aeromodellers</i>

*x From Free Flight Technical Committee to appoint a team for the F1E European Championships to be held in Kaltensundheim, Germany 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2008.*

<i>S Philpott (64218)</i>	<i>Birmingham MAC</i>
<i>I Kaynes FSMAE (021003)</i>	<i>Croydon &amp; DMAC</i>
<i>B Horsley (076164)</i>	<i>Grantham &amp; DMAC</i>

*RESERVE:*

<i>Doug Bartle (067661)</i>	<i>Morley &amp; DMAC</i>
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*xi From Free Flight Technical Committee to appoint Team Manager and Assistant Team Manager for the Free Flight European Championships to be held in Pazardzik, Bulgaria, 31<sup>st</sup> August-6<sup>th</sup> September 1008.*

*Manager: Mike Woodhouse FSMAE(034262 Vikings FF Group*  
*Asst Manager: John Carter (050520) Grantham & DMAC*

*xii From Free Flight Technical Committee to appoint a team for the Free Flight European Championships to be held in Pazardzik, Bulgaria, 31<sup>st</sup> August-6<sup>th</sup> September 1008.*

*F1A Chris Edge (64198) Country Member*  
*Andrew Crisp (030836) Biggles FF Group*  
*Mike Cook (066798) Maidstone FF Group*  
*Reserve: P Williams (052853) Richmond & DMAC*

*F1B Russell Peers (027418) Grantham & DMAC*  
*Ray Jones (102918) Country Member*  
*Peter Martin (045729) Tynemouth MAC*  
*Reserve: Mike Woolner (057957) East Grinstead MAC*

*F1C Alan Jack (056873) Tynemouth MAC*  
*Peter Watson (062347) Gateshead MFC*  
*Stafford Screen FSMAE(064182) Birmingham MAC*  
*Reserve: Ken Faux (052579) Vikings FF Group*

*xiii From R/C Power Technical Committee that E Oliver (142849 Watford Wayfarers) be appointed as F3C Team Manager for the 2008 Season.*

*xiv From R/C Power Technical Committee that the following BMFA members be ratified as the 2008 FAI-F3C Team for the European Championships being held in Maubeuge, France, 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2008.*

<i>Steve Roberts (43791)</i>	<i>Watford Wayfarers</i>
<i>Mark Christy (59602)</i>	<i>Watford Wayfarers</i>
<i>Dave Fisher (31112)</i>	<i>Flyin Fish MHC</i>

*Reserve:*

<i>Daniel Crozier (134830)</i>	<i>St Albans</i>
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xv From R/C Power Technical Committee that the following person be ratified as the 2008 Team Manager for the FAI-F3A Team for the European Championships being held in Italy (venue tba) between 23<sup>rd</sup> August – 30<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

Alison Harrop (89395) Hixon

xvi From R/C Power Technical Committee that the following BMFA Members be ratified as the 2008 FAI-F3A Team for the European Championships being held in Italy (venue tba) between 23<sup>rd</sup> August – 30<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

John Harrop (89390) Hixon  
Richard Christopher (36195) Winchester Mac  
Stephen Simm (82954) Country Member

Reserves to be advised.

xvii From R/C Power Technical Committee that Mark Vandervelden (43072) Country Member be appointed as F5D Team Manager for the 2008 Season.

xix From Silent Flight Technical Committee that Alan Flockhart (124745 Ramsey MAC) be ratified as Team Manager for F5B World Championships 2008 in Odessa, Ukraine, 14<sup>th</sup> Sept – 21<sup>st</sup> Sept.

xx From Silent Flight Technical Committee that Colin Lucas (81895 F3J UK Assoc) be ratified as Team Manager for F3J World Champs 2008 in Adapazari, Turkey, 27<sup>th</sup> June – 6<sup>th</sup> July.

xxi From Silent Flight Technical Committee that the following BMFA members be ratified as the F3J Team for the World Champs 2008 in Adapazari, Turkey, 27<sup>th</sup> June – 6<sup>th</sup> July.

Simon Jackson (35686) Country Member  
Brian Johnson (72977) Boldon CAMAC  
Adrian Lee (66474) Thames Valley  
Silent Flyers

xxii From Free Flight Technical Committee to appoint Manager and Assistant Team Manager for the Space Modelling World Championships to be held in Spain, 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

Manager Leonard Klejnow (160995) Country Member  
Asst Manager Geoff Seabrook (118328) SERFS

Seconded by Scale Technical Committee

Vote: For: 28  
Ags: 0  
Abs: 1

Carried by a majority vote.

ix From Free Flight Technical Committee to appoint Manager and Assistant Team Manager for the F1E European Championships to be held in Kaltensundheim, Germany 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2008:

Manager: Ian Kaynes FSMAE(021003)Croydon & DMAC  
Asst Manager: S Philpott (064218) Birmingham MAC

The Competition Secretary raised an issue with regard to whether we allow funding for a Team Manager and an Assistant Team Manager for a three-man Team of which they are both also Team Members.

The FAI recommendations do allow this however the Competition Secretary pointed out that we, as a Council and an Association do not normally always follow the FAI recommendations. For example Scale, in the FAI rules, has the facility to have an assistant team manager but Council does not as a matter of precedent fund an assistant team manager for Scale.

The Competition Secretary proposed the following course of action.

**In this instance we permit a Team Manager and an Assistant Team Manager but the Assistant Team Manager is an unfunded position.**

Seconded by Control Line Technical Committee.

Vote: For: 28  
Ags: 0  
Abs: 1

Carried by a majority vote.

