

## MINUTES

### SOCIETY OF MODEL AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS LTD.

(T/A British Model Flying Association)

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at  
Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrew's 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
Chris Bromley FSMAE	Technical Secretary
John French	Records Officer
Peter Halman FSMAE	FAI Delegate
Nigel Barker	PRO
Peter Leavesley	East Anglia Area Delegate
Peter Spurway	London Area Delegate Alt.
George Maynard	Midland Area Delegate
Andy Symons	Northern Area Delegate
Tom Jones	North East Area Delegate
David Lloyd-Jones	North West Area Delegate
Duncan McClure	South Midland Area Delegate
Keith Miller FSMAE	South East Area Delegate Alt.
Stuart Simpson	Southern Area Delegate
Phil Durant	Western Area Delegate
Peter Disney	Cornwall Sub-Committee Delegate & RNMAA Delegate
Mike Francies	Free Flight TC Representative
Keith Barker	R/CPTC Representative & Northern Ireland Delegate Alt.
Ian Duff	R/C SFTC Representative
Ian Pallister	Scale TC Representative
Mike Colling FSMAE	Indoor TC Representative

#### Visitors

Clive Needham	Visitor
Manny Williamson	Development Officer

#### 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 20<sup>th</sup> May 2011.
- 5 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2011 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
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  - c The receipt and approval by Council of the draft budget for presentation to the AGM.
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  - e The ratification of the fees (currently £35) for Associate Bodies for next year.
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- 7 To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.
- 8 To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.
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  - a Presentation of updates to the Affiliated Club list and adoption of any new clubs.
  - b Annual ratification of Honorary Members.
  - c To receive the following proposals
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- ii. To request Full Council agree to the proposed Revised Articles of Association. Following such Council agreement these Revised Articles will be put forward to seek their formal adoption at the 2011 AGM. These Revised Articles now meet the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and embody the existing Articles plus changes arising from Model Articles supplied by Farrer & Co – lawyers to the Sports Council. In the process the articles now extend to 56 pages rather than the 18 pages of the existing Articles. A few significant changes are introduced and, to save people reading through such a large document as essentially created by lawyers, a synopsis of these key changes are listed in the appendix to this proposal. Copies of the full text of the proposed Articles are of course available in either electronic or hard copy form to any Council member who wishes to see the entire document.

10 To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.

11 To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include the following:

- a Receipt and ratification of any contests for next year's FAI Calendar.
- b Ratification of fees for FAI Licences for next year. (Present fees: FAI stamp: Seniors £10 & Juniors £5; Booklet: £5; replacement licences including the FAI stamp (ie lost or damaged in the current year): £5.

12 To receive a report from the Records Officer to include the following British Record Claims:

- a) Name Rodney O'Neill (078813)  
Class Living Room Stick Rubber Powered (CAT II Ceiling Height 8-15 mtrs)  
Site Boulby Potash Mine, North Yorkshire 19<sup>th</sup> June 2011  
Duration 7 mins 28 secs
- b) Name Ken Morrissey FSMAE (002525)  
Class F2A  
Site F2 European Championships, Poland 29<sup>th</sup> July 2011  
Speed 307.4 kph

13 To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.

14 To receive a report from the FAI Delegate, to include:

- a) The agreement of the CIAM Education Sub-Committee Delegate.
- b) To discuss and vote on CIAM Aeromodelling Scholarship applications.

- 15 Next year's Major Events:
  - a To discuss venues.
  - b To accept co-ordinators.
  - c To ratify the Power Nationals Co-ordinator.
  
- 16 To receive a report from the Power Nationals Co-ordinator and the appropriate Technical Committees on the BMFA National Championships held since the last Council Meeting in May.
  
- 17 To receive a report from the Chairman of the Awards Committee.
  
- 18 To receive a proposal from RC Power Technical Committee that Full Council grant limited use of metal blades as deemed appropriate by the AHA in liaison with the Technical Council, the BMFA Office and the CAA. Initial permission to be granted in consideration of the following factors:
 

Weight of airframe – min 7kg  
 Origin of blade  
 Material specification  
 Ongoing monitoring  
 With permissions granted individually by the CAA through the BMFA head office.
  
- 19 To receive any reports from the following Delegates (reports should be brief, preferably in writing and in advance).
  - a Royal Aero Club (RAeC)
  - b General Aviation Safety Council (GASCo)
  - c Air Prox
  - d Sport & Recreation Alliance (Formerly CCPR)
  - e General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)
  
- 20 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/University Challenge
  - e Computer Sub-Committee
  - f Safety Review Committee
  - g Achievement Scheme Review Committee
  - h BMFA News Publishers
  - i Flying Site Adviser's Report
  - j BMFA Archivist Report
  
- 21 Any Other Business.
  
- 22 Date of next meeting.

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## MINUTES

### 747/09/11 (1) Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from the following:  
Martin Dilly FSMAE London Area Delegate and RAeC Delegate; Ian Robb Northern Ireland Area Delegate; Paul Luby RAFMAA Area Delegate; Vernon Hunt CLTC Delegate.

### 748/09/11 (2) Request for permission to be absent.

There were no requests.

At this point the Chairman requested all non-directors (with exception of the CEO) to leave the room.

He then brought the Directors attention to a letter of complaint he had received from a senior member of the Society, which was considered serious enough to possibly warrant disciplinary action, concerning the behaviour of a Director at a recent model flying show at which the public were present. Following a general discussion a proposal was received for a vote of 'No Confidence' which was subsequently lost.

### 749/09/11 (3) To verify the voting strength of the meeting.

There were 25 members eligible to vote.

