

MINUTES

SOCIETY OF MODEL AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS LTD.

(T/A British Model Flying Association)

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 10th January 2009 at 11am at Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrews Road, Leicester LE2 8RE.

Provisional until confirmed at the next Full Council Meeting.

PRESENT

Robin Gowler FSMAE	Chairman
Chris Moynihan	Vice-Chairman
Robin Sleight	Honorary Secretary
Keith Lomax	Honorary Treasurer
Jo Halman FSMAE	Competition Secretary
Chris Bromley FSMAE	Technical Secretary
John French	Records Officer
Jim Andrews FSMAE	FAI Delegate
Nigel Barker	PRO
Peter Leavesley	East Anglia Area Delegate
Martin Dilly FSMAE	London Area Delegate
George Maynard	Midland Area Delegate
Andy Symons	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
Keith Barker	Northern Ireland Area Delegate (Alternate)
Mike Francies	Free Flight TC Representative
Peter Halman FSMAE	Control Line TC Representative
Les Eagle	R/CPTC Representative
Clive Needham	R/C SFTC Representative
Ian Pallister	Scale TC Representative
Allan Weighell FSMAE	Indoor TC Representative
Peter Disney	RNMAA Representative

In Attendance

Linda Harding	Office Manager / Minute Taker
Dave Phipps	CEO
Eric Clark	BMFA News Editor
Kath Watson FSMAE	Archivist

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 13th September 2008.
- 9 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 13th September 2008 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 10 To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer.
- 11 International Teams for this year's World and European Championships:~
 - a Ratification of Teams, Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers
 - i F1A, F1B, F1C Team FF World Championships 19-26 July 2009
 - ii F4C Team and Team Manager – Scale European Championships Elverum, Norway
 - iii F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D Team Manager – European Championships 26 July – 3 August 2009 in Belgrade, Serbia.
 - iv F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D Assistant Team Manager – European Championships 26 July – 3 August 2009 in Belgrade, Serbia.
 - v F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D Team – European Championships 26 July – 3 August 2009 in Belgrade, Serbia.
 - vi F3A Team Manager – for 2009 season.
 - vii F3A Team – World Championships in Pombal, Portugal.
 - viii F3C Team Manager – for 2009 season.
 - ix F3C Team – World Championships in Muncie, USA
 - x F3D Team Manager – for 2009 season.
 - xi F3D Team – World Championships in Bellenstedt, Germany 20 – 26 July 2009.
 - xii F1D Team Manager – 2009 European Championships in Belgrade (dates tba).
 - xiii F3J Team – European Championships 2009.

- 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 [to include the following proposal:].
- To receive a proposal from the Chairman that this meeting of the Full SMAE Council co-opts Robin Sleight to the post of Honorary Secretary. (proposal and cv appended)
- 13 To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman [to include the following proposal:].
- To receive a proposal from the Vice-Chairman that the BMFA Development Officer be given the authority himself, or via delegated experienced observers, to attend a BMFA Club, Area of affiliated bodies events to observe that such events, insured by the BMFA, are conducted at a satisfactory level of safety so as to ensure that the BMFA insurance arrangements are safeguarded. The observer should report the findings to the BMFA executive with recommendations as appropriate. If of sufficient concern, the observer is empowered to make recommendations to the event organisers while at the event. Such visits may be either with or without notice.
- 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:
- Receipt and ratification of any outstanding contests for this year's FAI Calendar.
 - Receipt of this year's BMFA contest fees.~
 - To receive a proposal from the Competition Secretary to amend the BMFA General Rules to include World Air Games National Selection Events.
- 17 To receive a report from the Records Officer [to include the following:]
Representation of Record Claim deferred from September Full Council.
Stephen Hannon – BMFA No 37996
Class R/C Thermal Soaring Glider – Alt
Site Fish Meadow – Date 27 July 2008
Altitude 690m
- To receive the following Record Claim Proposals:
- | | | | |
|-------|------------------------------|------|------------------------------|
| Name | Matthew Hart – BMFA No 30844 | | |
| Class | Jet Speed | | |
| Site | Barkston Heath | Date | 25 th August 2008 |
| Speed | 200.67 | | |
 - | | | | |
|----------|-----------------------------|------|---------------------------------|
| Name | Bob Bailey – BMFA No 002479 | | |
| Class | F1L | | |
| Site | RAF Digby | Date | 19 th September 2008 |
| Duration | 14 mins 2 secs | | |
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|----------|-----------------------------|------|---------------------------------|
| Name | Bob Bailey – BMFA No 002479 | | |
| Class | F1D | | |
| Site | RAF Digby | Date | 21 st September 2008 |
| Duration | 28 mins 28 secs | | |

- | | | | |
|----|----------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| d) | Name | Benedykt Kejnow | |
| | Class | S9A – Gyrocopter | |
| | Site | Barkston Heath | Date 20 th September 2008 |
| | Duration | 5 min 8 secs | |
| e) | Name | Jeffrey Ott | |
| | Class | R/C Rocket Glider | |
| | Site | Barkston Heath | Date 21 st September 2008 |
| | Duration | 30 mins 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:

From Control Line Technical Committee that the following is added to the General Rules and the Members' Handbook:

If any model aircraft is built using composite parts then it is necessary to be particularly diligent in picking up any debris after a crash or mid-air collision.

From Indoor Technical Committee that the wording of the rules for attempts to win the Humbrol Plate for indoor duration models be changed to the following:

In order for a flight to be eligible to win the Humbrol Plate, the following must apply:

A. 2 independent timekeepers must be used.

B. Domestic flight times must be recorded on a normal BMFA flight card and signed by both timekeepers.

C Attempts can be made during BMFA sanctioned events/contests that have been fully publicised by the BMFA or in Open Internationals/Continental and World Championships.

D Any class of indoor duration model can be used.

From Silent Flight Technical Committee that the existing allowance of £400 paid to each GB International Team member be discontinued. A new allowance of £350 shall be paid to each such Team member, without deductions for banquet, or contest entry fees.

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.

24 Date of next meeting.

MINUTES

564/01/09 (1) Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from the following:
 Howard Menary FSMAE Northern Ireland Area Delegate
 Paul Bellingham RAFMAA Area Delegate

565/01/09 (2) Request for permission to be absent.

Request for permission to be absent had been received from Mike Colling FSMAE Indoor TC Representative/Education Co-ordinator, which was duly granted.

566/01/09 (3) To formally receive the following delegates:

Martin Dilly FSMAE – RAeC Delegate
 Peter Disney – RNMAA Delegate

567/01/09 (4) To formally receive the Area Delegates to Council

EAST ANGLIA	Peter Leavesley
LONDON	Martin Dilly FSMAE (not confirmed yet for 2009)
MIDLAND	George Maynard
NORTHERN	Andrew Symons
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 (not confirmed yet for 2009)
SOUTH WEST	Vacant
NORTHERN IRELAND	Howard Menary FSMAE (not confirmed yet for 2009)
RAFMAA	Paul Bellingham

568/01/09 (5) To co-opt Technical Committee Representatives to Council.

FREE FLIGHT	Mike Francies
CONTROL LINE	Peter Halman FSMAE
R/C POWER	Les Eagle
R/C SILENT FLIGHT	Clive Needham
SCALE	Ian Pallister
INDOOR	Mike Colling FSMAE

Proposed by Honorary Treasurer
Seconded by South Midland Area
Vote: Carried unanimously

569/01/09 (6) To verify the voting strength of the meeting.

There were 27 members eligible to vote at this meeting.

570/01/09 (6a) To co-opt Robin Sleight to the position of Honorary Secretary until the AGM in November 2009.