*xviii From R/C Power Technical Committee that the following BMFA Members be ratified as the 2008 FAI-F5D Team for the World Championships being held in Odessa, Ukraine, September 2008.*

<i>Rob Ashley-Roche (80677)</i>	<i>Country Member</i>
<i>Paul Bardoe (82273)</i>	<i>Country Member</i>
<i>Darron Rodrigues (78992)</i>	<i>Country</i>

*MemberMechanics*

<i>Julian Downham (228216)</i>	<i>Country MemberMark</i>
<i>Vandervelden (43072)</i>	<i>Country Member</i>

The Competition Secretary questioned whether it would cause a management problem that Mark Vandervelden has been ratified as Team Manager for F5D but he has also been put forward as a 'Caller' for the F5D Team.

She also has concerns that only two callers have been put forward, but there are three team members and one of the callers is the Team Manager. She believes it would cause major problems at the event if the Team Manager is called away for whatever reason and a team member is left without a caller.

The situation was discussed and various viewpoints were considered.

R/C Power Technical Committee Chairman said his understanding of the matter is that none of the pilots will be required to fly against each other. Therefore theoretically you only need one mechanic. It is obviously useful to have a reserve and if the Team Manager can double up as that reserve caller then that solves the problem.

We know that F5D is a very small group of people and they are probably not in a position to find another person to do the job. He does not see a problem with what they have actually proposed to do and we have to be guided by them and accept their judgement.

The Competition Secretary agreed with R/C Power and thought it would be an excellent solution and it would tidy up the situation if we include Mark Vandervelden as a Reserve Mechanic.

**The Competition Secretary proposed the 2008 FAI-F5D Team as listed is ratified with a note that Mark Vandervelden is a Reserve Mechanic.**

Seconded by London Area

Vote: For: 28  
Ags: 0  
Abs: 1

Carried by a majority vote.

*xxiii From Free Flight Technical Committee to appoint senior and junior teams for the Space Modelling World Championships to be held in Spain 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> August 2008.*

**Seniors:**

<i>Nigel Bathe (63592)</i>	<i>Elmbridge Model Club</i>
<i>Ian Dowsett (56513)</i>	<i>SERFS</i>
<i>John Ellins (141063)</i>	<i>SERFS</i>
<i>Mike Francies (39222)</i>	<i>Red Rose Soarers</i>
<i>John Jacomb (108203)</i>	<i>Country Member</i>
<i>Mike Kitchin (54308)</i>	<i>Red Rose Soarers</i>
<i>Trevor Seabrook (113101)</i>	<i>SERFS</i>

**Reserve**

<i>Jef Ott (21361)</i>	<i>Canvey Island MA</i>
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**Juniors**

<i>Catherine Jacomb (150720)</i>	<i>Country Member</i>
<i>Jonathan Jacomb (157449)</i>	<i>Country Member</i>
<i>Benedykt Klejnow (140191)</i>	<i>Country Member</i>

The Competition Secretary raised several points with this proposal.

Firstly the details listed in the Full Agenda do not list Jef Ott as a Reserve member. (*The above listing has been corrected*).

Another mistake was pointed out by the Free Flight Technical Committee Space Modelling representative, who is also Free Flight Delegate that on the proposal form John Ellin is listed as S4 team member but he should be listed as S3 team member.

The Competition Secretary raised an issue with the proposal because the International Teams budget is structured such that we send three team members for Space because of the way Space Modelling classes work and are structured on the flying field. There are seven team members listed on the proposal.

Some of those team members are only flying in a single class, which she believes is not acceptable.

She suggested that we ask the Space Modelling representative to review the composition of the teams and come up with a suitable suggestion for three or a maximum of four team members.

The Space Modelling representative was not happy with this suggestion. He could not understand why Space should be restricted to only three members and there are five classes, when Free Flight has a team of nine for three classes.

The Competition Secretary pointed out that the budget is set for three or four team members for Space and if this proposal is put forward this would need to be increased.

The Space Modelling representative commented that a £40 refund was received by every competition flyer in 2007. This would more than cover three more team members.

The general consensus was that we should allow the teams to be put forward.

London Area proposed that we extend the team budget for the current year 2008 to include the full qualified Space Team as listed here and that we take this on board in future team financing.

The Honorary Treasurer advised that the budget would need to be increased by £1200, which we could accommodate. He did point out however that over the years the Team Budget has been creeping up and is possibly something we need to consider in the future.

**The Chairman proposed that the Team as listed is funded with the proviso that we take a long hard look at the make up of future Space Modelling Teams.**

Seconded by Competition Secretary

Carried unanimously.

**b) Receipt of declarations from any Technical Committees that has not yet finalised a proposed team that it does intend to send a team.**

A declaration had been received from Indoor Technical Committee to send a Team to the World Championships at the Belgrade Trade Fair between 17<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2008.

The Competition Secretary advised that it was agreed at Technical Council that F5B could delay formulating their team because there is a technical issue with a rule at CIAM in 2007 that may impact on whether the team will actually be able to fly when they get there. We are waiting for information on whether the power limiter and analyser will be available.

Silent Flight advised that F5B are quite confident that they will overcome this problem and that they will be able to take part.

The intention is to send a team if they can obtain the power limiters.

**508/01/08 (12) To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.**

**CEO**

We are now in receipt of the first draft of the Wetland Bird Study. It is subject to a few wording changes to bring it in line with our requirements but it should be available within the next couple of weeks.

We are actively looking at sites for Moorland Bird Studies and Coastal sites as well. In conversation with Natural England Bird expert he happened to reveal that they had no evidence whatsoever that model aircraft were to the detriment of birds.

They took a cautious approach and recommended model flying be prohibited in areas where there are protected species of birds.