### 750/09/11 (4) Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2011.

#### **Page 7**

- **Second line** - Delete "accepting of", replace with "grateful for".

#### **Page 16**

- **Fourth paragraph, first line** – Insert "General" before "Rule Books".

#### **Page 19**

- **Penultimate paragraph, penultimate line** – Delete "and", replace with "but including".

### RNMAA proposed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2011 be accepted as a true record.

Seconded by PRO

Vote:            For:    21  
                      Ags:    0  
                      Abs:    4

Carried by a majority vote.

**751/09/11 (5) Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 21st May 2011 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.**

**ACTION / NOTES**

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- **Final paragraph, action CEO to ensure he receives the master copies of official BMFA documents from the relevant people** – The Technical Secretary advised that he had provided the CEO with all of the documents he holds and would like to know if the CEO has received the other documents. The CEO confirmed that he had received the relevant documents.

The CEO also confirmed that the documents are stored on an external hard drive which he backs up on a weekly basis.

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- **First paragraph, FAI Licence Database** – The Competition Secretary expressed her concerns that the FAI Licence Database was still not working.

The FAI Delegate advised that the FAI is working hard to try and fix the problem but he is not happy with the situation.

- **Third paragraph, action Chairman to put a notice to Clubs in BMFA News that if they are approached by a general aviation club or airfield to say that they should not be flying at the site, the model flying club should contact the BMFA office straight away** – The Chairman confirmed that a notice had been placed in BMFA News.

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- **Halfway down the page, procedure for submitting proposals** – The Competition Secretary asked for clarification on the proposal that was passed at the last meeting with regard to submitting proposals, whether proposals require a signature or not.

It was confirmed that the signature block will be left on the proposal form and only needs to be signed if sending it as a hard copy.

A suggestion was made that additional wording is included on the signature block on the proposal form indicating that a signature is only required if not submitting electronically. The Office Manager will amend the form accordingly.

**OFFICE MGR**

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- **Penultimate paragraph, trophy donated by Overlander** – The Records Officer advised that there has been no further action regarding this trophy.

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- **Third paragraph, Scale TC resignation of Jon Elkington, co-option of Andy Sephton** – No amendment to the Officer's Directory as yet. The Office Manager and Scale TC Delegate will look in to it.

**OFFICE  
MGR/SCALE**

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**- Penultimate paragraph, web-based availability of back issues of BMFA News** – The Competition Secretary feels that if the BMFA News is available to anyone on-line then it ceases to be a benefit to our members.

It was pointed out that the BMFA News is only made available on-line once the current issue ceases to be current. It was also mentioned that we give away back copies of the BMFA News to non-members at shows and it is an excellent source of publicity. Most members join primarily for the insurance cover.

This concluded matters arising.

**752/09/11 (6) To Receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer.**

- a) **Review and approval of the statutory accounts and supplementary information for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.**

The Accounts Manager presented a break-down of the statutory accounts and supplementary information for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010. Copies of the documents were provided.

Scale queried why they were not included in the allocation of Power Nationals 2010 surplus. It was clarified that the surplus is allocated in proportion to the number of team members that we send in the following calendar year and Scale did not send a team to the Championships this year.

**The Honorary Treasurer proposed that the Annual Report and Accounts of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 be accepted and also that we commend the Accounts Manager for her work in putting them together.**

Seconded by Indoor TC  
Carried unanimously

- b) **Any issues or recommendations raised by the Auditor whilst reviewing the Accounts.**

There were no issues raised by the Auditor.

- c) **The receipt and approval by Council of the draft budget for presentation to the AGM.**

- d) **The recommendation of the membership fees for next year.**

The Honorary Treasurer guided the meeting through the proposed budget document.

**The Honorary Treasurer commended the draft budget for presentation to the AGM together with the recommendation for the fees for 2012 as follows:**

**Seniors £30 Juniors £16**  
**Family Seniors £30 Family Partner £20 Family Jnr £12**

**Post 1<sup>st</sup> July**  
**Seniors £23 Juniors £12**  
**Family Seniors £17 Family Partner £17 Family Jnr £9**

Seconded by PRO  
Carried unanimously

The Honorary Treasurer was congratulated for the excellent work in putting together the draft budget.

- e) **The ratification of the fees (currently £35) for Associate Bodies for 2012.**

**The Honorary Treasurer proposed the fee remains at £35 for Associate Bodies for 2012.**

Seconded by Competition Secretary  
Carried unanimously.

- f) **To receive the following proposals from the Honorary Treasurer:**

*i) That all pilots and F2C mechanic members (full members) of international teams representing GBR at World or European championships should be funded to the amount of £350. This is to take effect from the 2012 championships. This will increase the funding requirement by approximately £3,000 per year. Team Manager and Assistant Team Manager funding to remain at the current level of £900 each.*

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The Honorary Treasurer gave a brief introduction to proposal f) i) and a discussion ensued.

Scale argued that proposal f) i) to reduce the World Champs funding by £50 seems unfair. Silent Flight also expressed concerns.

The Honorary Treasurer offered a suggestion that if we were to fund World and Continental Championships the same at £400 each, an additional £4000 would be required instead of £3,000 as set out in f) i) above.

The Chairman commented that it was indicated earlier that the new insurance brokers are very happy to provide sponsorship and suggested that some of that is used to supplement the £4000 required.

The Competition Secretary proposed the following amendment to proposal f) i), seconded by the Honorary Treasurer:

**To change the £350 to £400 per member for World and European Championships with a note that the intent is that it would be met from sponsorship where possible.**

Carried unanimously

**Substantive proposal f) i) to change the £350 to £400 per full member for F2C for World and European Championships with a note that the intent is that it would be met from sponsorship where possible.**

**COMP SEC  
ACCTS  
MGR/HON  
TREASURER**

Proposed by the Honorary Treasurer  
seconded by the Competition Secretary  
Carried unanimously.