Proposed by FAI Delegate
Seconded by London Area
Carried unanimously

Voting strength is now 28.

571/01/09 (7) To note names of Technical Committee Chairmen; Ratify Alternate FAI Delegate; Ratify the BMFA Delegates to other organisations; Ratify Council appointed sub-committees; Ratify Council appointed posts.

a) Technical Committee Chairmen

FREE FLIGHT	Mike Woodhouse FSMAE
CONTROL LINE	Chris Barker
SILENT FLIGHT	Clive Needham
RC POWER	Peter Christy
SCALE	Ian Pallister
INDOOR	Allan Weighell FSMAE

b) Ratify Alternate FAI Delegate

The FAI Delegate nominated Mike Francies however there was a second person who was willing to take the post.

We have not been in the situation before where there has been more than one candidate prepared to fill the post therefore the Chairman announced that there would be a meeting with the relevant parties concerned during lunch recess to decide how we are to proceed.

The conclusion of the meeting held during lunch recess was that we will accept the Delegate Alternate nominated by the FAI Delegate: -

Mike Francies

However the Chairman will be putting on the Agenda for the May Council, a resolution that will require this Council to elect from any nominations put forward for the FAI Alternate Delegate in the future.

This will also apply in future to the Alternate for Education.

***** **AGENDA ITEM MAY FULL COUNCIL** – Proposal to elect FAI Delegate Alternate and Education Alternate. **OFFICE MGR**

c) Ratify the BMFA Delegates to other organisations.

Royal Aero Club (RAeC)	Martin Dilly FSMAE
GASCo	Robin Gowler FSMAE
Airprox	Development Officer
CCPR	Graham Lynn MBE FSMAE
RAeC Technical Committee	Bob Cutter
General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)	Development Officer

Proposed by R/CPTC
Seconded by CLTC
Carried unanimously

d) 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
NB: Information to be copied to Tech Sec

Awards Committee

Vice Chairman
RAeC Delegate
Dave Stapleton FSMAE (TBC)
Allan Weighell FSMAE (TBC)
John Henderson FSMAE (TBC)
Tech Council Representative
Areas Council Representative
Chris Bromley FSMAE
Graham Lynn MBE FSMAE

CAA

The Vice-Chairman proposed that the CEO should be added to the CAA sub-committee.

Seconded by FAI Delegate
Carried unanimously

The CAA sub-committee now comprises:

Chris Bromley FSMAE
Graham Lynn MBE FSMAE
CEO

UK Radio Control Council (UKRCC)

Chris Bromley FSMAE
Graham Lynn MBE FSMAE

<u>Education Working Group</u>	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 Executive Elected Officers Chief Executive

The SFTC Proposed that Council ratify the above sub-committees.

Seconded by Honorary Treasurer
Carried unanimously

e) Ratify Council appointed posts.

<u>PAS Controller</u>	Peter Spurway
<u>S/F AS Controller</u>	Peter Spurway (until new incumbent appointed)
<u>Archivist</u>	Kath Watson FSMAE

London Area proposed that Council ratify the above named to the relevant Council appointed posts.

Seconded by Indoor TC

Vote: For: 27
Ags: 0
Abs: 1

Carried by a majority vote.

572/01/09 (8) Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 13th September 2008.

Page 1

- **Top of page, second paragraph, first line** – Replace “Area” with “Full”.

Page 9

- **Seventh paragraph, third line** – Add “Aerobatics” after 3D.
- **Eighth paragraph, third line** – Add “Aerobatics” after 3D.

Page 12

- **First paragraph, second line** – Replace “Warmby” with “Wharmby”.

Page 14

- **Fifth paragraph, fourth line** – Replace “serious” with “seriously”.

Page 15

- **Fifth paragraph, second line** - Replace “them-self with “him-self”.

Page 16

- **Second paragraph, fifth line** – Remove “F3C – R/C Helicopter Team Bronze” and add as third line in fourth paragraph.
- **Third paragraph, second line** – Delete “who was also awarded”, insert “The F1A, B, C Teams were awarded”.

Page 17

- **Fourth paragraph, first line** – Replace “inception” with “effective”.

Page 20

- **Eighth paragraph** – Insert “and Space Modelling” after “Free Flight”.

Page 26

- **Sixth paragraph, second line** – Delete “of”.

R/CPTC proposed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2008 be accepted as a true record.

Seconded by RNMAA

Vote: For: 24

Ags: 0

Abs: 4

Carried by a majority vote.

573/01/09 (9) Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 13th September 2008 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.

ACTION / NOTES

Page 5

- **Third paragraph from the bottom, Child Protection Policy** – Mid West Area asked if there had been any progress with this document. The CEO advised that we are still waiting to hear from the CPSU (Child Protection in Sport Unit).

- **Penultimate paragraph, PAYPAL** – London Area asked if PAYPAL was up and running. The CEO advised that it should be set up by the end of January.

- **Final paragraph, Certificates for Juniors** – North East requested that for the Power Nationals 2009 whether the office could extract the names of the junior entries from the competitor’s spreadsheet and prepare the certificates in advance. It was agreed the Office would action this.

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Page 6

- **Fifth paragraph, Flying Aces** – CLTC advised that the video of the **Power Nationals World Championships 2008** is now showing on Flying Aces website. The Competition Secretary added that the link is already on the BMFA website.

Page 8

- **Fourth paragraph from the bottom, request for breakdown of Records Officer expenses** – London Area asked if there had been any action. It was confirmed that the person who made the request visited the office and examined the paperwork and was completely satisfied.

Page 9

- **Fourth paragraph, planning appeal** – Control Line asked if a date for the planning appeal had been set. The CEO confirmed that the date has been set for 6th March 2009.

The initial estimate for the costs for the pre-hearing preparation and the hearing itself was in the order of £7,500 but we have negotiated a reduction down to £5,000.

Page 10

- **Fourth paragraph from the bottom, Nationals** – London Area asked if we had been made aware of the 'minor issues' flagged up by the Station Commander.

The CEO advised that it was in relation to the evening Free Flight session. The Station Commander was in the midst of it all and witnessed an accident.

London Area expressed his concerns and said that he had raised this issue with the FFTC.

Measures will be put in place for the 2009 Power Nationals to minimise the chance of this happening again.

Page 14

- **Second paragraph, Special Resolution to amend Article 49 of the Articles of Association** – The Competition Secretary asked if the new resolution accepted at the 2008 Society AGM had been written in to the Articles of Association.

The Technical Secretary advised that it had not yet been written in to the Articles of Association however the resolution was effective as of the 2008 AGM.

The Chairman explained that a sub-committee has been set up to review the Articles of Association with the aim of bringing it up to date.

Page 17

- Fifth paragraph, action for Comp Sec to include summary of Team Manager job in BMFA News – The Competition Secretary advised that she had not dealt with this task but hopes to do so in due course.

- Halfway down the page, new Record Claims – The Competition Secretary enquired of the Technical Secretary whether the new British Record Claims ratified at the September meeting had been published on the website and in the booklet.

The Technical Secretary advised that he had not been able to do this because he had not received the relevant information from the Records Officer.

The Chairman asked the Records Officer to deal with this immediately.

**RECORDS
OFFICER**

The Honorary Treasurer suggested that an action is placed in the Minutes for the Records Officer when British Record Claims are ratified. The Office Manager will do this in future.

OFFICE MGR

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First paragraph, letter from the FAI to competitors in European and World Championships – The Competition Secretary commented that the letter that the FAI has produced will be sent out to the Team Managers in their packs this year.

**COMP SEC/
OFFICE**

She will also incorporate a note in the Team Managers Guide when she updates it.

