

MINUTES

SOCIETY OF MODEL AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS LTD.

(T/A British Model Flying Association)

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 8th May 2010 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 MBE	Honorary Secretary
Keith Lomax FSMAE	Honorary Treasurer
Jo Halman FSMAE	Competition Secretary
John French	Records Officer
Peter Halman FSMAE	FAI Delegate
Nigel Barker	PRO
Peter Leavesley	East Anglia Area Delegate
Martin Dilly FSMAE	London Area Delegate & RAeC Delegate
George Maynard	Midland Area Delegate
Andy Symons	Northern Area Delegate
Allan Weighell FSMAE	North East Area Delegate Alt
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
Ian Robb	Northern Ireland Area Delegate
Peter Disney	South West Area Delegate & RNMAA Representative
Ian Robb	Northern Ireland Area Delegate
Ian Pallister	Representing RAFMAA Area interests
Mike Francies	/ Scale TC Representative
Vernon Hunt	Free Flight TC Representative
Les Eagle	Control Line TC Representative
Clive Needham	R/CPTC Representative
Mike Colling FSMAE	R/C SFTC Representative
	Indoor/Education Representative

In Attendance

Linda Harding	Office Manager / Minute Taker
Dave Phipps	CEO

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for Absence.
- 2 Request for permission to be absent.
- 3 To verify the voting strength of the meeting.
- 4 Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 9th January 2010.
- 5 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 9th January 2010 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 6 To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer to include:
 - a The progress towards the year end Accounts.
 - b To receive reduced membership fees from July.
- 7 To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer to include the following proposal from the Chairman:

That this Council resolves to create and transfer the name of SMAE Vice President Air Commodore Eric Baddeley to a list of Honorary Vice Presidents of the SMAE and elect Air Commodore Robert McAlpine (currently President of RAFMAA) to the post of Vice President.
- 8 To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.
- 9 To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary to include:
 - a To receive the Affiliated Club List.
 - b To receive dates for Council Meetings in the year 2011.
 - c To discuss and agree the processes for the November elections.
 - d Proposal from the Honorary Secretary:

To create two Sub Areas (of the South West Area) and approving the appended (separate document) Sub-Area Constitution and, for convenience at this stage, the revised text is shown in red. On approval all text will revert to normal black print. These two Sub-Areas will be County based: Devon and Cornwall. The key changes are: A relaxation of the absolute need to have officers other than Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. Others may be added as normal. The Delegate to Council remains an Area Delegate (common to both Sub-Areas). The Sub-Area Chairman does not have the right to attend Area Council as voting members. The quorum numbers are relaxed as appropriate to the number of Clubs in the Sub-Area.
- 10 To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.
- 11 To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include:
 - a Receipt and ratification of any contests for next year's FAI Calendar.
- 12 To receive a report from the Records Officer.
- 13 To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.

- 14 To receive a report from the FAI Delegate to include:
- a The receipt of the report of the recent CIAM Meeting.
- 15 To receive a proposal from **The R/C Power Technical Committee**
That the "Code of Practice for the Operation of Gas Turbine Powered Model Aircraft" be amended as follows:
- A.1: "Manufacturers' or Designers' ~~operating~~ instructions ~~must~~ should be followed at all times. Where manufacturers' or designers' instructions conflict with this Code of Practice, the manufacturers' or designers' instructions must take precedence."*
- J.2: "Where practical, the following gas turbine system checks ~~must~~ should be made prior to every flight:"*
- Add J.3: "Mechanical abnormalities indicated at any time by vibration, unusual or excessive noise, excessive temperature, overspeed, or any other unexpected phenomena must be investigated before the engine is re-started."*
- 16 To receive updated briefings and reports from the Technical Committees & the Power Nationals Co-ordinator for all the BMFA National Championships.
- 17 To receive any reports from the following Delegates (reports should be brief, preferably in writing and in advance).
- a Royal Aero Club (RAeC)
 - b General Aviation Safety Council (GASCo)
 - c Air Prox
 - d Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR)
 - e General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)
- 18 To receive any reports from the following Committees (reports should be brief, preferably in writing and in advance):
- a CAA Team
 - b UK Radio Control Council (UKRCC)
 - c Education Working Group
 - d 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
 - k BMFA Archivist Report
- 19 Any Other Business.
- Please note: Items for Any Other Business should be handed, or sent, to the Chairman or the Office Manager in writing before the meeting commences.*
- 20 Date of next meeting.

Before the start of the meeting the Chairman announced that Mr Jim (Helicopter) Morley had passed away.

MINUTES

659/05/10 (1) Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from the following:
Chris Bromley FSMAE Technical Secretary, Tom Jones North East Area.

660/05/10 (2) Request for permission to be absent.

There were no requests.

661/05/10 (3) To verify the voting strength of the meeting.

There were 26 members eligible to vote.

662/05/10 (4) Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 9th January 2010.

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- **List of BMFA Delegates** – Add “FSMAE” after “Graham Lynn MBE”

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- **CAA and UKRCC list of representatives** – Correct Graham Lynn title – should be listed as “Graham Lynn MBE FSMAE”.

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- **Final paragraph, second line** – Replace “their” with “the” and add “individual” after “the”.

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- **Fifth paragraph, third line** – Replace “are” with “must be”.
- **List of F1A Team Members** – Stuart Damon should be Stuart Darmon.

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- **Third paragraph, first line** – Replace “as individual” with “individually”.

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- **Third paragraph, first line** – Replace “Hobby’s” with “Hobby”.

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- **Fourth paragraph, last line** – Replace “floored” with “flawed”.

The Vice-Chairman proposed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2010 be accepted as a true record.

Seconded by South Midland

Vote For: 18

Ags: 0

Abs: 8

Carried by a majority vote.

663/05/10 (5) Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 9th January 2010 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.

ACTION / NOTES

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- **Matters arising, second paragraph, safe use of Lipo batteries, action for R/C Power** – R/C Power advised that Paul Bardoe is preparing a fact sheet on the use of Lipo batteries.