He has received the Licence for RAF Barkston Heath for 2008, which was received in record time. He applied to RAF Cranwell at the beginning of November, within half an hour he received an email back from the Commanding Officer and within two days he received confirmation from one of the people from OC Wing that all of our dates were going to be accepted except for one.

A new Lottery scheme is going to be started at the end of January, which has been running for some time in Sweden. The purpose of it in Sweden is to generate money for Sport. In this country it is being launched from the end of the month and the beneficiary is going to be CCPR.

***Post meeting note: The BINGO LOTTO scheme will now be launched at the end of February.***



Initially it is running for a ten week trial period. If it proves successful then it will be extended and it will run for forty-six weeks per year.

As a member of CCPR we have signed up to be one of the beneficiary's of the money generated. If it gets off to a fairly modest start they are anticipating that in the ten week period it will generate £2.5million which would be distributed equally between the CCPR members who have signed up for the scheme.

If it continues and runs for forty-six week per year they are looking to generate £12million for distribution. At this moment in time they have gone for a fairly rudimentary way of splitting the money, which will be split equally between those CCPR members that have signed up for it. That is if there is an organisation with six members or an organisation such as ours with 36,000 members we will get the same split.

If it continues beyond the trial period then they will look at a more complicated way of dividing the money.

It is called BINGO LOTTO and will be broadcast on Virgin One channel and some of the Freeview channels and it will be based on a live interactive TV show on a Friday evening.

It has been active for some considerable time in Sweden since 1989 and it is Sweden's highest rated TV programme.

The money that it generates has to go to support grass-roots Sport. The criteria they use for distribution is :

- To develop and support the delivery of grass-roots sport and recreation.
- To help increase the number of people participating.
- To build a stronger and more effective infrastructure for voluntary sport and recreation.

Royal Aero Club Delegate advised that Royal Aero Club have also signed up to the Scheme.

#### **Chairman**

He has slowed down a little since the very busy summer. He has attended regular meetings with the CEO at the office.

He attended the Design & Technology exhibition in November, where we were very well received. Hopefully it will generate entries for the Flight Challenge.

He attended a Southern Area meeting in December at which he was very pleased to present Doreen Palmer with the Roger Bedford Memorial Trophy.

**509/01/08 (13) To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.**

It was his first attempt as MC at the annual dinner, which he enjoyed. Obviously the incident with the Roger Bedford Memorial Trophy was very unfortunate but he was very pleased with the satisfactory outcome courtesy of our Insurance Brokers.

For information he advised that at the BARCS AGM recently he was elected their President for the next three years.

It was his first time Chairing the Awards Committee in August 2007. He is having a few thoughts on the composition, visibility, transparency and accountability of it. To that end he will be preparing a paper and presenting it as a proposal at the next Full Council meeting for consideration to restructure marginally the way the Awards Committee is composed.

He is pursuing, with the assistance of others including the CEO, a more appropriate and safe flying site for the Silent Flight Nationals in 2008.

Spitalgate has been very convenient but there were lots of complaints from the Silent Flight community and it is dangerous under foot. If the weather turned very wet access to the site would be virtually impossible over some of the deep trenches that have been created on the field. Its convenience and size is known and the airspace over it is safe but the ground access is not very satisfactory.

The Vice Chairman reported that within the Executive they have been deploring the very low voting numbers in the process of the annual voting for the election of Officers and Technical Committees.

He has been asked to Chair a sub-committee to look at and address this issue and to report back by March. In order to do that the sub-committee which will comprise himself, Technical Secretary, Honorary Secretary and CEO will need some input from Council members.

Earlier today he circulated a paper inviting Council members to comment on what they think of the voting process and an individual view as to how they think it could be improved. He urged Council members to submit a response to him by the end of January. This will greatly assist the sub-committee in their deliberations.

**COUNCIL  
MEMBERS**

**510/01/08 (14) To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary.**

The Honorary Secretary advised that the Development Officer is in the process of putting an article together for SAGA magazine. Having been in contact with the magazines' Feature Editor we have a little more idea of the content they expect in the article and hopefully we will be more successful this time, as the last article we submitted a year ago was rejected.

Reporting on behalf of Areas Council, the Honorary Secretary informed this Council so that it does not come as a complete surprise, that Areas Council will be discussing the concept of an alternative to the Website Forum, which ceased last year as a result of a Full Council directive and will be submitting a proposal to Full Council in due course.

**511/01/08 (15) To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.**

The Rule Books are under way. It is a very busy time for him at the moment with lots going on.

The Competition Secretary expressed concern that it is the middle of January and the the Rule Books are not available. She is aware of the fact that there has been a delay due to the Technical Secretary's health situation but it is important that they should be available.

The Technical Secretary advised that they will be available this year quicker than any time in the past. He is still awaiting information before he is able to complete R/C Power.

The Chairman commented that the Technical Secretary is doing his very best to get them out as quickly as possible and we will have to bear with him.

**512/01/08 (16) To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include the following:**

**a) Receipt and ratification of any outstanding contests for this year's FAI Calendar.**

There were no submissions.