Page 24

- Third paragraph from the bottom, comment from the Chairman reference notification to Areas when office visits take place – The North West Area commented that the statement by the Chairman was incorrect and asked if a correction could be made to the minutes accordingly.

The Chairman commented that in the absence of representation at the previous meeting by the North West Area in support of the proposal they had submitted to the meeting, he could only comment on information provided to him at that time.

The CEO advised that with reference to the point raised by North West that they had not received an apology, this was included as part of a report to Council by the Development Officer. North West Area said that he had not had sight of the report.

The Chairman said he would look into the matter further and if he finds it necessary will add a post meeting note to the minutes.

CHAIRMAN

North West Area said the criticism was not aimed directly at the Development Officer it is generally that the Areas should be kept informed of any visits within their Area.

He cited as an instance that the North West Area had not been informed when various flying site meetings had been held in the past. He advised that North West Area would be submitting the proposal to Council again in the future.

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- Final paragraph, StuntCom amended Constitution –
London Area asked if we had received the amended Constitution from StuntCom.

The Chairman confirmed that we had received it.

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- First paragraph, application for BMFA News Editor job
– It was confirmed that the new incumbent would be Simon Delaney. He will take post officially at the beginning of April and will be working with the current Editor on the March issue.

This concluded matters arising.

574/01/09 (10) To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer.

He attended the AGM and presented the Accounts in conjunction with the Accounts Manager, which were well received by the membership.

He asked for his thanks to be recorded to the Accounts Manager for her support with the Annual Accounts and Budget.

The Accounts Manager is very busy taking in memberships at the moment and numbers are looking very good.

575/01/09 (11) International Teams for this year's World and European Championships.

- a) & The Competition Secretary requested that the following
b) Team/Team Manager proposals are taken en bloc.

i) F1A, F1B, F1C Team FF World Championships 19-26 July 2009 in Croatia.

F1A	Dave Oldfield 031734	F1B	Russell Peers 027418
	Tim Nicholson 085880		Brian Martin 033593
	Phil Ball 057180		Ray Jones 102918

Reserves

P Williams 052853	Mike Woolner 057957
R Jack 108315	Mike Woodhouse 34262

F1C Alan Jack 056783
Peter Watson 062347
Stafford Screen 064182

Reserves

Neil Allen 039572
Ken Faux 052579

ii) F4C Team European Championships in Norway, 26 July –
2nd August 2009.

Pete McDermott 066173 Winchester MFC
Dave Womersley 032449 BAE Systems MFC
Mick Henderson SAA 4653 Deallachy Aeromodellers

Reserves

Mick Reeves 015674 Ramsey MAC
Richard Crapp (052698) Watford Wayfarers

Team Manager Gordon Warburton 058428

iii) F2A,B,C,D Team Manager European Championships 26
July – 3 August 2009 in Belgrade, Serbia.

John James 058506 Country Member

iv) F2A,B,C,D Assistant Team Manager **Val James**
European Championships 26 July – 3 August 2009 in
Belgrade, Serbia.

v) F2A,B,C,D Teams European Championships 26 July – 3
August 2009 in Belgrade, Serbia.

F2A Peter Halman 050198 Sharston Club
Paul Eisner 057093 Elmbridge Club
Ken Morrissey 002525 Sharston Club

Reserves

Gordon Isles 050258 Barton Club

F2B Robert Kitley 121912 Nuneaton Club
Roy Cherry 063577 Chiltern Flyers
Barry Robinson 68248 Shildon

Reserves

Bill Draper 040352 Nottingham Club

F2C **Heaton/Bollon 50550/73762 Barton Club/Country**
Bollen/Heaton 73762/50550 Country/Barton Club
Ross/Yeldham 50551/30971 Barton/Country
Fitzgerald/Thomason 33566/87971
Calderdale/Country

Reserves

Barker/North 51784/24195 RAFMAA/Grantham

- F2D Dave Riley 089913 Novocastria Club
 Pitman Martin Coe 135194 Scampton Club
- Martin Johnson 028779 Novocastria Club
 Pitman Graham Ives 88421 Novocastria Club
- Mike Whillance 088347 Urmston Club
- Junior Pilot
 Jamie Griffin J151116 Novocastria Club
- Reserve pilot
 Martin Coe (see Pitman)
 Andrew Shields 160831 SAA
- vi) F3A Team Manager for 2009 Season
 Mrs A Harrop 089395 Non flying BMFA member
- vii) F3A Team World Championships in Pombal, Portugal,
 2009.
- John Harrop 089390 Hixon Model Flyers
 Richard Christopher 036195 Army Air Corps Centre
 Kevin Caton 072281 Teeside MFC
- Reserve
 Mathew Hoyland 030848 North Anston MFC
- viii) F3C Team Manager for 2009 Season.
 E Oliver 142849 Watford Wayfarers
- ix) F3C Team World Championships in Muncie, USA
 2009.
- Steve Roberts 043791 Watford Wayfarers
 Mark Christy 059602 Watford Wayfarers
 Dave Fisher 031112 Flyin Fish
- Reserve
 Roger Mayo 125835 Watford Wayfarers
- x) F3D Team Manager for 2009 Season.
 Dave Cline 117131 S Norfolk MAC
- xi) F3D Team World Championships in Ballenstedt
 Germany 20 – 26 July 2009.
- Ben Jones 089029 Cambridge MAC +
 Geb Jones 085217 Cambridge MAC
 Paul Bardoe 083373 Country Member +
 Barrie Lever 080934 Country
 Bruce Illingworth 074670 Country +
 Mick Illingworth 079899 Dewsbury MAC
- Reserve
 Paul Board 070662 S Wales RC Soc

xii) F1D Team Manager European Championships in Hall
1 of the Belgrade Trade Fair 9-14 August 2009.
Nick Aikman 115898

xiii) F3J Team European Championships 2009
Adrian Lee 066474
Colin Paddon 073473
Austin Guerrier 023551

Reserves
Ian Duff 018894
R Dick 038941
Kevin Beal 040788

F1A,B,C Team Manager Mike Woodhouse 034262
F1A,B,C Ass Team Manager Bob Cheesley 043647

F1E Team World Championships in Germany, Rhon
Wasserkuppe 14 – 19 September 2009

Ian Kaynes 021003 Stephen Philpott 043218
Doug Bartle 067661

Reserves
John Pope 40644 No club
B Horsley 76164 No club

F1E Team Manager, Ian Kaynes 021003
F1E Assistant Team Manager, Stephen Philpott 043218
64218

Stephen Philpott will not receive funding as Assistant Team
Manager in accordance with the rules, that he is part of a the
three-man team.

Space Modelling Team European Championships in Serbia,
22-29 August 2009

Ian Dowsett 056513 Trevor Seabrook 113101
Mike Francies 039222 (Seniors).

Space Modelling Team Manager – Geoff Seabrook. 118328

Space Modelling Team
John Jacomb 108103 Nigel Bathe 63592

F3J Team Manager European Championships 2009
Graham Wicks 052827

No teams are being sent for the following:
F1 Junior Team; F5B Team; F5D Team; Space Modelling
Juniors.

F1D is still outstanding as a Team because it still has one
more team trials to be undertaken.

SFTC has declared it will send a Team for F3B.

The Competition Secretary advised that on receipt of the above two proposals for F1D and F3B she would be ratifying them on behalf of Council in the interim.

R/CPTC proposed that items i to xiii including the additional Team information submitted by the Competition Secretary be ratified 'en bloc'.

Seconded by CLTC
Carried unanimously.

**OFFICE MGR
COMP SEC**

576/01/09 (12) To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.