The Honorary Treasurer gave a brief introduction to Proposal f) ii) above.

Seconded by the Competition Secretary.

A further discussion paper was circulated for consideration summarising the effects the proposed changes will have on F3B & F3J Teams overall. A discussion ensued.

Several options were considered however the original proposal comprising the proposed funding levels listed below was voted on as follows:

Vote: For: 19  
Ags: 3  
Abs: 3

Carried by a majority vote.

**COMP SEC  
ACCTS  
MGR/HON  
TREASURER**

**Proposed Funding Levels for Supplementary Team Members**  
**(Where they are funded by BMFA for World and European Championships)**

<b>FAI Class</b>	<b>Class Name</b>	<b>Supplementary Role</b>	<b>Level of involvement</b>	<b>Proposed funding</b>
F2D	Control Line Combat	Mechanic	Launch model, and perform restarts/ Launches throughout each bout.	Full
F3B	RC Multi Task Thermal Soaring	Winchman	Operate electric winch during launch	Half
F3D	RC Pylon Racing	Pitman	Launch model then call throughout flight	Full
F3J	RC Duration Thermal Soaring	Towman	Assist pilot with launch	Half
F3K	RC Thermal Soaring (Hand Launch)	Spotter	Assist pilot in avoiding other competitors	Half
F5D	RC Pylon Racing (Electric)	Pitman	Launch model then call throughout flight	Full

The Honorary Treasurer continued his report on his activities since the last Full Council meeting. He attended Wings and Wheels event and currently this weekend is helping at an event at Old Warden. He was unable to attend the last Executive meeting because he was away on holiday.

**753/09/11 (7) To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.**

**Chairman**

Activities since the last meeting include:

Attended the Free Flight Nationals on both days.

He attended an event at Tibbenham airfield in Norfolk which was a commemoration of an Eighth American Air Force and was organised by the Norwich Club. Unfortunately the whole day was spoilt by the weather.

He attended a GASCo meeting at Marshalls at Cambridge recently. Nothing to report from that meeting in relation to model aircraft flying.

He attended the Power Nationals and the following week attended the Championships of the RAFMAA at RAF Honington.

He has attended regular meetings with the CEO.

**CEO**

It was unfortunate to have to inform Council recently of the departure of Terry Eato as BMFA Club Support Officer. We will be reviewing the vacancy situation in due course.

A reminder that the deadline for receipt of the Director's Reports is September 12<sup>th</sup> for those who have not already submitted them.

An order has been placed for an interactive Club Map to go on the web site which will then be incorporated into any future web site. It was due to be up and running in time for the Power Nationals but unfortunately had to be delayed because he was busy at the Power Nationals and not able to complete the final stage of the set-up.

This has now been completed and hopefully will be up and running in a few weeks for general use providing the system tests are successful.

Having mentioned at a previous meeting that the web master was due to retire from the job, as such we have received several tenders for a new web site and also several more expressions of interest which will be followed up in the next few weeks.

The Company that have produced the Club Map for us have also been commissioned to produce the new web site for the RAeC. As he is closely involved with the day to day running of the RAeC this will provide first-hand experience of how good their offering is.

Since the last meeting he has attended the following events: Free Flight Nationals. The LAA Rally at Sywell.

We have received a new dispensation from Revenue and Customs which determines the level of expenses that we can allow to staff and volunteers. It is organised slightly differently to previous dispensations, the last one being four or five years ago therefore we will be looking at it in some detail, probably in consultation with the Auditor to see what implications it has.

At the last meeting he was charged with investigating alternative meeting venues, the last meeting being held at the Premier Inn and the consensus was that it was not an ideal location.

A further alternative venue is the Gliding Centre at Husbands Bosworth. The cost of holding the meeting there would be almost half of the cost to hold it at the Premier Inn. Approximate costs would still be in the region of £400 which includes the room hire and hot buffet lunch.

His summer has been focused mainly on arrangements for the various Nationals and quite a lot of time with organisation for Cottesmore for the Silent Flight Nationals. Also his duties as co-ordinator of the Power Nationals took up a great deal of his time.

He briefly mentioned at the last meeting that negotiation had begun with an alternative insurance provider for BMFA insurance for the year ahead.

The CEO proceeded to provide Council with a comprehensive account of negotiations between an alternative insurance provider Doodson Broking Group and existing insurance provider Perkins Slade.

The Executive at their meeting yesterday were unanimous in their decision that the offer from Doodson Broking Group in their view represented the best option for the BMFA and its members.

The CEO was congratulated on his efforts in pursuing and closing the new deal in the interests of providing a more comprehensive insurance cover for the members and a better deal financially for the Association.

The new insurance will be in place at the beginning of 2012 membership year.

The CEO informed Council that Gemma Sargeant Accounts Assistant and Graphic Designer is expecting her first baby.

**754/09/11 (8) To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.**

He was unable to attend the last Full Council meeting. He acted as Chairman in the absence of the Chairman at the Executive meeting in July.

He participated at the Power Nationals escorting the VIP's. He chaired the Safety Review Committee meeting and the Awards Committee.

Over the last six months he has generally assisted with various managerial processes within the BMFA.

**755/09/11 (9) To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary.**

He attended both the Power Nationals and Silent Flight Nationals.

He will not be chairing the September Area Council meeting however he has commented to the PRO who will be acting as Chairman for that meeting, that he finds it regrettable that there is very little business on the Area Council agenda other than achievement scheme proposals.