The FAI Delegate raised a point that an article had already been published in BMFA News by Bob Smith and we must ensure the information by Paul Bardoe does not duplicate or conflict with what has already been published.

The Chairman asked R/C Power if he could endeavour to arrange for the information from Paul Bardoe to be made available for the Executive Meeting in July.

R/CPOWER

- **Fourth paragraph, action Tech Sec/CEO to write to charger manufacturer drawing attention to our concerns**
– It was agreed this item would be included as an agenda item for the September Council meeting.

AGENDA ITEM SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING - Tech Sec/CEO to provide update with regard to contacting charger manufacturers drawing attention to our concerns.

OFFICE MGR

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- **Third paragraph, information on the website re FAI Licences** – It did say in the Minutes that it had been noted by the CEO and he would arrange for something to be included on the website, however no action was included in the Minutes and it was overlooked.

The CEO apologised for the oversight and said he would give attention to this as a priority.

CEO

- **Eighth paragraph, action CEO to look in to comments about poor navigation on the website and invited people to get in touch if they had any other issues**– Work has been started on some of the modifications and there have been no other issues raised.

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- **Third paragraph from the bottom, provision in training and excellence budget for future champions** – London Area asked for clarification whether the funding can only be used for teams or whether it could be spent on prospective team members.

London Area was reminded that the Training and Excellence guidelines document does state that the “Budgets for Technical Committees are intended to be used for initiatives to improve the prospects of GB teams”.

This can be interpreted that the funding could be used to encourage prospective team members.

The FAI Delegate commented that Technical Committees need to be more forthcoming in what they plan to do with the money and include that in their annual submission to the Treasurer for his consideration.

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- **Seventh paragraph, action R/C Power to convey to his Committee the request for completeness of proposals in future for Team Managers/Members** – R/C Power confirmed that he did convey the request to his Committee and it had all been sorted.

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- **Penultimate paragraph, Club Map Reference** – Delegates were invited to have a look at the Club Map Reference facility during lunch recess. There are a few minor tweaks still to be done before we actually go live with it.

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- **Third paragraph, Electrical Safety Advisory Group** – The Vice Chairman confirmed that a group has been set up. It has the formal title of ESAG (Electrical Safety Advisory Group) and comprises Bob Mahoney, Bob Smith and Stephen Mettam.

The group is a formal sub-committee of the Safety Review Committee. They are available to provide advice to any approved BMFA organisations. Contact details can be obtained via the BMFA Office.

- **Penultimate paragraph, jet model fraternity unhappy with the way their branch of the hobby is being handled, setting up parallel organisation** – Nothing more has been heard of this.

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- **Third paragraph, Technical Committee requirement for Rules Officer** – R/C Power advised that they had now appointed a Rules Officer and that person is Dave Pacey.

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- **Competition Entry Fees List** – The Competition Secretary pointed out that Fun Fly were missing from the list of Competition Entry Fees. The Competition Secretary and Office Manager will look at making an amendment to the list for the future.

It was also pointed out that the Fun Fly organisers are not responding to communication with regard to information for this year's Fun Fly Nationals competition.

**COMP SEC
OFFICE MGR**

The Chairman said he would contact them personally to find out what is happening.

CHAIRMAN

- Third paragraph from the bottom, British Records –

The Competition Secretary reported that the records book has been updated with the new records ratified in 2009 and the book and list were published on the website on 8th April 2010. Hard copies are also available on request.

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- Top of page, Record Claim Ben Jones/Geb Jones F3D

Pylon – The Competition Secretary advised that Tech Council placed an action on her at the Technical Council Meeting in March 2010 to bring notice to this Council that Tech Council had received a letter explaining that the above record was not set in accordance with the rules for setting pylon records.

The Competition Secretary advised that on further investigation and discussion with the R/C Power Tech Secretary, it appears the information in the letter is correct.

The circumstances were explained to Council and very regrettably it leaves no option but to request that the record is rescinded.

The Competition Secretary, on behalf of Technical Council proposed, very regrettably, that the record – Ben Jones/Geb Jones F3D Pylon, RAF Wittering, 21 June 2009, Heat 0 Mins 56.88 secs is rescinded.

Seconded by the Records Officer
Carried unanimously.

**RECORDS
OFFICER**

The Records Officer will write to the pilots explaining why this decision was taken.

**RECORDS
OFFICER**

- First paragraph, PRO report mention of attending

funeral of Mike Goldby – The CEO brought to the attention of the meeting two display cases on display containing Scale models which Mike donated to us shortly before his death.

Scale provided information on the disposal of the remainder of Mike's modelling estate. The contents of Mike's workshop have been catalogued. A notice will be published in BMFA News explaining that the models are up for disposal and how to obtain a list.

Proceeds will go part towards buying a trophy the remainder will go to Cancer charities.

- Penultimate paragraph, concept of promotional DVD –

The CEO advised that this is still work in progress. Priorities have had to be diverted elsewhere.

- **Final paragraph, FAI Delegate report** – London Area congratulated the FAI Delegate on the tabular form that he had generated for the report on the recent CIAM **Plenary** meeting.

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- **Third paragraph from the bottom, appointment of two FAI Delegate Alternates** – Scale although he proposed the amendment to appoint two FAI Delegate Alternates, questioned whether it would actually work to have two Alternates.

The FAI Delegate said it is very useful to have the two Alternates. Procedurally he would reaffirm them each year and he will choose which Alternate is to be confirmed officially to the FAI, which will be dependent on which one fits in with the relevant discipline to attend the **CIAM** technical meeting for that particular year.

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- **Item e) with regard to on-line membership applications**
– The CEO advised that this is something we are currently investigating. We hope to have a system in place for renewals.

There are various features that we would like. One of the most important is the ability for a Club to be able to check membership status of Club members, i.e. if they have members that belong to other Clubs as their lead Club they would be able to check the status of that member.