CEO

Membership is going very well this year. As of close of play on Friday we had just short of 18,500 members. The CEO took the opportunity to thank all the girls in the office for the hard work they have put in, in turning the membership around so efficiently.

One of the developments this year is that we have moved from tractor-feed stationery to laser-printed membership cards, which means it is much quicker for us to process. We invested a reasonable sum of money in a high output laser printer which has reduced printing time considerably.

We are up and running and using the new database. There are still a number of features which we are not yet using to full potential but we are using the elements of it required to process membership, which is working reasonably well.

Since the last meeting a delegation made a visit to RAF Cranwell to hand over our cheques to the Benevolent Fund from proceeds from the various National competitions.

All the bookings submitted for the use of Barkston for 2009 have been approved.

The AGM went very well. The ballot arrangements for this year worked particularly well with the printing of the forms and the running of the ballot being contracted out to Electoral Reform Services.

The planning appeal mentioned earlier in the meeting has been set for 6th March and he would be reporting on the outcome at the next meeting.

We are in the final stages of talks with a new sponsor for Flight Challenge, who is coming on board for 2009 and hopefully in the future also.

The CEO handed round a prototype 'Dart' incorporating details of the new sponsor.

The Development Officer has been working for some considerable time cultivating links with the Royal Navy which have finally come to fruition. They are looking at a substantial level of sponsorship and also the use of their extensive PR and advertising mechanisms.

Hopefully there will be some representation by Senior Naval Officers in their uniforms at the Flight Challenge this year. There is also the possibility of them flying in one of their Merlin Helicopters for the children to have a look at. This is obviously subject to approval of Duxford.

A date has not been formally set for Flight Challenge with Duxford yet.

Royal and Sun Alliance have agreed sponsorship again for University Challenge for 2009 however they have said it would be the final year. We are in negotiations with an alternative sponsor for this event.

The CEO was contacted by David Lloyd-Jones with regard to all the archive plans that are now under the ownership of My Hobbies. David Lloyd-Jones explained the position with regard to the future of these ~~ex~~ X-list plans and whether there is anything the BMFA could do to ensure that these plans, which are in effect our heritage, live on.

Council were in agreement with the sentiments expressed by the CEO, that we would not like to see anything happen to the plans however they do belong to somebody else and we have no legal right or entitlement to them.

The Archivist volunteered and Council were in agreement, that she approaches My Hobbies to ascertain if they would be willing to donate the plans.

London Area asked the CEO whether there was an increase in receipt of ballot papers this year. The CEO confirmed that we received 1,683 returns, compared to just over 200 the previous year.

ARCHIVIST

Council were informed that one of our respected Fellows, Mr Laurie Barr, took part in a television show The Weakest Link, which is scheduled to be screened on Friday 23rd January at 5.15pm on BBC1.

North West raised a point that if there is anything of interest to do with aeromodelling / aeromodellers worth noting that Council are kept informed.

The CEO suggested that the main source for information is the website. If anybody has any information they feel is worth publishing they should let him know and it could be placed on the website.

Chairman

The Chairman reported that the CEO had covered most things with which he has been involved conjointly.

The AGM was the main item he was involved with, all of which he thought was a complete success. He had received a very positive response. He took the opportunity to thank everybody involved for making it such a success.

A question was asked why the venue is being changed for the 2009 AGM. It was explained that there were several reasons why we took the decision to re-locate but mainly because we require more space to accommodate the increasing numbers who attend the dinner and prize-giving.

The visit to Cranwell to present the cheque for the RAF Benevolent fund went very well and hopefully has gone some way to cementing our relationship with the relevant personnel and will help with future negotiations for use of Barkston Heath.

577/01/09 (13) To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.

The Vice-Chairman reported that he thoroughly enjoyed carrying out his duties at the annual dinner and prize-giving. He thought the atmosphere in the evening was very positive and enjoyable. What is a lot of hard work for people behind the scenes was well rewarded by the reactions.

He attended the annual meeting with the CAA in December. One of the issues discussed at the meeting which he had some involvement with was the aerotow regulations.

It raised an issue of a 'grey area' of non-regulation for gliders between 20 and 80kg. This would be covered in more detail in the Technical Secretary report.

There was also a debate about a known member of the LMA who was circumventing the exemption process and what could be done about it.

More particularly he wanted to highlight that there was a suggestion from the CAA to introduce some kind of financial transaction for the issuing of Exemption Certificates for events.

Their suggestion was that there should be some factor of the public entry **entrance** fee. We feel that is not the way to go and it has been referred back to us to come up with some tentative ideas as to how we should meet the request.

We will be discussing the matter and will take our findings back to the CAA in December 2009.

He also attended the first meeting of the SFTC and was appointed as Treasurer.

There was a meeting of the Safety Review Committee which he was unable to attend. Peter Christy deputised as Chairman of the meeting.

A full report and action points were produced from the meeting and were distributed at the AGM. Copies are also available today if anybody would like one.

One of the topics discussed at that meeting was safety issues at events. It was felt that in the interests of safeguarding the financial interests of our organisation and the level of its insurance premium, procedures should be put in place, which has resulted in the following proposal submitted by the Vice-Chairman.

That the BMFA Development Officer be given the authority himself, or via delegated experienced observers, to attend a BMFA Club, Area or affiliated bodies events to observe that such events, insured by the BMFA, are conducted at a satisfactory level of safety so as to ensure that the BMFA insurance arrangements are safeguarded. The observer should report the findings to the BMFA Executive with recommendations as appropriate. If of sufficient concern, the observer is empowered to make recommendations to the event organisers while at the event. Such visits may be either with or without notice.

The Technical Secretary emphasised that this proposal only applies to events that the BMFA are sanctioning and therefore insuring.

The Technical Secretary commented that we have a very good set of rules, and guidelines for organisers to follow.

The problem in many cases is that they are not being followed. It is not up to us to put more rules in people's way but if organisers are not following the regulations and guidelines laid down by the CAA, how can we answer an insurance query if there is an incident at one of the events.

This proposal is the only leverage we have, which will show the Contest Directors that if they do not follow the guidelines, insurance may not be given.

Peter Christy said he wanted to stress that the main area of concern raised at the Safety Meeting was in relation to large public events, where there is a lot of demonstration flying taking place and some large or fast models being flown and there is an element of risk involved if they are not conducted properly.

The two main observations emanated from the debate were: Should it apply to public and large events only; Should there always be prior notification.

The Vice-Chairman commented that the pure intention is that it should safeguard the financial interests of the membership by not jeopardising the insurance process. That is the only leverage we have.

Peter Christy advised that the issue was raised at the Safety Meeting as a result of several emails he had received from members of the BMFA who were concerned about flying they had seen taking place at shows. In view of that it seems only sensible that some sort of action needs to be taken to prevent reoccurrences.

The above proposal was seconded by the Competition Secretary

Vote: For: 22
Ags: 6
Abs: 0

Carried by a majority vote.

**DEVELOPMENT
OFFICER**

578/01/09 13a) Archivist Report.

WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX A)

Copies were also made available of a list of SMAE & BMFA Archives which the Archivist had prepared and which covers the work she has undertaken since taking on the responsibility of Society Archivist. It also includes a list of some of the items held by Tim Wescott.

The Archivist informed the meeting that the cabinets we had commissioned to house the newly obtained Yulon and Mills engines donated from Bud Brautlecht, are now in our possession and available to have a look at if anybody felt inclined.

The Archivist made a plea for more money, more space, more time and more help.

Indoor offered his help. He also advised that he had copies of the 1965 Nationals at RAF Euston which he would send to the Archivist.