Agenda items continued:

**a) Adoption of new clubs.**

Council accepted the list of new clubs as provided by the Membership Secretary.

**b) Annual ratification of Honorary Members.**

John Worth, Derek Hardman, Dave Bishop, Nikki Hadlow, Ken McCormick, Poppy Gowler, Terry Watson, Dr Mike Sun, Eric Clark, Maureen Nicholls, Peter Valentine, John French, Roger Bellingham.

The Honorary Secretary proposed the annual ratification of the Honorary Members (listed above).

Seconded by RNMAA  
Carried unanimously.

c) To receive the following proposals from the Honorary Secretary:

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Seconded by the Vice-Chairman  
Carried unanimously

**HONORARY  
SEC/ACCTS  
MGR**

ii) To request Full Council agree to the proposed Revised Articles of Association. Following such Council agreement these Revised Articles will be put forward to seek their formal adoption at the 2011 AGM. These Revised Articles now meet the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and embody the existing Articles plus changes arising from Model Articles supplied by Farrer & Co – lawyers to the Sports Council. In the process the articles now extend to 56 pages rather than the 18 pages of the existing Articles. A few significant changes are introduced and, to save people reading through such a large document as essentially created by lawyers, a synopsis of these key changes are listed in the appendix to this proposal. Copies of the full text of the proposed Articles are of course available in either electronic or hard copy form to any Council member who wishes to see the entire document.

The Honorary Secretary provided background information and guided the meeting through the changes and additions to the new draft Articles of Association.

Inevitably certain areas of the document will require clarification but the basic document gives us a far better basis than we currently have and also recognises the latest Companies Act.

The Honorary Secretary therefore requested that to move it forward Council agrees this proposal, recognising that there will over the next year or so be ongoing work to remove any confusion and add clarifications as need be, with the intent to get the document agreed at the AGM.

Only once the document is agreed at the AGM will the new articles come into effect. Even then it is expected that during the course of 2012 the document will be updated with the relevant amendments and subsequently put to the AGM in 2012 for re-approval.

**The Honorary Secretary proposed that we adopt the draft Articles of Association in principle so that we can take it forward through a series of drafts through 2012 for final adoption at the 2012 AGM.**

Seconded by the Competition Secretary  
Carried unanimously

**HON SEC**

Thanks were recorded to the Honorary Secretary and the Company Secretary for their hard work in putting the document together.

**756/09/11 (10) To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.**

The Members Handbook addendum sheet hopefully, if all goes to plan, will be published to members with their copy of the December issue of BMFA News.

An updated copy of the Members Handbook will be on the website however it will not be the official handbook but it will include all of the information on the addendum sheet added in to it.

**757/09/11 (11) To receive a report from the Competition Secretary.**

**\*\*\*\*\* WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX A)**

**Ratification of fees for FAI Licences for 2012. (Present fees: FAI Stamp Seniors £10 and Juniors £5; Booklet £5; replacement licences including the FAI stamp (ie lost or damaged in the current year £5)**

Seconded by the Technical Secretary  
Carried unanimously

**OFFICE MGR**

**758/09/11 (12) To receive a report from the Records Officer.**

- a) Name            Rodney O'Neill (078813)  
Class            Living Room Stick Rubber Powered (CAT  
II Ceiling Height 8-15 mtrs)  
Site              Boulby Potash Mine, North Yorkshire  
                    19<sup>th</sup> June 2011  
Duration        7 mins 28 secs
- b) Name            Ken Morrissey FSMAE (002525)  
Class            F2A  
Site              F2 European Championships, Poland  
                    29<sup>th</sup> July 2011  
Speed            307.4 kph

Seconded by North West Area

The Competition Secretary raised issues with regard to the lack of compliance in respect of the requirement for receipt of the 7 day notification form for record claims.

It was accepted that not everyone is aware of the requirement for the 7 day notification therefore the Chairman moved that we accept the above record claims but implored that everyone does their best to get this information out to all members.

Items a) and b) above were carried unanimously.

**OFFICE MGR**

The Records Officer advised that the compilation of the results for the Power Nationals was completed and handed over to the BMFA News Editor for publication.

However he expressed his disappointment with the lack of co-operation from Scale in providing the results in the required time. Eventually the problem was overcome and the Scale results were included in the BMFA News publication.

There was also a problem with the results for Silent Flight in as much as there were no scores on the results sheets. There were names but no scores and therefore we could only publish what we had.

The Overlander trophy unfortunately has not come to fruition. However a trophy has been kindly donated by the family of Gordon Yeldham, F2C flyer who passed away earlier this year.

The trophy will be named the Gordon Yeldham Memorial Trophy. The Records Officer presented the trophy for Council to see however the cherry wood base and engraving has yet to be completed.

The Records Officer commended the Gordon Yeldham Memorial Trophy for adoption by this Council. It is a fully funded trophy and will be awarded for the highest placed F2C (Team Race) member for team selection for a European Championship.

RECORDS  
OFFICER

Seconded by PRO  
Carried unanimously

**759/09/11 (13) To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.**

He has had a busy season attending various shows. The LAA Rally at Sywell was very interesting and thanks were recorded to the office for the initial set-up on the Friday.

The full-size aerobatic competitors are in awe of just how many competitors and spectators we get at the Power Nationals, compared to the 20-30 spectators that they get which to them is a good number.

This emphasises again that we have a very wide audience.

**760/09/11 (14) To receive a report from the FAI Delegate.**

\*\*\*\*\* **WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX B)**

**a) Agreement of the CIAM Education Sub-Committee Delegate.**

Mike Colling FSMAE was appointed as CIAM Education Sub-Committee Delegate which was agreed by Council.