**b) Receipt of this year's BMFA Contest Fees.**

**FREE FLIGHT**

<u>Juniors:</u>	All classes/all events	Free
<u>Season Tickets:</u>	Not available	
<u>Centralised:</u>	Day ticket	£5
	All classes included in day ticket	
<u>Area Centralised:</u>	Day ticket	£3
	All classes included in day ticket	
	Plus any Area site charge	
<u>Team Selection:</u>	Seniors	£15 per meeting or pre-entry for all 3 meetings for £35
<u>Nationals:</u>	Registration:	£8
	1st class	£6
	Subsequent classes	£6
	Unlimited classes	£25

F1E Meetings Same as Area centralised

FAIR Site charge only for all meetings including trials

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**CONTROL LINE**

Juniors: All classes/all events Half price  
 All Speed classes = one fee

Season Tickets: Not available

Centralised: 1st class £15  
 All Speed classes = one fee  
 Subsequent classes £10

Team Selection: All classes £15

Nationals: 1st class £  
 All Speed classes = one fee  
 Subsequent classes £  
 Unlimited classes £

Nationals fees to be advised after the CL Nationals Planning Meeting on 9th February.

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SCALE	RC	CL	FF	Indoor
<u>Juniors:</u>	Half price			
<u>Season Tickets:</u>	£50	n/a	n/a	n/a
<u>Centralised:</u>	£12	£10	£5	£10 registration + £3 per class entered
<u>Team Selection:</u>	£15	£15	n/a	n/a
<u>Nationals:</u>	£25	£15	£14	£10 registration + £3 per class entered

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**INDOOR**

Juniors: Per day £3 per day

Season Tickets: Not available

Centralised: Per day £10

Team Selection: Per day £10

Nationals: Per day £10

An additional flying fee may be levied dependent on the cost of the flying site.

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**SILENT FLIGHT**

Juniors: All classes/all events Half price

Season Tickets: F3J £32 [4] single day events

Centralised: F3B/F5B £10 [6] single day events  
 F3J £10 [6] single day events  
 F3F (200W) £ 5  
 F3K £ 5

Team Selection: F3B/F5B £ }No trials, based on league positions  
 F3J £ }  
 positions

Nationals: F3B/F5B £ }TBC as soon as  
 F3J £ }venue secured

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**RADIO CONTROL**

**RC Pylon (i/c)**

Juniors: All classes / All events £ N/A  
 Season Tickets: Not Available £ N/A  
 Centralised 1<sup>st</sup> class £15.00

Team Selection F5D Only £40.00  
Nationals 1<sup>st</sup> class £20.00 per event

**RC Pylon (electric)**

Juniors: All classes / All events £ N/A  
Season Tickets: Not Available £ N/A  
Centralised 1<sup>st</sup> class £15.00  
Team Selection  
Nationals 1<sup>st</sup> class £20.00 per event

**RC Helicopter**

Juniors: All classes / All events £ N/A  
Season Tickets: Not Available £ N/A  
Team Selection F3C £10 (per round / two rounds)  
Nationals F3C £30.00  
Nationals Sportsman's £20.00

**R C Aerobatics**

Juniors: All classes / All events £ N/A  
Season Tickets: Not Available £ N/A  
Centralised F3A £22.00  
Nationals £30.00

**IMAC Aerobatics**

Juniors: N/A  
Season Tickets: TBA  
Centralised: One Day £12.00  
Two Day £15.00

Nationals: £28.00 TBC

An action was placed on R/C Power Technical Committee to check out the following with IMAC and confirm to the Office Manager:

Advise IMAC that they should not list non-member prices (*these have not been included in the above list*); Season Tickets are they available if so what cost, if not it needs to be made clear in the future and listed as N/A not TBA; Confirm Nationals fee.

**RCPTC**

The Competition Secretary reported that she had been working extremely hard and will continue to do so.

**513/01/08 (17) To receive a report from the Records Officer to include the following:**

**a) Re-assignment of Free Flight Trophies**

**The Records Officer proposed the following recommendations on behalf of Free Flight.**

*To change the class for the Eddie Cosh (No 94), Halfax (No 3), Astral (No 5), Peter Buskel (No 107) from F1C Power to F1C/F1Q Power.*

*To move the Nordic (No 110), the Mick Duce (No 80) and the Peter Buskel (No 107) from the 1<sup>st</sup> Team Selection to the East Anglian Gala.*

Seconded by Northern Area  
Carried unanimously.

**RECORDS  
OFFICER  
FREE FLIGHT**

It was pointed out that "Halifax" should be spelt "Halfax", which the Office Manager has subsequently amended.

**b) Indoor Trophy F1D Team Selection**

The Records Officer advised that the F1D Team Selection Trophy for 2007 will be allocated in 2008, as the F1D Team Selection process was not completed in time for the 2007 annual awards presentation.

**c) The Records Officer proposed the following British Record Claims for ratification:**

i) Name Benjamin Jones – BMFA No 89029  
Class F3D Pylon  
Site RAF Cottesmore Date 14<sup>th</sup> October 2007  
Duration 0 Min 58.82 Secs

ii) Name Steve Crawford/Roy Vaughan – BMFA Nos 58461/69977  
Class British Goodyear Team Race – Final 200 Laps  
Site Barkston Heath Date 27<sup>th</sup> August 2007  
Duration 8 Min 51.0 Secs

Seconded by Honorary Treasurer  
Carried unanimously.

**OFFICE MGR**

The Competition Secretary asked the Records Officer when we could expect to see these records on the website. The Records Officer said he would let the Technical Secretary have the information by the end of the week. The Technical Secretary said he would update the Records Book as soon as he receives the information and pass it on to the webmaster for publication.

**RECORDS  
OFFICER  
TECH SEC**

**514/01/08 (18) To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.**

The PRO informed the meeting that we have had an approach from RCM&F, an online forum, to become associated in some way with the BMFA. Having discussed it at the Executive they feel it is something that might be useful to explore and will continue moves along those lines. The exact Terms of Reference are to be decided.

RCM&F are a very well managed 'chat forum' that is used for dissemination of technical information, advice for people starting up etc. There is a wealth of experience in there and the majority are BMFA members. It is kept very tight and there is no mud slinging. It is a very productive forum.