At this juncture the Archivist who is also BMFA News Publisher provided the BMFA News Publishers report – **Agenda item 22 i).**

Interviews were held for the post of BMFA News Editor. There were eleven applications, five of which were interviewed. It was a unanimous decision that Simon Delaney would be the new incumbent.

We have managed to stay within the budget for producing the six issues of BMFA News. She has however received some perturbing news from the Printers.

Due to an increase in paper costs there will be an increase on the overall budget for next year of £2,500.

The next issue of BMFA News will be the last one which the current Editor Eric Clark will produce. Thanks and appreciation was given to Eric for his contribution over the years in making the BMFA News what it is today.

579/01/09 (14) To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary.

There was no official report as he had only been in post for a couple of hours however the new incumbent Robin Sleight said a few words and thanked everyone for their support in co-opting him to the post.

580/01/09 (15) To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.

He is currently working very hard in producing the 2009 Rule Books.

He brought to the notice of the meeting the document he had circulated, the 'Code of Practice for the Operation of Gas Turbine Powered Model Aircraft' and referred to a section of the document which he believes requires a change of wording. It includes a proposal to change the wording together with his reasoning for the change.

Current wording:

B.2.2.2

In the event of loss of signal the failsafe must be set so that, after a maximum of 3 seconds the engine will go to idle or shut down. The use of idle as the failsafe setting must be authorised by the event organiser. The event organiser may also specify a shorter delay time.

The Technical Secretary proposed that the current wording for B.2.2.2 noted above be itself replaced by the following:

B.2.2.2

In the event of loss of signal the initial failsafe setting must be that the engine will either go to idle or shut down, depending on the pilot's wishes.

If the engine is set to idle on initial failsafe then, after a maximum of 3 seconds, the engine may either remain at idle or shut down, depending on the requirements of the event organiser.

However, the use of idle as the 'post 3 seconds' failsafe setting must be authorised by the event organiser. The event organiser may also specify a shorter delay time.

Seconded by R/CPTC

Vote: For: 26
 Ags: 0
 Abs: 2

TECH SEC

Carried by a majority vote.

581/01/09 (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

Juniors: All classes/all events Free

Season Tickets: Not available

Centralised: Day ticket £5
 All events included in day ticket
 Plus £5 site charge

Area Centralised: Day ticket £5
 All events included in day ticket
 Plus any Area site charge

Team Selection: Seniors £20 per meeting or pre-entry for all 3 meetings for £40. One fee enters all 3 classes.

Nationals: Registration: £6
 Championship events £6
 Non Champs events £4
 Unlimited classes £25

F1E Meetings: Same as Area centralised

FAIR: Site charge only for all meetings including trials

CONTROL LINE

Juniors: All classes/all events – half the senior fee

Season Tickets: Not available

Centralised: 1st class £15
 Subsequent classes £10
 F2D Combat £10

Team Selection: All classes £15

Nationals:	1st class	£
	Subsequent classes	£
	Unlimited classes	£

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

SCALE	RC	CL	FF	Indoor
Juniors:	50% Senior fees			
Season Tickets:	£60	n/a	n/a	n/a
Centralised:	£12	£10	£5	£10 registration + £3 per class entered
Team Selection:	£15 F4B & F4C	n/a	n/a	
Nationals:	£25	£15	£14	£10 registration + £3 per class entered

INDOOR

Juniors:	No cost for juniors at any event.
Season Tickets:	Not available
Centralised:	£10 Per day rising to a maximum of £15 depending on hall hire costs. Costs will always be kept to a minimum. In addition £2 will be charged per class entered.
Team Selection:	£20 Entry fee (pre-entered) plus £10 per day
Nationals:	Friday eve free. £10 per day (pre-entered) a £15 on the day. £1.50 per event entered (£2.50 on the day) £4.00 for entry to 'Champagne Flyoff' (£5.00 on the day) Spectators £2.00 per day

SILENT FLIGHT

Juniors:	All classes/all events	Free
Season Tickets:	F3J £30	£10 [4] single day events
Centralised:	F3B/F5B	£10 [6] single day events
		[7] F3B events
	F3F determined by site fees	
	F3K & E Soaring	£5 per event
Team Selection:	F3B/F5B	£ }
	No trials, based on league positions	
Nationals:	F3B/F5B	£}TBC as soon as venue secured.

RADIO CONTROL

RC Pylon (i/c)	
Juniors:	All classes / All events £ N/A
Season Tickets:	Not Available £ N/A
Centralised	1 st class £15.00
Team Selection	£40.00
Nationals	1 st class £20.00 per event

RC Pylon (electric)

Juniors: All classes / All events £ N/A
Season Tickets: Not Available £ N/A
Centralised 1st class £15.00
Team Selection League based N/A
Nationals 1st 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 £25.00
Nationals £30.00

IMAC Aerobatics

Juniors: N/A
Nationals: £28.00

- c) **To receive a proposal from the Competition Secretary to amend the BMFA General Rules to include World Air Games National Selection Events.**

The reason is that there are specific rules that the WAG Committee applies and the NACS that hold any WAG National Selection Events have to comply with and make sure that the organisers or CDs of those events also have to comply. We do not have anything in our rule book because this is so new.

We held the first WAG selection event in November. Two people have been selected from that with a third one probably going forward.

Seconded by CLTC
Carried unanimously

**COMP SEC
TECH SEC**

WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX B)

The availability of RAF Cottesmore has been uncertain. We have been given an unofficial warning that Cottesmore would not be available for model flying this year. The Competition Secretary has written twice to the Station Commander and received no reply.

This has a grave impact on F3D and a serious impact on F3A Aerobatics and Control Line F2A,B,C,D. It is essential we find some new venues. She has exhausted all the suitable sites that she has been made aware of over the last couple of years.

The Competition Secretary made a plea to everyone to look out for any suitable sites.

Some Technical Committees are still not submitting the full information for Team/Team Manager proposals, which is a Full Council requirement i.e. Name, BMFA number, Club or Country Member as well as the full name of the Championship and the venue including the dates of the Championships.

The Competition Secretary and the Office would be very grateful if they followed the correct procedure in future.

582/01/09 (17) To receive a report from the Records Officer to include the following Record Claims.

The Records Officer referred to the Stephen Hannon Record Claim deferred from the September Council Meeting and apologised for the delay in the ratification of this Claim.

He did have some reservations with this Claim but was subsequently provided with the necessary advice relating to the equipment used. He withdraws his reservations and unreservedly commends the Record Claim for ratification.

Stephen Hannon – BMFA No 37996
Class R/C Thermal Soaring Glider – Alt
Site Fish Meadow – Date 27 July 2008
Altitude 690m

Seconded by the Honorary Treasurer
Carried unanimously

**RECORDS
OFFICER
OFFICE MGR**

The Records Officer asked that the minutes record that he was contacted by the Control Line CD at the Power Nationals with regard to the following Record Claim. This attempt took place, prior to him being informed that it would be happening.

A comprehensive Dossier had been provided and copies were circulated round the room.

It was also pointed out that there was a handicap of 101.89%.

- a) Name Matthew Hart – BMFA No 30844
Class C/L Jet Speed
Site Barkston Heath Date 25th August 2008
Speed 200.67 MPH Percentage 101.89%

Seconded by FAI Delegate
Carried unanimously

**RECORDS
OFFICER
OFFICE MGR**

- b) Name Bob Bailey – BMFA No 2479
Class F1L
Site RAF Digby Date 19th September 2008
Duration 14 mins 2 secs
- c) Name Bob Bailey – BMFA No 2479
Class F1D
Site RAF Digby Date 21st September 2008
Duration 28 mins 28 secs
- d) Name Benedykt Klejnow – BMFA No 140191
Class S9A – Gyrocopter
Site Barkston Heath Date 20th September 2008
Duration 5 min 8 secs
- e) Name Jeffrey Ott BMFA No 21361
Class R/C Rocket Glider
Site Barkston Heath Date 21st September 2008
Duration 30 mins 0 secs

The above Record Claims b), c), d) & e) were taken 'en bloc'.
Seconded by Indoor TC
Carried unanimously

RECORDS
OFFICER
OFFICE MGR

583/01/09 (18) To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.

WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX C)

Last year he put a lot of effort in to trying to support the BMFA stands at various shows, providing assistance, guidance etc. so that we do have representation.

It is really important that we keep avenues open for the 36,000 members to talk to people in the Association; find out what is going on and why we do things the way we are and to give us their ideas as to how we could move forward.

He attended a couple of meetings; Education and R/CPTC and thanked the relevant meeting Chairmen for the welcome he received. He wanted to try and get some understanding of how those bodies operate and to improve his awareness.

He implored anyone who has ideas or needs assistance, to contact him.

584/01/09 (19) To receive a report from the FAI Delegate.

WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX D)

In addition, the FAI Delegate advised that the Executive, at their meeting the previous day, have authorised the purchase of a new box for the Jack North Trophy. As he has been charged with arranging for the safe-keeping of the Trophy he will be making arrangements for a new box to be made.

The Competition Secretary asked if the FAI Delegate could inform the FAI of the arrangements we are making for the Jack North Trophy.

FAI DEL

585/01/09 (20) To receive the following proposals.

From Control Line Technical Committee that the following is added to the General Rules and the Members' Handbook.

"If any model aircraft is built using composite materials or parts then it is ~~necessary~~ essential to be particularly diligent in picking up any debris after a crash or mid-air collision."

A drafting amendment was made as marked with underline and strikethrough.

Seconded by the Technical Secretary
Carried unanimously

TECH SEC
CLTC

From Indoor Technical Committee that the wording of the rules for attempts to win the Humbrol Place for indoor duration models be changed to the following:

"In order for a flight to be eligible to win the Humbrol Plate, the following must apply:

- A. 2 independent timekeepers must be used.**
- B. Domestic flight times must be recorded on a normal BMFA flight card and signed by both timekeepers.**
- C. Attempts can be made during BMFA sanctioned events/contests that have been fully publicised by the BMFA or in Open Internationals/Continental and World Championships.**
- D. Any ~~class~~ of indoor duration model can be used.**

A drafting amendment was made to the above as marked with strikethrough.

Seconded by North East Area

North West expressed concerns with the wording of C above and proposed an amendment that "Open Internationals/Continental and World Championships" be removed.

The proposed amendment fell because it was nobody came forward to second it.

Vote: For: 27
 Ags: 1
 Abs: 0

Carried by majority vote.

TECH SEC
INDOOR TC

From Silent Flight Technical Committee that the existing allowance of £400 paid to each GB International Team Member be discontinued. A new allowance of £350 shall be paid to each such Team member, without deductions for banquet, or contest entry fees.

Seconded by R/CPTC

The proposal was given due consideration and discussion. In light of points raised during discussion and a suggestion that a review of funding for Teams would be undertaken, Silent Flight withdrew the proposal.

Some of the disciplines are facing extortionate entry fees for 2009, which the current allowance does not even cover. The Competition Secretary suggested a short-term solution to the problem is to use the projected surplus from the International Team Budget for the forthcoming year to support those Teams and further review the situation and work out a long-term solution during the year.

The Competition Secretary will work out the figures and will endeavour to get the entry fees paid from the surplus. **COMP SEC**

The minimum of £400 funding will remain. Assistance will be given to the relevant disciplines that are faced with entry fees in excess of this amount.

The Competition Secretary said she would hopefully have a solution to the long-term problem to bring back to Council for discussion later in the year. **COMP SEC**

We are in this situation because CIAM have allowed entry fees to rise at a dramatic rate on some of the classes. We should be putting more pressure upon CIAM to stop this increase.

R/C Power commented that the BMFA should be looking at doing more fundraising otherwise the situation will continue year after year.

The Chairman responded to say that two years ago he put a suggestion to Technical Committees to look at the possibility of putting together a fundraising show however there was no take up for this from the Technical Committees.

586/01/09 (21) To receive any reports from the following Delegates.

**a) RAeC Delegate
WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX E)**

The RAeC delegate highlighted some of the points in his written report.

All of the submissions from the BMFA for RAeC Awards have been accepted.

In order both to be accepted in FAI events and also to be considered for any sort of funding or assistance from UK agencies and authorities, all Associations are advised to accept the principles of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). The FAI has a draft of its anti-doping rules which he has passed on to the CEO.

Control Line believes we should seriously be considering putting in place a policy to cover drug banning in the UK in case the situation arises in the future.

The Chairman accepted this is something that should be considered for discussion by the Executive and would include it on the next Agenda.

AGENDA ITEM NEXT EXECUTIVE MTG – To discuss anti-doping rules.

OFFICE MGR

Another point highlighted by the RAeC Delegate was because of the falling rate of the Euro and other currencies it is likely that FAI fees and Europe Airport fees will increase by about 40%.

b) GASCo

The Chairman attended a couple of meetings last year. No issues have been raised at all concerning model flying.

The BMFA managed to make front page of the GASCo magazine in a recent issue in the form of a photograph of a model.

c) Airprox – No report.

d) CCPR – No report.

e) GAAC – No report.

587/01/09 (22) To receive any reports from the following Committees.

a) CAA Team

As briefly reported earlier by the Vice-Chairman with regard to Aero-towing exemptions with over 7kg models outside controlled airspace, we are very close to a resolution. We are waiting for CAA approval of the modifications to the document submitted by us.

This will then give us the power to be the 'Agent'. It is fairly clear that the CAA is wary about making prosecutions unless they have 'cast iron' cases. However we have put a case before them and it is possible they will be taking action.

Also discussed at the CAA meeting was Gliders over 20kg. We have always assumed that Gliders over 20kg come under Full-size Glider regulations.

However what has come to light is that the EASA regulations only go down to 80kg therefore Gliders in the weight range between 20 and 80kg are effectively still unregulated other than the endangering rules.

With regard to the screening on You Tube of the flying over the Severn Bridge, as previously mentioned the CAA is very wary about making a prosecution without securing a cast iron case for endangering.

The alterations to the ANO with regard to disassociating Sport and Recreation from Commercial data-gathering, has been deferred.

b) UKRCC

One point of interest at the meeting in November was the report from TCAM of the meeting held in Brussels. A copy is available today if anybody requires one.

**c) Education Working Group
WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX F)**

d) Flight Challenge – Already covered.

e) University Challenge – Already covered.

f) Computer Sub-Committee

The map reference section for the new database has now been added. The Technical Secretary said this now enables him to progress the Google map service on the website.

We have been receiving complaints regarding the Classified Ads site. Some people are experiencing problems with registration and are not being given any warnings or explanations. Also that the website was shut down over the Christmas period.

Neither the CEO nor Tech Sec was aware that the Classified Ads site was off-line.

The Technical Secretary explained that some of the problems with registration are that people are trying to register with web-mail addresses. The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the site, which was set in place by the webmaster two years ago, say that web-mail addresses are not allowed.

It is only now that we have appointed moderators who have been sufficiently under pressure from scammers using web-mail addresses we have taken the trouble to take them all off. The situation is that not everybody with a web-based address is a scammer but the majority of scammers have web-mail addresses. We are in a situation where all we can do is remove the web-mail addresses as required by the TOR.