We are also looking at a system for Clubs to administer the membership applications on-line.

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- **First paragraph, action Hon Sec to produce a suitable paper to cover the formalisation of the ASRC** – The Honorary Secretary commented that there has been a revised draft written of the Terms of Reference for the ASRC, which incorporates comments which he received when the original draft was put to the last Area Council.

He intends to clear that draft with the next Area Council. The document will then be submitted to this Council in September for ratification.

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- **Item d) Flight Challenge** – The Chairman informed the meeting that the event will not take place at Duxford. It has been postponed to the Autumn. We are currently in negotiations with Robin Hood Airport (formerly RAF Finningley) to host the event there.

This concluded matters arising.

664/05/10 (6) To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer to include:

a) The progress towards the year end Accounts.

At this time of the year the Accounts Manager is quite close to finalising the Accounts. We will definitely have a surplus of a similar magnitude to recent years. The Auditors are due in at the end of May.

b) To receive reduced membership fees from July.

This item requires to be taken off the standard Agenda for this meeting as it is dealt with and agreed in the presentation of the budget at the AGM in November each year.

OFFICE MGR

665/05/10 (7) To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.

The Chairman put forward the following proposal.

The Chairman explained the circumstances which prompted him to suggest the proposal.

That this Council resolves to create and transfer the name of SMAE Vice President Air Commodore Eric Baddeley to a list of Honorary Vice Presidents of the SMAE and elect Air Commodore Robert McAlpine (currently President of RAFMAA) to the post of Vice President.

Seconded by SFTC
Carried unanimously

**CHAIRMAN / CEO
/ OFFICE MGR**

The Chairman will write to both parties concerned and inform them of the decision.

(Post meeting note. Air Commodore McAlpine has responded and is delighted to accept the invitation extended to him and wishes to contribute in any way that he can to meeting the aims of the Society)

CEO

Since the last meeting the Planning Meeting has been held for the August Power Nationals. Arrangements are all going well.

We have also managed to secure the use of Spitalgate once again for the Silent Flight Nationals.

In conjunction with the Competition Secretary a meeting was held to discuss the potential use of a venue for World and European Championships. We cannot divulge any further information at this stage.

We also held the third Chairman's Conference in Basingstoke in March. Approximately seventy Club representatives attended and it was very well received.

The plan is to run it on a three-year cycle to cover the North, Midlands and Southern regions. It is also envisaged we will extend this to include Northern Ireland in the future.

He attended the RAeC AGM and Awards Ceremony. He attended Scale Indoor Nationals in Nottingham. It was very well run and very impressive.

He attended a meeting recently at Cranwell to discuss the final arrangements for the use of Barkston for the Free Flight Nationals.

The Honours Boards are currently in manufacture and should be in place for the September meeting.

He has been approached by a non-affiliated club who have approximately 120 members and will be visiting them in the near future to give a presentation.

We will be introducing some changes with regard to the Flying Site Adviser post. We will be appointing an additional senior member of staff predominantly based in the office.

We would also expand the role to cover things like club support. At the moment the Development Officer is spending an increasing amount of time helping Clubs with problems and internal disputes.

We will be advertising very soon. There will be an overlap period with the transition and Roger Bellingham will gradually phase out his involvement.

The 2010 edition of the BMFA Members Handbook is currently at the printers. It will be distributed to members with the next issue of BMFA News, due to go out mid May.

The CEO paid tribute to the Technical Secretary who did the bulk of the work on the Handbook, even managing to complete the work from his hospital bed.

Perkins Slade our Insurance Brokers is celebrating their 40th anniversary. They also believe it is the twentieth year of their association with the BMFA. They would like to mark this occasion in some way and have suggested the donation of a trophy. Further discussion is necessary to finalise details.

Maintenance at Chacksfield House continues. The back room has been decorated. The next phase is to refurbish the Accounts office.

Chairman

The Chairman attends regular meetings with the CEO. He attended the RAeC Awards Ceremony which he feels he is duty bound to give his support in the event that a BMFA member has been awarded a RAeC Award.

The Chairman's Conference was highly successful.

Meetings he has attended include GASCo, August Power Nationals Planning Meeting, Scale Indoor Nationals.

On a more sombre note he has attended three funerals over the last few weeks. These are Stan Wade Fellow, the wife of Ron Moulton Fellow and David Boddington.

Himself and the CEO will be attending an occasion in Belfast on 21st May to celebrate the 'retirement' of Howard Menary FSMAE from the post of Northern Ireland Delegate.

666/05/10 (8) To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.

The Perkins Slade donation, likely to fall to the Awards Committee to review the process of nominating who that recipient should be. All we have in terms of definition of what the trophy should be awarded for is the title of 'pilot of the year'.

Request is to Delegates to report back to their respective Technical Committees and Areas to put thought to considering putting forward names.

We already have a Perkins Slade Trophy, can we ascertain what it is to be called.

"Pilot of the year – this would be open to any BMFA member who had achieved outstanding success in any of the recognised disciplines and be for the BMFA board or others to determine."

Timescale is very limited. There needs to be some flexibility and the Awards Committee should allow nominations up to a much later date than normal. Some of the best flights may well take place in September and October of each year not necessarily in the summer months.

The Awards Committee will extend the closing date for the nominations for this award to 31st October. Probably won't get nominated at Full Council in September. Future years it will be.

667/05/10 (9) To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary.

a) To receive the Affiliated Club List.

Delegates were requested to report any anomalies to the Membership Secretary by the end of May before the document is circulated to Area Secretaries.

ALL

It was also pointed out that the Club List included non-flying clubs which it was thought should be assigned to Area 15 for autonomous groups.

This would be raised with the Membership Secretary and corrected accordingly.

MEM SEC

The PRO congratulated the Membership Secretary on the work put in to sorting out the Club List since last being submitted.

A request was made to provide Area Secretaries with the list electronically. The request will be passed on to the Membership Secretary.