He will be attending the London Model Engineer Exhibition at the invitation of the Development Officer. The main focus of having a presence at these shows is to advertise and to pull membership of people outside our members. It is good to do internal marketing at the model shows to everyone who is already a member however if we are going to grow membership it is important we do look outside the existing modelling fraternity, into aerospace related sports.

The PRO role is huge and too much really for one person. He has been advised to concentrate on one main aspect.

He advised that he intends to work on the shows in conjunction with the CEO, who has been doing a sterling job organising shows up and down the country and supporting the Areas to enable them to make the stands run.

He will focus on helping out with some of the time consuming aspects involved in organising the shows, such as talking to the Areas, arranging local support from the Areas etc. Hopefully he will be able to contribute to the overall affect that we have today, rather than completely changing the way it is done at the moment.

The in-house advertising is working very well and he has no intention of interfering with that.

He urged anyone who has any ideas on PR opportunities to contact him. He will be only too pleased to listen and take ideas on board.

London Area advised that it had recently been suggested to him that it might be useful if we had a basic SMAE/BMFA history on the website. We do already hold some material that would enable this to be done.

The PRO suggested it might be an idea if London Area could put something together, as he already holds some of the information. London Area agreed to collate something and pass it on to the PRO.

**LONDON  
AREA**

Mid West Area suggested it might be an idea for us to make contact with the Caravan Club. Recently in his Area a non affiliated Club approached a caravan club who own a site nearby to use the land for model flying, which they agreed to. There must be hundreds of caravan sites around the country that are not in use during the winter months. It might also be worthwhile advertising in the Caravan Club Magazine.

The PRO asked Mid West Area to let him have the information and he will look into it.

**MID WEST  
AREA**

The CEO advised that we already advertise in the Good Retirement Guide and we have been approached by the Deaf Caravaners Association who would like to attend the August Nationals.

The Technical Secretary made a plea that if anybody who has information they want publicising in the contest calendar must let him have it as soon as possible. To highlight a case in instance he only received notification of the London Model Engineering Exhibition three days ago and the show takes place this coming weekend. This does not allow enough time for him to update the calendar and get it to the webmaster to give sufficient prior notification on the website. **ALL**

London Area suggested it might be prudent for us to notify potential exhibition organisers that we have a facility for publication of events.

**515/01/08 (19) To receive a report from the FAI Delegate.**

The FAI Delegate made a plea to Technical Committees, as soon as they receive the CIAM Plenary Agenda, if they do have views on any relevant items to get them to him by the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2008. **TECH COMMS**

He advised that he would not personally be attending the CIAM Meeting the FAI Delegate Alternate Nick Neve FSMAE will be attending in his stead.

Nick Neve has made a request that the BMFA ask the National Aero Club (NAC) in our case the Royal Aero Club, who in turn would notify CIAM, to reverse the names currently standing as FAI Delegate and Alternate i.e. Jim Andrews and Nick Neve respectively.

The reason being that Nick Neve would like to put himself forward as candidate for CIAM Presidency and to qualify you have to be an Official Delegate.

The following proposal emanated from the ensuing discussion.

**Northern Area proposed that we accept the FAI Delegates recommendation that we substitute Nick Neve FSMAE as FAI Delegate to the FAI Plenary Meeting.**

Seconded by London Area

Vote: For: 7

Ags: 9

Abs: 12

Defeated by a majority vote.



**516/01/08 (20) To receive the following proposals.**

a) *To receive a proposal from Honorary Treasurer that TOP GUN 2008 is held as a late season event, provisionally at Leicester Airport, in the format of a normal model show with judges looking for the best pilot of the show. Keith Lomax to be coordinator. Other details as per attached prospectus. (Eight page document appended to the agenda previously distributed).*

A meeting of the Top Gun sub-committee had taken place. The Honorary Treasurer provided some background information that emanated from the meeting and subsequently resulted in the above proposal. A review of the above mentioned document ensued.

People had very mixed views about the event and various points were raised, which the Honorary Treasurer said they would take on board if permission to go ahead was granted. If they were to continue with the event the Honorary Treasurer said people were welcome to email him with their suggestions.

The main priority is to secure permission to go ahead and put into place a detailed planning process starting with a very effective and rapid communication process to get the information about the show out to the pilots and traders.

Seconded by North East Area

Vote: For: 15  
Ags: 4  
Abs: 9

Carried by a majority vote.

**HON TREAS  
CEO  
ACCTS MGR**

b) *To receive a proposal from Scale Technical Committee that Free Flight Scale be made eligible for the Handley Page Trophy (122).*

As a point of clarification the proposal required the following change of wording:

*To receive a proposal from Scale Technical Committee that all classes of Free Flight Scale be made eligible for the Handley Page Trophy (122).*

**SCALE TC  
RECORDS  
OFFICER**

Seconded by Records Officer

Carried unanimously.

c) *To receive a proposal from North East Area that all Juniors competing at any British National Championships will be given a Certificate to show that they competed.*

North East Area advised that they felt this would encourage juniors to participate. Often juniors compete alongside seniors at the event on an equal level and their endeavour should be acknowledged.

The Chairman tasked North East Area to produce a draft certificate and bring to the next meeting. The Competition Secretary, in her capacity as Control Line Technical Committee Secretary, advised that Control Line have been doing this for the last two years. They too felt that juniors should be recognised no matter where they came in the placings.

As a certificate was already in place it was suggested North East Area based the certificate on this. The Competition Secretary would consult with North East Area.