**b) To discuss and vote on CIAM Aeromodelling Scholarship applications.**

Applications from Jamie Griffin and Adam Lomax were received and given due consideration.

The recommendation from the Executive was that we should put forward to CIAM Jamie Griffin for consideration of the CIAM Aeromodelling Scholarship.

**The FAI Delegate proposed that the BMFA recommend Jamie Griffin to CIAM to be considered for the CIAM Aeromodelling Scholarship.**

Seconded by the Honorary Secretary.

Vote: For: 21  
Ags: 1  
Abs: 3

Carried by majority vote.

**FAI-DEL  
OFFICE**



**761/09/11 (15) Next Year's Major Events.**

**a) Venues**

Power Nationals – RAF Barkston Heath.  
Indoor-Scale **Indoor** Nationals – To be confirmed.  
Free Flight/Space Nationals – RAF Barkston Heath

**b) To accept co-ordinators**

Andy Sephton - Indoor-Scale **Indoor** Nationals  
Mike Woodhouse FSMAE – Free Flight Nationals  
Geoff Seabrook – Space Nationals  
Allan Weighell FSMAE – Indoor Duration Nationals

**c) Power Nationals Co-ordinator**

**The Chairman proposed that Dave Phipps CEO is appointed  
Power Nationals Co-ordinator for 2012.**

Seconded by RCPTC  
Carried unanimously.

**762/09/11 (16) To receive a report from the Power Nationals Co-ordinator and the appropriate Technical Committees on the BMFA National Championships held since the last Council Meeting in May.**

**Power Nationals**

**Co-ordinator-** From an organisational point of view it went very well, partly due to the fact that we got the airfield early because of the bad weather on Friday. It did make the set-up period quite miserable for the people involved.

Special thanks were recorded to the following team leaders and respective teams where appropriate:

Andy Symons; Wayne Pendleton; Keith and Christine Lomax, Mark and Patrick Wigley; Tony Butterworth; John French; Nikki Hadlow; Tom Jones; Mick Stroud; Rob Day; Chris Poyser; Nigel and Keith Barker; Robin and Poppy Gowler; Graham Thomas.

Thanks were also recorded to the office staff all of whom were involved in some capacity either at the event or in the office before and after and they are:

Manny Williamson who organised the show line this year, which was a great success; Linda Harding who organised the day gate and performed many other duties; Sian Sargeant for the financial admin and issuing pre-event tickets; Gemma Sargeant for producing an excellent programme, Julie Coe and Helen Feaver for assisting at the event with the dart build and VIP; Donna and Lisa for the pre-event admin assistance.

We have an excellent team of contractors who supply the event and have done for several years now.

There was an incident late on the Monday afternoon when a 40 cubic yard skip was ablaze in the trade area. Unfortunately it was the first year we did not have the volunteer fire crew on site and had to call the local fire brigade. With the combined efforts of the local farmer and his tractor and another local person we hire with a mechanical road sweeper, we managed to clear the debris and the leave the airfield undamaged.

We were ready to hand the airfield back over at 8am however we were asked to give a final sweep on the taxiway between the main apron on the runway but the airfield was still ready in time for the first take-off at 9am. Great credit goes to everyone involved in making this happen.

There were two broken runway lights which is par for the course.

The only real embarrassment was that we had an incursion on to the active airfield on Tuesday morning from foreign campers. Hopefully this will not hamper negotiations with the RAF for future use. Thanks go to Keith Lomax for his expeditious actions in dealing with the situation.

Financially, this year was slightly down on last year and we are probably looking to break even.

Thanks were recorded to the Power Nationals Co-ordinator from the Team Race community for his efforts in arranging the metal cages. The Team Race circles were infinitely better than they have been before.

The participation of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight was well received particularly the Monday afternoon display by the Lancaster that provided a climax to the event.

\*\*\*\*\* **Control Line – Written Report (APPENDIX C)**

One of the main points the Control Line Nationals Co-ordinator wished to highlight was the problematical issue with regard to the very bad state of repair of the Control Line runway, the extent of which is that it is no longer possible to fly speed and team race.

\*\*\*\*\* **Scale – Written Report (APPENDIX D)**

The wind conditions over the weekend also posed a problem for Scale Control Line. They completed their static judging but did not manage to undertake any flying.

They requested on the day whether they could defer the competition and subsequently, Scale TC Committee in conjunction with the Competition Secretary have agreed for Scale Control Line to conclude at a later date prior to the AGM.

The Power Nationals Co-ordinator highlighted a point made in the report with regard to the incursion between show line and Scale. It seems to be slightly at odds with comments that the Scale CD posted on the internet.

Scale agreed that generally the issues with overflying were much improved this year however he insisted that the incursions that did occur were quite serious.

\*\*\*\*\* **Silent Flight – Written Report (APPENDIX E)**

**Free Flight** - The event yet again was badly affected by the weather conditions. However overall they made a small surplus.

**Indoor Duration Nationals** – The event at Boulby in June was very successful. Consideration is being given to use **using** the same site for the 2012 event but will probably be over two weekends.

**763/09/11 (17) To receive any reports from the Chairman of the Awards Committee:**

The Awards Committee met at Barkston Heath on Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-five nominations were received this year which is an encouraging increase on previous years.

Some of the nominations received were exceptionally long which makes it difficult when trying to digest the information. As of 2012 we will be insisting that nominations will only be accepted on the official nomination form, the membership number of the person being nominated must also be provided.

A request was made to the office to arrange for the form to be made available on the website.

**OFFICE MGR**

A further request was made that the office updates the Awards Procedure booklet as it currently makes no mention of the Roger Bedford Trophy.