MEM SEC

b) To receive dates for Council Meetings in the year 2011.

The list of Council Dates for 2011 had previously been circulated.

DIARY DATES APPENDIX A

With reference to the date for Technical Council in March 2011, the FAI Delegate implored Technical Committee Representatives to be prepared with their voting requests in relation to the CIAM Agenda ABR proposals. Also how they would like us to vote on the forthcoming Championships and any Awards which will be voted on at Plenary in 2011.

**ALL TECH
COMMS**

London Area also made a request to Technical Committees that when planning future contest dates they have the list of Council Meeting dates to hand and endeavour not to clash with Council Meetings.

**ALL TECH
COMMS**

c) To discuss and agree the processes for the November elections.

The proposal is to continue with the same process that has been adopted over the last couple of years, which is the one-member one-vote and to continue also with employing the services of Electoral Reform for the vote counting.

The Records Officer asked why the results of nominations for Elected Officer posts are kept a secret until the AGM. The Chairman advised that candidates are notified confidentially of the results a day or so in advance of the AGM.

d) To receive the following proposal from the Honorary Secretary:

To Create two Sub Areas (of the South West Area) and approving the Sub-Area Constitution.

These two Sub-Areas will be County based: Devon and Cornwall. The key changes are: A relaxation of the absolute need to have officers rather than Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. Others may be added as normal. The Delegate to Council remains an Area Delegate (common to both Sub-Areas).

The Sub-Area Chairman does not have the right to attend Area Council as voting members. The quorum numbers are relaxed as appropriate to the number of Clubs in the Sub-Area.

The Sub-Area Constitution document had previously been circulated with the Agenda for this meeting.

The Honorary Secretary explained the derivation of the document. He also commented that the Sub-Area Constitution will be there for the future and could potentially cover the situation which may arise in some other Area in some time to come.

The adoption of the Sub-Area Constitution would formalise the position of Peter Disney as the South West Area Representative. Although the Area would be split into two Sub-Areas effectively we are expecting one representative for the Area. If we were faced with the situation in the future where we had more Sub-Areas it would not make for good governance if the number of representatives were increased significantly.

The Honorary Secretary commended the above proposal to this Council for adoption.

Seconded by Peter Disney
Carried unanimously

A question was raised whether the Chairman from each Sub-Area should attend Areas Council. This was given due consideration and it was felt not to be an issue at this stage.

London Area commented that it would make sense to limit the number of attendees at Area Council Meetings to Area Delegates only, to save costs. The Chairman charged the Honorary Secretary to investigate the possibility of implementing this suggestion.

HON SEC

The Honorary Secretary was congratulated on his efforts in preparing the document.

668/05/10 (10) To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.

WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX B)

Council passed on their best wishes to the Technical Secretary for a speedy recovery.

669/05/10 (11) To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include:

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

There are two events for consideration:
Stonehenge and the Equinox Cup

Technical Committees were reminded if they do decide to hold an International Competition the completed FAI Registration form should be sent to the Competition Secretary immediately details are known.

**ALL TECH
COMMS**

The deadline for receipt of World Cup events is October 2010, but the earlier the better.
Deadline for Open International events is three months before the competition is to be held.

***** **WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX C)**

670/05/10 (12) To receive a report from the Records Officer.

He will continue using the same results forms for the 2010 August Power Nationals. He will require a further supply of the forms for 2010.

CEO

The Chairman allowed the Records Officer to bring forward an AOB item.

The Records Officer commended the following British Record Claim for ratification:

Name Simon Wright Mem No 18392
Class Altitude Elec Power Rechargeable Cells
Venue Lower Drayton Flyers Club site Date 10th April 2010
Alt 898 m

Seconded by the Competition Secretary
Carried unanimously

**RECORDS OFF
OFFICE MGR**

671/05/10 (13) To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer

He attended the following events:
Indoor Scale Nationals. It was the first time he had attended and he thought it was excellent.

Rougham Show. Links with the LMA fraternity are very positive at the moment and it was good to have a chat and share some time with them.

Forthcoming events he will be attending are the Free Flight Nationals.

672/05/10 (14) To receive a report from the FAI Delegate to include:

The receipt of the report of the recent CIAM **Plenary meeting.**

***** **WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX D)**

The FAI Delegate briefly guided Council through the CIAM **Plenary** meeting report of which a copy can be found appended to these minutes as detailed above.

The FAI Delegate extended his thanks to Vernon Hunt and Chris Allen for their assistance at the CIAM meeting. They were the only two representatives that managed to get to Lausanne because it was at the time of the volcanic eruption.

673/05/10 (15) To receive a proposal from the R/C Power Technical Committee that the “Code of Practice for the Operation of Gas Turbine Powered Model Aircraft” be amended as follows:

A.1 “Manufacturers’ or Designers’ operating instructions must should be followed at all times. Where manufacturers’ or designers’ instructions conflict with this Code of Practice, the manufacturers’ or designers’ instructions must take precedence.”

J.2 “Where practical, the following gas turbine system checks must should be made prior to every flight.”

Add J.3 “Mechanical abnormalities indicated at any time by vibration, unusual or excessive noise, excessive temperature, overspeed, or any other unexpected phenomena must be investigated before the engine is re-started.”

R/C Power guided the meeting through the amendments. Various opinions were aired. Amendments and voting on the proposals followed.

A.1 – Andy Symons proposed the following amendment to the proposal:

“Manufacturers’ or Designers’ instructions must be followed at all times”.

Seconded by FAI Delegate
Carried unanimously

A vote was taken on the substantive proposal:

“Manufacturers’ or Designers’ instructions must be followed at all times.”

Vote: For: 25
Ags: 0
Abs: 1

Carried by a majority vote.

RCPTC

J.2 – Vice Chairman proposed the following amendment to the proposal:

“Where practical, the following gas turbine system checks must be made prior to every flight.”