**COMP SEC  
NORTH EAST**

Seconded by FAI Delegate

Vote: For: 27

Ags: 1

Abs: 0

**RECORDS  
OFFICER**

Carried by a majority vote.

d) To receive two proposals from North West Area as follows:

**CURRENT BRITISH RECORD CATEGORIES**

*That the present classifications for Outdoor Free Flight Records (as given on pages 35-36 of "Contest Rules Section 2a" – August 207) be discontinued forthwith.*

**NEW BRITISH RECORD CATEGORIES**

*That British Outdoor Free Flight Records be recognised in the following 3 categories ONLY:-*

*(a) Rubber powered models of any type.*

*(b) IC (and other) powered models of any type.*

*(c) Gliders of any type.*

*Records will be awarded on an annual basis – for the longest FLYOFF flight made under contest conditions following a series of 'maximums'. The number and length of the 'maximums' is irrelevant.*

*Potential records scores will be collated automatically by the Records Officer from BMFA Contest results, plus any others submitted specifically from other events.*

*The current position should be published at intervals throughout the year.*

North West Area said the reasoning behind the above proposals is the rationalisation of the myriad of classifications that have not been used in many years.

The proposal failed to be seconded and therefore fell.

e) To receive a proposal from R/C Power Technical Committee that this Council adopts the JMA/GTBA Code of Practice for the operation of turbine powered models.

Seconded by Western Area

The document was reviewed at length.

Several points were raised which need addressing. The general consensus was that it is a very good document. It was suggested that we should adopt it and then make the necessary amendments, in consultation with the JMA/GTBA, taking on board the issues raised.

The following proposal was put forward.

**That we adopt the JMA/GTBA Code of Practice for the operation of turbine powered models subject to amendments being agreed with the representatives from the BMFA, JMA and GTBA.**

Carried unanimously

The Technical Secretary and the Honorary Secretary will meet with the JMA and GTBA representatives to discuss and agree the amendments. The Technical Secretary would circulate the amended document to Council Members for their comments before bringing it to the Technical Council in March for ratification, with the agreement of Council Members.

**TECH SEC  
HON SEC**

One point that was raised by the Vice-Chairman was that the safety issue with fuel tanks in turbine models was raised at the Safety Committee who asked R/C Power Technical Committee to liaise with the JMA/GTBA to look at the possibility of analysing and researching better safety for tanks and make a recommendation towards foam filled tanks as they do for Formula 1. He had not yet received a response from R/CPTC.

Peter Christy South Midland Area (also member of R/C Power Technical Committee) who was present at the Safety Meeting advised that he did receive a response and thought he had forwarded it to the Vice Chairman. He would do this straight away.

**PETER  
CHRISTY**

**517/01/08 (21) To receive any reports from the following Delegates.**

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**a) Royal Aero Club - WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX B).**

**b) GASCo**

The Chairman attends regular meetings but there are no problems whatsoever to report.

**c) Airprox - No report.**

**d) CCPR**

The Honorary Secretary reported that the Duke of Edinburgh announced at the last CCPR meeting that he was prepared to stand another two years and then it would be time they started to look for another President.

He has for the last year and a half represented two organisations; the BMFA and the British Microlight Association.

d) GAAC - No report.

**518/01/08 (22) To receive reports from the following Committees.**

**a) CAA Team**

The Technical Secretary reported that he attended the annual meeting with the CAA in December. A modification to CAP658 is on the way sometime this year. It is not of a real concern to us because it seeks to remove UAV's from model aircraft. It will probably do us a lot of good in the long run.

One factor that is part of that is that the statement that flights can only be initiated if they can be safely made, which is part of the over 7kg of CAP658, will be extended to cover all model aircraft, which is something we put **forward** in the first place when CAP658 was first issued.

**b) UKRCC**

The Honorary Secretary reported that they had a very interesting meeting. They are trying to get OFCOM as a formal member of UKRCC, which will be a good move forward. We have very good relations with them.

The Technical Secretary informed the meeting that if anybody has any queries regarding the legalities of 2.4GHz sets, the CEO has the information.

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**c) Education Working Group - WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX C)**

The Education Working Group Coordinator highlighted a couple of points. The comments in italic are copied from original letters received from Schools. The ASE Exhibition is scheduled for January 8 - 10 2009 and it would be nice if we could move the January Council meeting not to coincide, so that he can attend.

**d) Flight Challenge**

A meeting has been arranged for 16<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

The CEO reported that we are currently in negotiations with Duxford and they are quite positive about it.

**e) University Challenge**

The CEO reported that we have secured the sponsorship for 2008 from Royal Sun Alliance. The Rules have been written and it is all underway.

**f) Computer Sub-Committee**

The CEO reported that we were hoping to have the new membership database installed for testing in October, however it was subject to some delays which would have meant that the installation was at our busiest time membership wise. It has been put on hold until the end of February, beginning of March.

The new hardware installation for the new server and the changes to the software is working reasonably well. There are one or two teething problems as you might expect but it all seems to be in hand.

**g) Safety Review Committee**

The Vice Chairman reported that as far as he is aware there have been no safety incidents reported since the committee last met.

**h) Achievement Scheme Review Committee**

The Technical Secretary advised that he did not attend the last meeting therefore he had nothing to report. He does however have a query which he requires clarification of with regard to the Helicopter 'B' Certificate.

**i) BMFA News Publishers**

The Honorary Treasurer brought to the notice of the meeting that the last issue sent out was the first one with a new sub-contractor doing the page designs for us. There is a slight change to the formatting. Any comments would be appreciated.

**j) Flying Site Adviser's Report**

A copy of the report was made available.