**OFFICE MGR**

The Chairman of the Awards Committee commended to Council the following nominations for acceptance.

**Fellowship – Terry Rounce**

This recommendation to be presented to the Annual General Meeting for approval.

Seconded by Western Area

Carried unanimously

**RAeC Recommendations**

**David Lloyd-Jones – RAeC Bronze Award**

**GBR F4C Scale Team – RAeC Prince of Wales Cup**

**GBR F2A Speed Team – RAeC Silver Medal**

**Jamie Griffin – RAeC President's Breitling Trophy**

**Ken Morrissey FSMAE – RAeC Gold Award**

Seconded by the Competition Secretary

Vote: For: 22

Ags: 0

Abs: 1

Carried by a majority vote.

Note: Voting numbers at this time was 23 – two members being

considered for awards having been asked to leave the room.

**The nominations as listed below to be voted en bloc:**

**Ian Pallister - Arthur Mullet Trophy**

**Brian Waterland - Ray Malmstrom Trophy**

**Jamie Griffin - Henry J Nicholls**

Seconded by London Area

Carried unanimously

**Certificate of Merit**

**Adam Lomax**

**Ben Alford**

**Tony Perryman**

**Ken Sheppard**

**Sam Weston**

**Edward Howlett**

**Bernard Hicks**

**Keith Young**

**Ivan Bradbury**

Seconded by Indoor TC

Carried unanimously.

**764/09/11 (18) To receive a proposal from the RC Power Technical Committee that Full Council grant limited use of metal blades as deemed appropriate by the AHA in liaison with the Technical Council, the BMFA Office and the CAA. Initial permission is to be granted in consideration of the following factors:**

**Weight of airframe – min 7kg**

**Purpose of use : non aerobatic only**

**Origin of blade**

**Material specification**

**Ongoing monitoring**

**With permissions granted individually by the CAA through the BMFA head office.**

Seconded by Scale TC

FAI Delegate expressed concerns that the proposal is quite vague on how the blades are made and recommends we should be specifying how the blades are constructed and the minimum specification of the material which they are made from.

The Development Officer advised that the CAA's view is that they are happy to be guided by us. They are happy to approve limited trials and they take the view that there is very little additional risk and are happy to proceed as long as we are happy.

We do not require specification of material etc as alluded to by the FAI Delegate for the numerous fibre glass and carbon blades that are already on the market.

The FAI Delegate commented that the blades presented to Technical Council when previous discussion was held on this subject, were made to a very safe standard and the FAI Delegate suggested if this proposal is to go forward that we restrict manufacture of the blades to the company who made them. If another company comes along and makes them to the same safe standard we could always include them on the list of manufacturers.

The Development Officer commented that all of the concerns outlined by the FAI Delegate are taken care of by the fact that this will be done on a case by case basis.

We have the control, if we are not happy with the blade manufacturer that is submitted on the application form then we have the option to revoke the permission.

It was agreed that the Development Officer would produce an application form that includes the relevant information required for consideration of the exemption for onward transmission to the CAA.

**The Competition Secretary proposed the following amendment to the proposal:**

**That a twelve month review by the Technical Council is added to the conditions.**

Seconded by the Technical Secretary

Vote: For: 18  
Ags: 2  
Abs: 5

Carried by a majority vote.

Substantive proposal:

**That Full Council grant limited use of metal blades as deemed appropriate by the AHA in liaison with the Technical Council, the BMFA Office and the CAA. Initial permission to be granted in consideration of the following factors:**

**Weight of airframe – min 7kg**

**Purpose of use : non aerobatic only**

**Origin of blade**

**Material specification**

**Ongoing monitoring**

**With permissions granted individually by the CAA through the BMFA head office**

**Twelve month review by the Technical Council**

Seconded by Scale TC

Vote: For: 23  
Ags: 1  
Abs: 1

Carried by a majority vote.

**DEVELOPMENT  
OFFICER/TECH  
COUNCIL/RCPT  
C/AHA**

**765/09/11 (19) To receive any reports from the following Delegates.**

- a) **RAeC Delegate – Written Report (APPENDIX F)**  
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- b) **GASCo** – No issues to report.
- c) **Air Prox** – Nothing to report.
- d) **Sport and Recreation Alliance** - Nothing to report
- e) **GAAC** – Nothing to report.

**766/09/11 (20) To receive reports from the following Committees.**

- a) **CAA Team** – The re-drafting of CAP 658 is very close to being completed. Members will be notified in due course.
- b) **UKRCC** -
- c) **Education Working Group** – Soon to be embarking on a series of dart building workshops at a local school's centre of excellence. This will consist of eleven weekly workshops each with nine primary school students from surrounding schools, finishing with an extra workshop for the teachers from the participating primary schools.

It is worth noting that there will be schools in other areas looking for the same service.

Exhibition space is booked for the Science & Education Exhibition at Liverpool University on 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> January 2012. Hopefully he will be enlisting the help of North West Area.

- d) **Flight Challenge/University Challenge** – With regard to the Flight Challenge Mike Colling FSMAE Education Working Group is visiting a couple of primary schools and a secondary school in his local area who have not been involved in the Flight Challenge previously, and getting their views on what we can do as a service to them and the best way of doing it, in an effort to revive the enthusiasm for the Flight Challenge.
- e) **Computer Sub-Committee** – Nothing else to report.
- f) **Safety Review Committee** – The annual meeting took place a few days ago. A report will be published in due course.

Highlights from the meeting include a safety issue raised by Indoor concerning the use of boron. A lengthy debate took place about the extreme toxicity and danger of boron. The Development Officer will be producing an article or mention in Chacksfield Chat highlighting the concerns raised.