Seconded by SFTC

Vote: For: 25

Ags: 1

Abs: 0

Carried by a majority vote.

A vote was taken on the substantive proposal:

“Where practical, the following gas turbine system checks must be made prior to every flight.

Vote: For: 24

Ags: 1

Abs: 1

Carried by a majority vote

RCPTC

J.3 – Competition Secretary proposed the following amendment to the proposal:

“Mechanical abnormalities indicated at any time by vibration, unusual or excessive noise, excessive temperature, overspeed, or any other unexpected phenomena must be investigated and resolved before the engine is re-started.”

Seconded by Vice Chair

Carried unanimously

A vote was taken on the substantive proposal:

“Mechanical abnormalities indicated at any time by vibration, unusual or excessive noise, excessive temperature, overspeed, or any other unexpected phenomena must be investigated and resolved before the engine is re-started.”

Vote: For: 25

Ags: 1

Abs: 0

Carried by a majority vote.

RCPTC

674/05/10 (16) To receive updated briefings and reports from the Technical Committees and the Power Nationals Co-ordinator for all the BMFA National Championships.

RCPTC – Reported that all is going well except for the Fun Fly event as they are unable to make contact with the organiser of the event. The Chairman advised that he would be investigating this and will report back.

Indoor – Will be taking place hopefully at a new venue, yet to be confirmed.

Scale – Scale Indoor Nationals took place on the 25th April. It was a very successful event. Entries were 1 up on last year.

Gate receipts were slightly down however due to very good raffle sales there was only a small deficit.

Plans for the August Nationals are on track. If there is a very big entry on flying only the plan is to drop manoeuvres rather than limit entries but they will reserve judgement until the day.

The competition season has started and the first event took place at Pontefract.

Free Flight – Everything is in place for the Free Flight Nationals at the end of May. Entries are slightly up on last year.

Silent Flight – Unfortunately it has not been possible to find a suitable alternative site, therefore Spitalgate has been booked again this year. It is an ideal site except for the state of the ground.

Competitions are already underway. F3J, F3B, Electric Soaring. This year at the Silent Flight Nationals there will be some foreign entries for the E Soaring event.

Control Line – Everything is in hand.

675/05/10 (17) To receive any reports from the following Delegates.

- ***** a) **Royal Aero Club – WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX E)**
With reference to the RAeC Awards Ceremony at RAF Hendon Museum, it was pointed out by the Competition Secretary that there seemed to be insufficient food during the evening.

The RAeC Delegate said he would be raising this with RAeC Council.

- b) **GASCo** – There is nothing to report in relation to conflict of models and general aviation aircraft.
- c) **Air Prox** – Nothing to report.
- d) **Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR)** – Nothing to report.
- e) **General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)** – Nothing to report.

676/05/10 (18) To receive any reports from the following Committees.

- a) **CAA Team** – Nothing to report.
- b) **UKRCC** - Nothing to report.

- c) **Education Working Group** – Nothing to report.
- d) **Flight Challenge** – Ongoing.
- e) **University Challenge** – All on track for the event on 12/13 June 2010 at Elvington.
- f) **Computer Sub-Committee** – The CEO advised that we are in the process of obtaining prices for providing replacement computers for the office.
- g) **Safety Review Committee** – Currently investigating a question posed to the SRC Chairman with regard to the use of metal blades in Gas Turbine powered large helicopters.

RCPTC have been asked if possible to provide details of the German manufacturer which will hopefully help with the investigation.

RCPTC

In terms of incidents, accidents or insurance claims arising out of safety issues nothing of any significance has been reported in the UK. We are advised out of interest at this stage that there was a fatality in France in the last few months.

- h) **Achievement Scheme Review Committee (ASRC)**
Discussions are ongoing with a few things – Scale 'C'; Indoor achievement scheme; fly-bar less.
- i) **BMFA News Publishers** – The 100th edition of BMFA News is due to be printed in a couple of weeks. It is a bumper issue comprising 72 pages with extra articles. Included in the issue will be a copy of the new Members Handbook and a sheet of commemorative stickers.

Copies of a discussion document by Keith Lomax FSMAE BMFA News Publisher were circulated for consideration of Full Council. The issue related to the policy for payments for BMFA News articles.

Council debated this at length, which resulted in the following proposal by the Competition Secretary:

“That all published articles are paid for unless those they are part of the Terms of Reference or Contract of Employment of the contributor”.

Seconded by North East Area

Vote: For: 25
Ags: 0
Abs: 1

Carried by a majority vote.

**BMFA NEWS
PUBLISHERS**

Council were informed that it has been necessary to write off a debt of approximately £500 in relation to advertising. One of our advertisers has reneged on payment for three consecutive adverts. There was a slight glitch in our procedures otherwise it would have been dealt with sooner however this has now been addressed.

j) **Flying Site Adviser's Report** – There was no report.

***** k) **BMFA Archivist Report – WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX F)**

The Archivist report highlights the frustrations with regard to the lack of space and facilities at Chacksfield House and reports on the investigation of property to let to house/store the archives.

During discussion it was clear there was a divergence of opinion as to the many aspects of Archiving and what is best for the BMFA. It was felt more time should be devoted to this issue and it should be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

***** **AGENDA ITEM SEPTEMBER FULL COUNCIL MEETING – OFFICE MGR**
To discuss in more detail BMFA Archiving & Archiving facilities.

677/05/10 (19) Any Other Business.

There were three items for consideration from South East Area.

1) The first item reported that the last column published in R/C Model Flyer by the late David Boddington was very critical of the BMFA in relation to providing facilities for an aero modelling museum and centralised flying site, not totally unrelated to what had previously been discussed with regard to providing facilities for archive material.

South East was happy that the issue would be covered during discussion at the next Council meeting.

The article by David Boddington also questioned the reluctance of the BMFA to host **prestigious** World Championship and International events.