**519/01/08 (23) Any Other Business**

The Technical Secretary informed the meeting that he recently read in one of the magazines that DPR Models have just ceased production of balsa wood models.

**520/01/08 (24) Date of next meeting.**

This was confirmed as **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2007.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 17.54pm.

Linda Harding  
Office Manager  
18<sup>th</sup> January 2008

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**Presentation to the BMFA on behalf of SAM 35 in pursuit of Affiliation by John Huntley, SAM 35 Chairman.**

Good afternoon. My name is John Huntley and I have been Chairman of SAM 35 for just over two years following on from terms as Vice Chairman and Free Flight Secretary before that. I fly a variety of models both indoor and outdoor and powered by Rubber, Electric and I/C (Diesel, glow and petrol spark ignition). I also hold a BMFA Fixed Wing 'A' Certificate. I will start with a brief history of SAM 35.

It was early in the 1970s that an informal group of flyers began to meet on Bigglewade Common to fly their recreations of early model aeroplanes. They became associated with the American Society of Antique Modellers, paying their SUBS direct to the States or via David Baker and receiving their copies of the American SAM Speaks.

It was during the Free Flight Nationals of 1980 that the participants started the process of setting themselves up with an organisation separate to the American organisation. In line with its American cousins it became Chapter 35 of SAM in October of that year. SAM 35 as it is usually known, now had its own committee and its own magazine, SAM 35 Speaks. SAM 35 grew at a rapid rate;- 100 by the end of 1980 became 283 in 1981, 486 in 1982 and 680 in 1983. The growth slowed down after this initial rise and currently sits at just under 1,000 members.

SAM Speaks is undoubtedly the cement that binds us all together with its excellent mix of "vintage" plans and articles on technique and the history of aeromodelling in this country. In addition to the magazine, SAM 35 also runs a Gala at Old Warden each year. This is a mixture of low key vintage style flying competitions, swapmeet and social get together at a very atmospheric venue. F/F, C/L and Radio assist are all catered for at the Gala.

Other events at different venues are also run during the course of the year as well as vintage competitions at the Nationals by kind invitation of the BMFA- for which Thank You.

The vast majority of our members though are so called "Sport" Flyers. They do not take part in competitions but thoroughly enjoy the creation of beautiful stick and tissue models. In doing so they preserve the techniques and skills associated with the origins of our hobby. Some, myself included, also enjoy the challenge of using early motors, both spark ignition and diesel, to power their craft.

All of this activity means that there is a wealth of knowledge of the origins of our fascinating hobby which I am sure would enrich the BMFA and justify a status of affiliated Recognised Specialist Body.

We would look to continue running vintage competitions at the Nationals as well as our own events which will continue to be open to all BMFA members.

We are continually looking for new flying sites with the opportunities they will bring for running new events and we have sufficient funds to explore any options that arise. We are also continually striving to improve safety at our events and to ensure that both flyers and organisers are adequately insured. Membership of, and affiliation to, the BMFA along with due regard to BMFA Safety Rules, will go a long way towards achieving this goal.

On the subject of representation on BMFA Technical Committees I am not quite sure how we should proceed, partly because I don't know the duties of the Technical Committees or the format of their meetings. It would seem to me to be sensible to look at rationalization of vintage rules within SAM 35 and the BMFA, if only to enable easy participation in each other's competitions with the same models. At the same time I am aware that we already

have a presence unofficially on at least some of the Technical Committees since some of their members are SAM 35 members. This needs to be the subject of future consideration and discussion since I understand we would be entitled to a vote on a Technical Committee as an affiliated Recognised Body.

The BMFA has inevitably always been a part of the development of SAM 35. Our membership have given the SAM 35 committee a mandate to pursue affiliation and it seems sensible that the relationship should be put onto a more formal basis. I hope you will agree.

Thank you.

John Huntley  
Chairman SAM 35

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***Presentation to BMFA regarding Affiliation of SAM 35 by Dick Roberts, past President SAM35.***

Ladies & gentlemen, good afternoon and thank you for the Invitation for John Huntley & I to attend your Council Meeting in order to make our Presentation in pursuit of our Affiliation to BMFA.

My name is Dick Roberts and I am attending in place of our Secretary Mr Alan Chatfield who could not get here today. He sends his apologies, but the journey from & to his home in Somerset proved to be impossible on a Saturday, thanks to our wonderful rail system!

I am a past President of SAM 35 and am presently Control Line Secretary. I live in Market Harborough, which is the main reason I am standing in for Alan. My main interests are in Control Line models and engines from early years, with a more recent foray into small free flight models taking hold. I have also been responsible, along with others, for running a variety of Control Line Speed Contests. These vary from Vintage events where the cut off date is end of 1958 for models & engines, to Weatherman Speed which is a light hearted one model event intended to get people flying but not requiring expensive or rare engines to stand a chance of winning.

At our 2007 A G M the membership agreed by an overwhelming vote to change our Constitution so that SAM 35 can formally make application to BMFA for affiliation as a Specialist Body. Previously, the Constitution stated that SAM 35 should be "associated with, but not affiliated to, the Society of Model Aeronautical Engineers" thus permitting us to take this step.

In support of our Application, I submit the following points, being presented from the Viewpoint of our Secretary :

- The Society of Antique Modellers ( SAM) is a worldwide organisation, originating in the 1960's in America.
- SAM 35 is the Chapter or group representing the United Kingdom, founded in 1980. Some other groups are SAM 74, Portugal. SAM 62, Italia. SAM 1066 is a UK breakaway group, specifically for free flight. SAM 35 is amongst the largest groups outside the USA.
- SAM 35 has a formal written Constitution that can only be changed by majority vote at an Annual General Meeting.