The warning that the TOR was going to be enforced was placed on the front page of the Classified Ads site. The CEO will check out whether the warning does appear on the site. **CEO**

Another problem has been with people having multiple accounts, which also appears in the TOR that this is not accepted.

The PRO advised that discussions at Executive took place about the possibility of introducing alternative means of authentication. This would entail basically linking membership to BMFA number, name, postcode and using that as our master to prove who an individual is. That is the single biggest problem we have. If we can track the person we can deal with their behaviour.

We will be talking to the webmaster in the near future about a security upgrade in the Classified section which will require re-registration of all members. This is not unusual on big security upgrades. This means we will be in a position to say what the registration requirements will be.

The CEO commented that we need to bear in mind that the way the system was set up was to deal with a situation that was in place two or three years ago and the increase in traffic and growth on the classified section has gone up exponentially.

g) Safety Review Committee – Nothing further to report. A report of the SRC meeting in October is available. The next meeting will probably take place in September this year.

h) Achievement Scheme Review Committee – No report.

i) BMFA News Publishers – Already covered.

j) Flying Site Adviser's Report – This had previously been circulated to Council members.

588/01/09 (23) Any Other Business.

The Technical Council Chairman, on behalf of Technical Council made an official request that the January Council Meeting is put back by one week, to give the Technical Committees more time to hold their plenary meetings.

This means the 2010 meeting currently scheduled for 9th January 2010 would be 16th January 2010.

This request was deferred to the May Council Meeting for consideration.

AGENDA ITEM MAY FULL COUNCIL MEETING – To consider Technical Council request to change the date of future January Full Council Meetings from January 2010.

OFFICE MGR

589/01/09 (24) Date of next meeting.

The next meeting was confirmed as **Saturday 9th May 2009.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 4.31pm.

Linda Harding
Office Manager
14th January 2009

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All Technical Committee Chairmen	Chief Executive
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BMFA News Editor	Honorary Solicitor
Flying Site Adviser	

Ratified

Archivist's Report to the Full Council 10th January 2009

The attached booklet contains most of the things I have archived since taking on the responsibility of the Society's Archivist plus a list of some of the items held by Tim Wescott. I have visited Tim Wescott's home and seen how he is storing these things and I have to say it puts our efforts in the shade.

Included is the archiving of AGM and Council minutes from 1927 to the present day with a few missing, which I hope will come to light in due course. During this time the earlier minute books have been restored.

We have a fairly good collection of the Society's Official Journals, these are being added to on a regular basis they are not indexed, any volunteers will be welcome.

The programme/score book collection starts around 1946 and I am looking out for earlier ones.

Our latest acquisition the Yulon and Mills engines from Bud Brautlecht of the U.S.A. has taken quite some time to authenticate, record, photograph and arrange for display. This was not done by myself alone and we are indebted to Dick Roberts of Market Harborough, Vice President Ron Moulton, FSMAE, Dave Phipps, C.E., Terry Watson, Hon. Mem., Eric Clark, Hon. Mem., Dave Stapleton FSMAE, and Stuart Simpson and the Southern Area for their assistance.

Bud Brautlecht's condition of donating these engines is that they are on permanent display – It is intended that they be displayed in the Conference Room and at the 2009 A.G.M.

During the past six years I have encouraged, cajoled, and used what ever means were at my disposal to try to get space for our archives. Currently I have the steel cabinet in the Accounts Office, the wall cupboard in the back room upstairs (used to be the buffet room) and a cabinet and desk in the print room downstairs. This means I am always carrying boxes etc. up and down stairs or taking them home to sort out and then take back to the office and put in the appropriate cabinet. I have to say that all the staff bend over backwards to help where and when they can with the lifting and carrying however, it's not an ideal situation.

Over the years I have been promised various rooms for archives from the original plan , The Tom Whittle Library (Account Office) the upstairs back room (the old buffet room) and I understand from Dave Phipps that in the New Year they are to have a move round and the current print room (the office downstairs to the left of the backdoor) will be the home for the archives only)

Space has always been a problem and possible always will be as we produce archives on a daily basis. We are at a critical time when senior members, who over the years, have built up collections of S.M.A.E. and Aeromodelling archives and memorabilia, they have reached an age when they are looking for a new home for them.

I have been approached by some looking to sell their collections, but many more looking to donate, I am reluctant to accept too many as there is always a cost even if they are donated and I am not aware that there is a budget for this. The Chief Executive, Dave Phipps holds the budget for the archivist but this is for expense to cover my costs and stationery such as the special files that we purchased etc.

For instance the donation of the engines from the States cost over £600 with import duty and the cost of the display cabinets, they have an estimated value of £5,000.

Archiving is identifying and listing items of historical value first to the S.M.A.E/B.M.F.A. and secondly to aeromodelling in general. Sounds simple, however it's not quite like that because where as some people will save everything others will dispose of everything, so a balance has to be reached based on the space you have available.

During my sorting through of the Society's papers I have found bags and bags of duplicated information which was obviously thought would 'come in handy' i.e. minutes of meeting, rule changes, membership change of addresses and also notification that members had passed away, these date back to the early nineties when we first moved into Chacksfield House.

I hope to be in discussion with David and Linda some time soon to try to establish regular housekeeping management of this type of paperwork.

I look forward to reporting in next time in May that I have moved all our archives into a dedicated room at Chaksfield House.

Kath Watson, FSMAE.
Vice President.
10th January 2009.

Ratified

COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL 10TH JANUARY 2009**Cottesmore**

After being given an unofficial warning that Cottesmore would not be available for model flying this year, I have written twice to the Station Commander of Cottesmore and not had any reply. I believe this confirms that the station is no longer available. This has a grave impact on F3D Pylon and a serious impact on F3A Aerobatics and F2A-B-C-D (Control Line). It is essential that we find some new venues. I have exhausted all the suitable sites that I know about.

Submission of proposals for Teams, Team Managers & Assistant team Managers (where appropriate).

Some Technical Committees are still not submitting the full information required which is:

name - both forename as well as surname

BMFA number

club or country member

as well as:

the full name of the championship

the venue including both town (flying site) and country

dates of the championship.

The office staff and I would be grateful if the Technical Committees would follow the correct procedure which is a Full Council requirement.

World Air Games

The selection procedures have been finalised by the FAI and three BMFA members will be invited to attend WAG in F6 – Hand Thrown Gliders: Richard Swindells & Michael Stern are two of them and the third, whose name I do not know, has gained a place through one of the Australian selected people withdrawing.

I should remind you that WAG entry is only for individuals and not teams; by geographical area; by WAG selection from national/international selection events.

Two UK WAG national selection events were held for the first time on 1st November 2008.

It should be noted that the WAG will only pay "in-country" costs ie travel from landing in the host country, accommodation and meals. Travel to the host country has to be paid for by the persons themselves.

Jo Halman
Competition Secretary
10th January 2009

PRO Report 10th Jan 2009

AGM seemed to be well organised, and it and the presentation evening went well. I didn't say up as late as some of the Exec celebrating afterwards, but I believe a good evening was had by all. I have been invited to attend the Model Engineers Show, which is well worth a visit, especially if you haven't been for a while.

Bookings have started for the 2009 show season, and again this year I intend to offer what assistance I can to areas who need help with running BMFA stands. Last year this assistance ranged from a bit of remote guidance (via email), through van driving (and trailer towing), up to managing our stand at several shows. My aim again is to act as a catalyst to enable Areas to run their stands in future years with less "outside" assistance, whilst ensuring that the stands run on behalf of the BMFA project a professional image worthy of our society.

To this end, a couple of new tables have been purchased for use at shows, to replace the pasting tables. Whilst more expensive than pasting tables, they should be easier to work with (they're blue, with velcro on "curtains" to hide stock stored under the table), we'll see how they work in practice.