In response to this it was stated that we have held International events in the past and more recently Scale Technical Committee investigated hosting a world championship. The cost factor involved in this was too prohibitive. There are other factors to consider as well, one of them being the lack of government assistance which other countries are provided with.

2) The regular reminders in BMFA News to encourage members to donate memorabilia for the archives seem to have ceased. South East feel it does not perhaps necessitate a regular article in BMFA News however it would be nice to have occasional mention to remind members not to throw away possible valuable exhibits.

3) In relation to the decision made recently that obituaries of deceased modellers would no longer be printed in BMFA News due to lack of space, South East felt that we should still print obits of prominent modellers in the magazine, but as far as others are concerned just a list of the names of the deceased, with fuller details posted on the website would suffice.

This was duly noted and the CEO would inform the BMFA News Editor and the web master.

CEO

London Area requested that Technical Committee minutes should be published on the web site. It was pointed out that it was agreed some time ago that only ratified minutes should be publicised not provisional minutes.

It was also pointed out that anyone can request a copy of Technical Committees minutes they just need to contact the office.

678/05/10 (20) Date of next meeting.

This was confirmed as **Saturday 11th September 2010.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 1640 hrs

Linda Harding, Office Manager
28th May 2010

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2011 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**2010**

Mon 13th December
 Fri 17th December

2011 1st Full Council Meeting Agenda Deadline
 2011 1st Full Council Meeting Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin

2011

Mon 3rd January
 Fri 7th January
 Sat 8th January
 Fri 21st January
 Sat 29th January
 Fri 11th February
 Mon 28th February
 Fri 4th March
 TBA
 Sat 26th March
 Fri 8th April
 Tues 26th April
 Fri 29th April
 Sat 21st May
 Mon 23rd May
 Fri 27th May
 Fri 3rd June
 28/29/30May (TBC)
 Sat 18th June
 Fri 1st July
 Fri 15th July
 Mon 15th August
 Fri 19th August
 27/28/29 Aug (TBC)
 Fri 2nd September
 Tues 30th August
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 Sat 10th September
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 Fri 16th September
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 Fri 28th October
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 Sat 19th November
 Mon 12th December
 Fri 16th December

1st Areas Agenda Deadline
 1st Areas Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin
 1st Full Council Meeting
 1st Full Council Meeting Minutes despatch
 1st Area Council Meeting
 1st Area Council Meeting Minutes despatch
 1st Tech Council Agenda Deadline
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 Nationals Planning Meeting
 1st Tech Council Meeting
 1st Tech Council Meeting Minutes despatch
 2nd Full Council Agenda Deadline
 2nd Full Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin
 2nd Full Council Meeting
 2nd Area Council Agenda Deadline
 2nd Area Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin
 2nd Full Council Meeting Minutes despatch
 Free Flight Nats & Space Modelling Nats
 2nd Area Council Meeting
 2nd Area Council Meeting Minutes despatch
 **AGM 1 despatch
 3rd Full Council Agenda Deadline
 3rd Full Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin
 R/C Power, Scale, C/L Nats, Indoor Nats, S/F Nats
 End of Year for Director's Annual Reports
 ** Nomination Deadline
 3rd Area Council Agenda Deadline
 3rd Area Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin
 3rd Full Council Meeting
 Absolute Deadline for receipt of Director's Annual Report
 **AGM 2 despatch
 2nd Technical Council Agenda D'line/CIAM Rule Change D'line
 2nd Technical Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin
 3rd Full Council Meeting Minutes despatch
 3rd Area Council Meeting
 3rd Area Council Meeting Minutes despatch
 2nd Technical Council Meeting
 **AGM 3 despatch
 Deadline for receipt by Technical Secretary of BMFA rule changes from Technical Committees
 2nd Technical Council Meeting Minutes despatch
 **Voting Deadline
 **Proxy Deadline
 **64th Annual General Meeting
 2012 1st Full Council Meeting Agenda Deadline
 2012 1st Full Council Meeting Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin

2012

Sat 7th January 2012

2012 1st Full Council Meeting

**Subject to change

Technical Secretary's Report

First of all my apologies for not being at the meeting.

I came out of hospital yesterday having been in for nearly four weeks. I've been diagnosed with a low level treatable cancer and have already started chemotherapy. A dose of pneumonia kept me in longer than anticipated.

Main news this meeting is that the 2010 Member's Handbook is now completed and was sent to the office early this week for forwarding to the printers. It is on schedule for distribution with the next BMFA News later this month.

My thanks must go to David for getting a laptop delivered to me which enabled me to work in hospital although lack of internet access was something of a problem.

I'll be back working within the next few days so any outstanding Tech Sec business will be dealt with very shortly.

Chris Bromley, FSMAE,
7th May, 2010

RATIFIED

Competition Secretary's Report to the Council Meeting of 8th May 2010

1. I have now be able to ratify the following teams:

F1 A-B-C (Free Flight)	Team & Assistant Team Managers	on 17th March
F1D (Indoor_	Team & Team Manager	on 9th February
F1C (FF Power)	Team member	on 30th April
F4C (RC Scale)	Team Manager	on 12th March
F3J (Thermal Soaring	Towmen (2)	on 23rd March
F5B (Electric Glider)	Team Manager	on 17th March

Additionally, the F3A team first reserve, Kevin Caton, ratified at the January 2010 Council Meeting has been called up to replace Keith Jackson who has had to withdraw.

2. The FAI model specification cards and FAI stickers are usually issued by the Technical Secretary. I will undertake their issue while the Technical Secretary is indisposed.
3. The 2010 General Rule book has not yet been issued. It is necessary to update it with the anti-doping rule approved by Council at its September 2009 meeting. I shall manage this task as the Technical Secretary is indisposed and ensure that the rule book is published in hard copy and on the BMFA website.
4. The Nationals competition entry forms (NEFs) have been fully re-designed and now appear in landscape orientation. The re-design was necessary as more space was required for new classes. The re-design was accomplished in liaison with the appropriate Technical Committees and the BMFA General and Accounts offices.