- Current Subscription is £17.00 annually, including a monthly Magazine, SAM 35 Speaks.
- Membership is presently around 950 including some 60 from abroad. It has stayed at this level for the last 10 years.
- An Annual Report & Accounts Document can be provided, this being a compilation of the Reports prepared for the AGM.
- A complete Membership List can be made available shortly after annual renewals are finalised at end March, and again in November, just prior to the AGM.
- Elections to the Committee take place annually, Officers normally serving for three years. The principle is to replace one third each year, so that continuity is not lost.
- The Committee comprises : Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Magazine Editor, C/L, F/F and R/C Secretaries and 4 Committee Members. The President is nominated by the Committee and not elected.
- The AGM is held in November and a Committee Meeting is held on the morning of it. Ad Hoc committee meetings are held as necessary at flying meetings and regular contact is maintained by means of Email.
- Most SAM 35 members are already members of BMFA for a variety of reasons.
- SAM 35 is a nation wide Society who's members are just about all also members of a local Model Club via whom they also pay BMFA fees. BMFA membership has not been a condition of membership of SAM 35 in the past but will be enforced should we succeed in our quest to affiliate.

This concludes the Presentation from the Administration side.

R W Roberts.



**ROYAL AERO CLUB DELEGATE'S REPORT Nov. 2007**

I attended the RAeC Medals & Awards Committee and Council meetings on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>. The following items may be of interest to Council.

1) At the M&A committee our nomination of the F2A speed team for the Prince of Wales Cup was unfortunately not successful, in the face of two other highly successful teams. However, an RAeC Bronze medal will go to Martin Fardell, Certificates of Merit to Julie Fisher and Keith Lomax and the Rolex Trophy to Daniel Billam. No date has yet been set for the Awards Evening, but it is likely to be in April. As a matter of interest, an RAeC Gold medal goes to Derek Piggott, the doyen of UK gliding, a former SAME member and a member of the 1948 UK Wakefield team in the USA.

2) A new FAI commission, for airspace and navigation, has been formed. The airspace aspect may have some model flying relevance.

3) A new FAI database is proposed for all Sporting Licences; the latter will only be valid if on it by 1/1/09. All associations are asked to state their views on this to Diana King before Christmas.

4) Despite an increase in the financial needs of Europe Airports, the BMFA's subscription to the RAeC for the coming financial year is actually slightly less than in 2007.

5) The grant from the Sports Council is likely to be lower due to the total focus on the Olympics. There will instead be a block grant to the CCPR of £50K, half that of 2007, and for one year only. It is vital for associations to show an effective use of this in terms of international strategy, what they want to do, why, meetings, posts held and purpose. An input is required before Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> this year. Have we had paperwork on this or actioned it? We need to stress CIAM posts held (e.g. tech. sec, FF chairman), plans for running events (Stonehenge Cup, future Euro Champs if any) and wins (F2A, etc).

6) During a discussion on public attitudes to general aviation in the UK, it was pointed out that half as much greenhouse gasses were produced by general aviation as were caused by distributing bottled water round Britain.

7) Bingolotto (!) is fund-raising scheme based on a TV game show and lottery. The legal implications have been thoroughly vetted and it is seen to have grass roots benefits for sports organisations involved. The RAeC plans to sign up before Jan 11<sup>th</sup> and associations are asked to confirm their involvement to Diana King before then.

8) The BMAA suggest that a small meeting through which associations could pool their insurance experiences and systems to their mutual benefit could be useful. They are currently facing a major claim.

9) The BAeA will host the World Aerobatics Championships at Silverstone in 2009.

Martin Dilly  
RAeC delegate

30-11-09

## Education Working Group Report BMFA Council 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2008

As you may remember I was absent from the last full Council Meeting in September as I was running workshops at the Aberdeen TechFest event. Over the 7 days we built over 650 FunCopters. The feedback that we received from the Primary schools that took part was exceptionally positive. Some of the comments are shown below :-

*This covered many topics-geography, safety etc. as well as Engineering via model-making. Well organised and executed workshop with friendly, helpful leaders.*

*This is the second year a class has taken part in a workshop. Again Excellent, perhaps more flights by different models.*

*Plenty information and excellent help given, Good skills development. Thank you.*

*Very good for children to learn about model building and flying. A good start to a technology topic we will continue back at school.*

*Great hands-on learning. Lots of good information and questioning (while the glue was drying) We all had great fun – thanks.*

*Fun workshop presented by enthusiastic leaders.*

Last October Sky Hi Products was asked to run a display at the British Aviation Preservation Councils AGM, which was held at Rolls Royce, Derby. I immediately asked Manny to join me as I felt that the BMFA could gain some good contacts. It was great to come in to contact and to talk to other aviation Nuts as bad as us. We made some great contacts with Aviation Museums and maybe we should be thinking of advertising in some of them.

Last November the BMFA stand attended the D & T Show held at the NEC. We did not attend this show in 2006 and we had a smaller stand space to keep the cost down. We were kept quite busy and I for one made a number of contacts.

Finally I would like to thank who ever it was that decided to move the date of this meeting by one week as it usually coincides with the Association of Science Education Annual meeting and Exhibition that occurred last week at Liverpool University. I would like to thank David Lloyd-Jones for helping out with the BMFA Education Stand at this event. This is the best place to come in to contact with up to 5,000 science educators of all levels. It was interesting to note that both the RAF and Rolls Royce had stands at this event. For information next years ASE event will be at Reading University on January 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>.

A BMFA Education meeting has been scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup> of February.  
Total production of education kits has reached 188,000 of which 97,000 are BMFA Darts.

Mike Colling  
Education Working Group.

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