I'm sure most volunteers who help on stands at shows will, at some stage, have been approached and asked "why isn't there a picture of my aspect of the sport ever displayed on a BMFA stand?". The answer is, of course, that we can only display the photos we have, so if you'd like to see more of your part of the sport displayed, please make sure you send me good quality, high resolution images, and we'll do the rest.

I was very impressed last year at how slickly the advertising side of the PRO work was executed by the office. We produce copy inhouse now, and the whole process is very well run. I was approached a couple of times for some additional coverage for specific events, which I was delighted to assist with, but if you have ideas about where we should be advertising, please do let me know.

To help with my understanding of how the society is run, I have been attending some interesting meetings. The Education Subcommittee meeting I attended last year was inspirational - so enthusiastic and positive, with a real "can do" attitude. I have also attended an RCPTC meeting, where I saw a lot of the procedure that cttee has to deal with. In both cases I would like to offer my thanks to the relevant chairman for making me so welcome. I intend to continue trying to attend a cross-section of meetings, as so far I've found it very useful and informative.

An unanswered question has to be "how do we engage the majority of our members?". They rejoin each year, we provide insurance cover, and for many members that's it, they simply aren't interested in all the other good work that is done on their behalf. Obviously, we can't force them to be interested, but I think maintaining a presence at events they may attend does at least make sure that communication channels are open, should they wish to use them.

We also have the challenge of encouraging more people already engaged in other aerospots to come and give aeromodelling a try (in the unlikely event they've never aeromodellers). Attending shows seems to be the way forward, and even though the costs run high at such events it represents a huge opportunity which we have to try to address.

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FAI Delegates report to Council January 2009

At the Sept Council meeting I was charged to confirm Mr M Colling's FSMAE acceptance of the post of Education delegate to CIAM. I can now confirm that I have his acceptance.

I was further instructed to "sort out" the condition and whereabouts of the Jack North Trophy. Contrary to rumours it was brought back from Bulgaria on Mr Woodhouse's FSMAE knee on the aeroplane. Mike did minor repairs and cleaned the trophy prior to photographing it to show in "BMFA News". It then went to Mr Laurie Barr FSMAE who said leave it with me!! Mr Barr quoted a price of £1000 to remake/make anew box.

I understand that the London Area delegate then asked Mr M Colling to have the box remade. Fortunately, prior to the commitment of BMFA monies, I was able to tell Mike that it is an FAI trophy and the responsibility of the BMFA. The competition secretary has ascertained that the FAI is not prepared to pay for repairs or a new box. *Presumably they believe it to be the responsibility of the Bulgarian NAC.*

It has now transpired that the two previous winners of the trophy have not had it appropriately inscribed .

I believe that Mike Colling has returned the Trophy to Chacksfield House, and I suggest that the trophy be engraved to show the UK as winners in 2008, this at BMFA expense. The trophy can then be handed over at the next World Champs to the organising country.

I can now confirm that the 2009 CIAM will be held at the Olympic Museum, Lausanne on the 27th & 28th March 2009.

ROYAL AERO CLUB DELEGATE'S REPORT - January 2009

At the RAeC Council meeting, preceded by a meeting of the Medals & Awards Committee, the following matters may be of interest to Council.

- 1) I am glad to report that I was successful with all our nominations for RAeC awards; accordingly the following presentations will be made at the Awards Evening, the date of which has been fixed for April 21st. Venue and guest are to be announced later.

RAeC Bronze Medals – Dave Clarkson and Bill Draper; RAeC Certificate of Merit – Lindsey Smith; Rolex Trophy – Aislinn & Eilidh Price

I would ask that the date of the Awards evening, along with the recipients, be announced in the next BMFA News, in order to give people time to book tickets and note the date.

- 2) A tender for the newly-designed RAeC website is to be received before Feb. 28th. One of the points seen as vital for the new site is that it should be able to be up-dated on a daily basis in order to be of value.
- 3) A design for the new RAeC record certificates that associations will be able to use was shown and will shortly be available.
- 4) There is a possibility of a meeting between RAeC associations' CEOs and the Department for Culture, Media and Sports.
- 5) Associations are asked this year to invite members of NADFAS, who are doing extensive archiving of historic RAeC documents and photographs at Hendon, to their major events as v.i.ps. Jim Crocker should be contacted in this connection, and will be able to pass on the invitations to the relevant people.
- 6) The present RAeC secretary, Diana King, is planning to retire or at least reduce her workload. She has been invaluable to the RAeC and the preferred option is for the routine part of her work to be taken on by an association's office. I have asked David Roberts to liaise directly with Dave Phipps on this matter.
- 7) In order both to be accepted in FAI events and also to be considered for any sort of funding or assistance from UK agencies and authorities all associations are advised to accept the principles of the World Anti-Doping Agency, WADA. The FAI has a draft of its anti-doping rules, which runs to 39 pages; I have passed this to the CEO, along with a useful paper by Diana King on its interpretation. It appears that some airsports may benefit from some drugs, e.g. aerobatics and parachuting, for which beta-blockers have been used to steady nerves. Other airsports people, e.g. hang-glider pilots, appear to have a greater likelihood of using recreational drugs, and there has been some testing last year at some events in Europe.
- 8) Due to the recent decline in value of sterling against the Euro and other currencies (we don't seem to be hearing much from the Say No to the Euro fraternity of Little Englanders lately...!) the Europe Airsports and FAI fees are likely to increase for us by around 30%.

Martin Dilly

RAeC Delegate

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Education Working Group Report BMFA Council 10th Jan 2009

As you know I have sent my permission to be absent as I am on the BMFA Education Stand at the Association of Science Education Annual meeting this year held at the University of Reading. This is the best place to come in to contact with up to 5,000 science educators of all levels. I was also absent from the Society's AGM as I was running the BMFA stand at the D & T Show at the NEC.

It has always been the aim of the Education Working Group to promote model aircraft building and flying as a good educational tool for both Craft Design & Technology and Science.

On the Sunday after the AGM myself and Terry Rounce, London Area, attended an aviation Education Conference at Brooklands Museum. This was supposed to be a follow on from a similar event held in March last year. Although all those attending were doing a great job. I was a little bit disappointed that all but ourselves were catering for youngsters that were already in organisations such as Scouting or ATC and that most of the work was centred around the 'Home Counties'. Most of the organisations present were running a small number of events and usually for a small number of youngsters. However it was important for the BMFA to be there to show that it is possible to fly without leaving the ground.

At the D&T Show we launched the BMFA's new Education models, the BMFA Arrow and the BMFA Vulcan. These models are now in full production. The BMFA Arrow has already found one unusual supporter in that the Aviation and Mechanical Engineering Department of Strathclyde University is using the Arrow as a basis for students to experiment with the reduction of structural weight to improve performance. This model proving better than either the Dart or the Gyminnie Cricket for what they require.

The Education Programme will reach two milestones this year, firstly it will be twenty years since the Education Committee (Working Group) was formed and secondly we will reach the one hundred thousandth BMFA Dart built (I have just worked out that this actually happened in May last year). To celebrate these achievements a special limited edition pack of six different Darts in one box is to be made available only through the BMFA and are now in stock at the office. The Celebration Dart Pack will be limited to 100 boxes and will include versions not normally available to the general public.

Total production of education kits has reached 204,177 of which 106,505 are BMFA Darts. It may be interesting to note that 45% of all production is sold by the BMFA Office, 28% of production goes directly to schools, 24% of production goes directly to youth organisations and the remaining 3% to private individuals.

Mike Colling
Education Working Group.

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