Also raised at the meeting were recent incidents of 2.4GHz use and the possibility of some risk given to illegal use of high wattage 2.4GHz telemetry. If we manage to secure any further information we will be informing the relevant bodies for investigation.

A recent study by ESAG (Electrical Safety Advisory Group) provided valuable information on the safe disposal of batteries.

These include:

Local authority battery disposal collection points;  
European directive requires that anyone selling batteries (in reasonable amounts) is required to have battery recycling disposal points.

We were advised that there are some extremely large helicopters which are clearly in the LMA category, but have not been subject to the LMA exemption process.

We feel this does need to be raised and in future we will be inviting a presence from the LMA at the Safety Review Committee meeting, on the basis of overall safety and interest of the whole aeromodelling community.

For the Safety Review meeting the Development Officer provided the usual breakdown of incidents at and not surprisingly collision with cars and fingers in props are major predominant factor.

- g) **ASRC** – Scale ‘C’ is awaiting approval of Areas Council. Various other proposals to be discussed at the forthcoming Areas Council are mainly minor alterations to the guidelines booklets.
- h) **BMFA News Publishers** – Nothing to report.
- i) **Flying Site Adviser’s Report** – Circulated to Council members.
- j) **BMFA Archivists Report**  
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**Written Report – (APPENDIX G)**

#### **763/09/11 (19) Any Other Business.**

No items received.

#### **764/09/11 (20) Date and venue of next meeting.**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2012** at Chacksfield House, Leicester.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 5.56pm.

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## Competition Secretary's Report to Council 10th September 2011

### Agenda Item (a)

I have already received three World Cup competitions for 2012: Equinox Cup for SM & FF and the Stonehenge Cup. Registrations have to be with the FAI by 15th November so Technical Committees need to check if they or any of their Specialist Bodies are going to host a World Cup in 2012 and to get the registration form to me quickly.

### General

- Over the May bank holiday, the first United Kingdom F3A RC Aerobatics World Cup was very successfully held at Woodchurch in Kent. I was honoured to be the FAI Jury President for that. It was so successful that it is very likely to become an annual competition on the F3A World Cup circuit.
- The Space Modelling Equinox World Cup and the Free Flight Equinox World Cup will be taking place next weekend. The FF Stonehenge World Cup was held the week before the last Council Meeting.
- As ever, I have handled many queries on a variety of competition matters from members and Technical Committee members and I spent some time in guidance and support to this year's first-time team managers.
- Would like to inform Council of British Team Member successes at World and European Championship:
  - at the first F3K (Hand Launched glider) Championship – a World Championship held in Sweden – Mike Stern took the individual bronze medal.
  - at the F2 (Control Line) European Championships, individual gold in F2A Speed was won by Ken Morrissey with a speed of 307.4 kph, which is a new world record, and Ken broke the world record on each of his four Championship flights. Paul Eisner took the Speed individual bronze medal.
  - at those same Championships, the F2A Speed team – Ken Morrissey, Paul Eisner & Peter Halman – won the team gold medal for the 14th year in succession with a combined speed of 907.5 kph. This was the first time in the history of F2A, some forty years, that any team has achieved a combined total of over 900 kph. And for the 907.5 kph total to be 7.5 kph above the 900 kph goal is a remarkable achievement indeed.
  - also at the F2 Championships, the junior F2D Combat flier, Jamie Griffin, took individual junior bronze and I do have to remind you that in Combat, junior fliers compete directly with the senior fliers in a fairly physical competition bout. This is the second consecutive year that Jamie has won an individual medal at F2 Championships
- On the national competition front, the Slope Soaring Championships are taking place this very weekend and all the other National Championships have been, to a greater or lesser degree, successfully completed.

### Agenda Item (b)

I recommend that the FAI licence fees are ratified as shown in the Council Agenda.

Jo Halman FSMAE  
Competition Secretary  
9th September 2011

Report to Council from the FAI Delegate 10<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the May Council meeting due to requirement to train with the British F2A team. I attended the CIAM Plenary meeting in April and a full report was submitted to the May Council meeting, the period since the May Council meeting has been relatively quiet for the FAI delegate. During that period I attended the July executive meeting.

The FAI office has now moved to new premises in Lausanne, Jean Marc Baden has been appointed as Secretary General following the resignation of Stephane Desprez. There are still issues with the IT systems which have yet to be resolved. The World Records page on the FAI website is not currently being updated because it is being redesigned. Any questions regarding current records should be directed to the FAI office.

The procedure for the issuing of TUE (Therapeutic Use Exemption Certificates) is now working and certificates are being issued to applicants in due time.

There are two applications for the 2012 CIAM scholarship, one from Jamie Griffin and the other from Adam Lomax. Only one application may be sent from each NAC and it is up to this council to decide who the best applicant is.

The use of metal helicopter blades has been raised again; there is one manufacturer who is making extruded blade which appear to be well made. An alternative solution to overheated carbon blades on gas turbine powered helicopters may be have them ceramic coated. There is a process available which is now used by most F1 racing teams to protect the engine covers, this process was invented in the nuclear power industry and is available from a company called Zircotec, <http://www.zircotec.com/>.