Mrs Jo Halman FSMAE
BMFA Competition Secretary

FAI Delegate's Report on the 2010 CIAM Plenary Meeting

The 2010 Plenary meeting took place in the Olympic Museum Lausanne on 16th and 17th April and it was attended by thirty five delegates. What would normally have been a straightforward journey for the BMFA delegation turned into something quite different due to the volcanic eruption in Iceland which resulted in some members of our delegation being stranded in the UK when the airspace was closed. Those of us who did manage to attend faced a very difficult return journey by train and ferry.

Fortunately technology helped and some urgent emails enabled me to brief the relevant Sub-committee Chairmen and Delegates from other nations in order to put forward our views at their Technical Meetings.

One of the first actions at the Plenary was to change the voting system to simple majority voting. This change made the whole process much quicker and resulted in the final session on Saturday 17th easily finishing at 17.30hrs. This is in stark contrast to the 2009 Plenary which had to continue in the Hotel Aulac because the Olympic Museum closes promptly at 18.00hrs.

Mr Bob Skinner was returned as the CIAM President. All the incumbent Bureau members were also returned.

Unfortunately, Peter Watson was defeated by Sergey Makarov of Russia for the Andrei Tupolev Medal on the second round of voting.

A list of the results of all the voting appears as an Annex to this report.

Trevor Grey was due to attend the F1 Technical Meeting, but he was one of those who were unable to travel (lucky chap). The GBR proposals for new low technology classes were referred to the F1 Sub-committee for study and revision. They should be ready for a new proposal next year. GBR wanted an amendment to an F1D proposal on steering and this proposal was also referred to the F1 Sub-committee. I am sure that our representative on that Sub committee will work hard on our behalf to ensure that these items are dealt with to our satisfaction.

I attended the F2 Technical Meeting with Vernon Hunt. All the GBR F2A proposals were accepted by the Plenary. I withdrew the GBR F2B proposal after it was overwhelmingly defeated in the Technical Meeting. I did however get agreement from the F2B Working Group Chairman for an amendment to the Sporting Code in order to separate the manoeuvre descriptions from the recommended exit procedures, with proposals for Plenary 2012.

No changes were made to the F3 Aerobatic classes as all the proposals were withdrawn. A number of changes were made to the F3 Soaring classes but not all of the GBR preferences were accepted. It's worth noting that the F3B World Championships 2011 to be held at a site near Beijing could be quite special: the Chinese are using some of the 2008 Olympic organising team to help with this competition.

The increasingly popular F3N Helicopter class was raised to Official status, and may well get World Championship status within a short period of time, however, the rules do require some strengthening before that can happen.

The proposed F3R lower technology Pylon Race class was referred to the Sub-committee for final adjustment.

GBR had a raft of proposals for F4C, and Chris Allen attended the Scale Technical Meeting to promote our proposals. Of the fifteen proposals, eight were adopted by the Plenary. The other seven proposals were overwhelmingly rejected by the Sub-committee and the Technical Meeting. Because of this rejection, I withdrew them at the Plenary.

The new F5J class was discussed at the F5 Technical Meeting which Mike Procter had been keen to attend in order to ensure that the new class started life in a good usable form. Somehow the class designation was changed into F5S during the Technical Meeting. The Plenary referred the proposal back to the Sub-committee which is to set up a working group under the leadership of George Shering to finalise a workable class. Hopefully working with the CIAM Technical Secretary the correct class designation will then be allocated.

F6 promotional classes are being pushed hard by FAI as the way forward. The intention is that all model flying class rules should be re-written to make them more spectator, and not necessary more competitor, friendly! However it is interesting to note that the fixed wing element of the F6 Aero-musicals class is now morphing into F3M, and F6D should really be the same as F3K. Before the next Plenary, the BMFA Technical Council must pay more attention to the F6 rules as I am concerned about the direction which the CIAM F6 working group is taking these rules.

At the Plenary, I raised the matter of the monies which the Serbian NAC owes after the cancellation of the 2009 F2A and F2C European Championships. I was assured by the CIAM President that all the outstanding debts would be paid by 10th May 2010. When the bids for future Championships were being discussed, I asked the Bureau to make the award of the 2012 F1D Championship conditional on the debts being repaid. This was then agreed by the Plenary. It was apparent that other NACs were not aware of the obligation on the Serbian Aero Club to repay unrecoverable losses as well as the entry fees. Five NACs have not yet been refunded even the entry fees.

During the Plenary meeting the CIAM President stated that it is necessary to limit the number of Championships which are held each year. He further stated that some unpalatable decisions will have to be made quite soon as to which classes will continue with a two year cycle. The Swiss delegate suggested that some championships may have to move to a four year cycle.

There are still some problems with the issuing of TUEs. The official line from the FAI is that if an applicant has not received any feed back from the FAI office after 45 days he can assume that his TUE has been accepted. I have written to Stéphane Desprez, FAI Secretary General, in order to get clarification on this matter.

There was an additional bureau proposal to amend ABR B21.6 concerning the return of trophies. This proposal introduced some new forms which are designed to help the CIAM Secretary keep track of the CIAM trophies.

Full details of the amendments may be seen when the Minutes of the Plenary Meeting are published.

Peter Halman
FAI Delegate
2nd May 2010

2010 CIAM PLENARY PROPOSALS
BMFA Technical Council Voting Instructions to the UK FAI Delegate

Key: **F** = For; **A** = Against; **AB** = Abstain; **AM** = Amendments

11	PROPOSALS	Code	GBR	Comments
11.1	ABR, SECTION 4A			
a)	A.2.1 Procedure for CIAM Plenary Meetings	FRA		
	Variant 1 :		F	
	Variant 2 :			
b)	A.6. Proposals Submitted to the CIAM	BUR		
	A.6.1 g)		F	
c)	A.7.1	BUR	F	
d)	A.10 Sanction Fees	BUR	F	
e)	A.10 Judges List	BUR	AM	Try to get split into 2 proposals. For the first half; suggest list the classes and the appropriate % for those classes. Change "should" to "must" to make mandatory otherwise vote For .
f)	A.11. List of Technical Experts	BUR	AM	
g)	A.12 Effective Date of Rule Changes	BUR	F	
h)	A.13.1 Aeromodelling Fund	BUR	F	
i)	A.13.1 Aeromodelling Fund	FRA	A	This should be withdrawn by FRA as "h" is voted on.
j)	A.17 Aeromodelling Scholarship	BUR	AM	"Any member of the Selection Group who is related to or close friends with any of the nominees must withdraw from the selection process."
k)	Annex A.2a Registration Form for Competitions	BUR	F	
l)	Annex A.2a Registration Form for Competitions	FRA	A	
m)	Annex A.2h	BUR	F	
n)	Annex A.2i	BUR	F	
11.2	ABR, SECTION 4B			
a)	B.2.5 World Cup	FRA	F	
b)	B.2.7 Open Nationals and International Series	BUR	AM	"..... An International Series is a sequence of international contests for specific goal or classification for Eurotour contests.
c)	B.2.7 Open Nationals and International Series	FRA	A	
d)	B.2.8	FRA	A	
e)	B.2.9	FRA	A	
f)	B.3.4 Age Classification for the Contest	F2 S-C	AM	For F2A and F2C this age shall be 25.
g)	B.3.4. a) Age Classification for the Contest	SWE	A	
h)	B.3.5 National Teams for ...Championships	BUR	F	
	<i>cont/...</i>			

i)	B.3.5 National Teams for ...Championships	FRA	A	
j)	B.4.Contest Officials B.4.4	BEL	A	
k)	B.6 Organisation Specific to WCh & CCh	BUR	AM	An inspection visit must be made to new championship sites or sites at which previous problems have occurred by a Bureau member The visit may be a 'virtual' one by live-time video between the organiser and the designated Bureau member. A report from the Bureau member will be required.
l)	B.9 Free Flight B.9.1	F1 S-C	F	
m)	B.11. Radio Control	BUR	AM	Amend in two places: B.11.3: Delete "on the same frequency". B.11.8. Unless otherwise F3K, S8 EP and S8DP 2.4GHz transmitters and receivers that require an electronic handshake to operate are not considered to be devices for transmission of information from the model aircraft to the competitor. No model performance related information may be transmitted to the competitor either during this handshake procedure or by any other discrete on-board electronic equipment.
n)	B.11.2	GER	AM	
o)	B.14 Interruption of the Contest B.14.1 a)	F2 S-C	F	
p)	B.15.1 Individual Classification	FRA	F	
q)	B.16.4 Award Ceremony Procedure	BUR	F	
r)	B.16.15 Processing of Free Flight Model Aircraft	F1 S-C	F	
s)	B.16.15 Processing of Free Flight Model Aircraft	F1 S-C	F	
t)	B.17 Processing of Model Aircraft	BUR	F	
11.3 ABR, SECTION 4C, PART ONE				
a)	Annex 1.1 – World Championship Events for Model Aircraft Paragraph 3 – RC Category for Seniors	GER		F
11.3 ABR, SECTION 4C, PART TWO				
a)	2.2.10 Assistant Pilots	AUS	A	

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ROYAL AERO CLUB DELEGATE'S REPORT - April 2010

The RAeC AGM and a subsequent Council meeting were held on April 13th. For once there was little of concern to the BMFA..

- 1) At the AGM there were no changes to the RAeC's elected officers apart from a vacancy for vice-chairman, caused by the resignation of Ben Ellis due to his relocation to Cornwall.
- 2) In his report the chairman referred to the continuing very heavy workload resulting from legislation proposals. He also mentioned the excellent international competition results achieved in 2009 by associations, including the BMFA.
- 3) The annual RAeC Awards Evening was held at the RAF Museum on April 27th, with HRH The Duke of York scheduled to present the awards. However, HRH made several late changes of plan which caused considerable extra work both for the chairman of the awards committee and also for Dave Phipps, whose competent handling of the situation was favourably commented on by several on RAeC Council. Eventually, on the day of the ceremony, it transpired that HRH would only be present for 30 minutes or so, and would only present awards to a small number of the recipients, who were selected by lot. Brian Lever was one, duly receiving his RAeC Bronze medal. Numerous others, including Peter Halman, had their awards instead presented by Peter Cruddas, newly appointed as a Companion of the RAeC.

It is fair to say that HRH's attitude to the major event of the RAeC, of which he is president, did little for his image among Britain's airsports organisations.

Martin Dilly
RAeC Delegate

30.4.10

ARCHIVISTS REPORT TO THE FULL COULCIL MEETING

“The collection of materials and archiving continues as usual when I am able to get into the office.

I would like to tell you that the above statement, as reported in my January Report, was true. However, sadly I have done very little as I have been waiting for several months for shelving.

I have, as requested by the Archive Grant/ Funding Group, been investigating property to let in the Leicester area, to house/store our archives until such time as we may obtain museum space or even our own museum. The cost for this including service charges would be in the region of £10,000 p.a... I am unable to take this any further as I have no authority to and no budget to do it with.

Therefore my next report in September is likely to say ditto to this one.

I have had several offers of archive material including a very generous offer from Laurie Barr, Fellow but I am unable to take up any offers of archive material until space is provided, both shelf and floor space.

You will have heard of the passing of several notable aero modellers in the past few months the latest being Stan Wade, Fellow and Dave Boddington. It is worrying to think of how much of our history is being destroyed by ill informed relatives.

In my last report I told you about Gordon Rae's offer of Reg Parham's international models, this has still not arrived in the office yet. I will have to ask Nick Neve, Fellow for an update on this.

I hope I have better news to report in September however, that is basically in your hands.

Kath Watson, FSMAE.
Vice President & Archivist
3rd May 2010