P Halman FSMAE  
FAI Delegate  
10<sup>th</sup> September 2011

## **2011 Nationals Report from Control Line for the Council Meeting of 10th September 2011**

- The strong wind over all three days again caused many problems across all seven CL flightlines, with Combat, Aerobatics and Speed flying being particularly affected. For the second year in succession Combat had to cancel classes – Vintage Combat and Oliver Tiger Combat; CL Aerobatics sustained a number of crashes and many people opted not to fly; Speed was even more badly affected than last year with flights in only 3 of the 12 classes that make up the Handicap Speed competition and only 10 official flights over the three days. Flights in Vintage Speed were similarly affected.
- The weather has been poor for a number of years and that, coupled with the state of the CL runway (see below), means it is time to reconsider which, if any, CL classes are held at future Nationals at Barkston Heath.
- The CL runway is in a very poor state of repair. This has been identified for the last two years but there has been no improvements carried out. It can no longer sustain Speed and Team Race flying.
- This year, thanks to the co-operation of David Phipps, Team Race and Vintage Team Race had metal cages which were a great success and proved immensely popular although the number of panels had been miscalculated and the circles were not fully enclosed. The metal cages made these areas look very professional.
- The Team Racing Display Unit that Council helped to fund was also a great success and enhanced the competition for competitors and spectators alike.
- There were issues with the office staff taking entry payments over the telephone and completing the nationals entry form (NEF) on behalf of the entrant. Although this was clearly the office staff trying to be helpful, they did not fully complete the forms and crucial information was missing for the Team Race and Vintage Team Race entries which caused serious problems with the flying draws and the competition rounds on the first day. I shall recommend in future that the office only take credit card payment when they actually receive a completed entry form from the entrant. The CL entry form will be amended to accommodate this.

Jo Halman, FSMAE  
Nationals CL Co-Ordinator  
9th September 2011

## **SCALE Nationals Report to Council - 10/09/11**

The Scale Nationals for R/C, C/L and F/F were held successfully at RAF Barkston Heath during the August Public Holiday. Once again we were faced with strong winds for the whole weekend which curtailed the F/F and C/L events but we were able to fly 3 full rounds of F4C and R/C Flying Only with no interruptions, other than for BBMF flypasts. Entries in all classes were high confirming the healthy state of interest in Scale competition flying.

There were 18 entries in F4C, including 2 from the Netherlands and 2 from Norway. The standard of models and flying was consistently high with less than 2% separating the top 3 scores. Ian Bryant reversed last year's result by pipping Pete McDermott to the Championship with his immaculate DH51. The introduction of a qualifying requirement for Flying Only, along with not allowing pilots to enter both R/C classes, appeared to have had the desired effect of limiting numbers. The 19 entrants of whom 18 flew were able to enjoy a full competition schedule and, again, the flying standard was good across the board in challenging conditions, especially for the biplanes. Steve Fish was again a clear winner with a tight competition for the remaining podium places.

Organizationally, the arrangements to monitor and control flying in the downwind sterile area were effective and all pilots flew a tighter pattern with fewer incursions into Show Line airspace. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said of the reciprocal arrangement and several jets even flew beyond the Scale judges' centre line!

It was another difficult Nationals for F/F because of the wind and flying took place only on Saturday evening. Entries in all classes held up and a number of R/C flyers are threatening to have a go next year, having seen Pete McDermott win Superscale with his miniature DH9a, one of only 3 out of 11 models to return a flight score. The weather impact on CO2/Electric and Rubber was similar.

The wind direction on Saturday evening was almost directly down the runway, which meant that we needed to move the F/F launch site well upwind in order to avoid the trade area. The CD therefore took the decision to allow flyers to drive round there to avoid a very long walk with models etc. This took the cars past the helicopter area, where parking can be much closer to the runway. Flyers cooperated in moving their cars away from the immediate area but the unforeseen consequence was a large number of spectators also driving up and parking. This became uncontrollable and the inevitable happened when a model struck a car after a premature engine cut. There was minor damage to the car and the owner indicated that he would claim on the BMFA insurance. In future we will have to walk to the flying area, even if it is well upwind.

The C/L event attracted a reasonable entry but, although static judging took place, no models were flown due to the strong wind. In order to obtain a result the STC has agreed to allow the flying element to be conducted at a later date, to be organised by the Scale C/L coordinator.

Finally, the STC would like to put on record our thanks to the judges and our appreciation for the exceptional and tireless job done by our CD, Graham Kennedy. Not only did all of the R/C flying run smoothly and safely but his athletic prowess was tested more than once in sprinting to the rescue of stricken models caught by the wind.

**Ian Pallister**

Council Delegate Scale TC

9 September 2011

**SILENT FLIGHT NATIONALS 2011 RAF COTTESMORE**

This is a short report on the SF Nats at Cottesmore.

After the loss of Spitalgate, quite late in the planning stage, David Phipps is to be congratulated on locating and negotiating the use of, RAF Cottesmore the event. The BMFA Office staff processed all the entry and camping forms and passed them on with their usual efficiency.

The airfield is very large and can easily accommodate several soaring disciplines on the grassed areas of its single long runway. In fact we only used the NE half of same by prior agreement at a site meeting.

123 competition entries were received and about 20 from spectators. All the events had sufficient numbers to qualify in whatever League or class being flown.

Access could have been a problem and at our preliminary visit on Friday pm, getting 6 people onto the field took a while, during which personal passes with photographs were prepared and issued, along with car passes. However, this process was much streamlined by the following day and competitors arrived to the flightlines with very little delay. Spectators had to pre-register and obtain passes in the same way.

(It is worth mentioning at this point that the very full information which the Office had provided on ExCel spreadsheet for security access passes to be issued, was far too much for the gate staff to use easily, having been printed on about 9 sheets which were difficult to read across. I had trouble using them for my own checking purposes and had re-printed them in a 4 page read-across format, which I swapped the RAF for their version, making life easier and quicker for them)

Parking was restricted to the runway only but hardly posed much of a problem.

The 7 events were all flown to a conclusion, only 2 rounds of 2m eSoaring were lost to the wind on Sunday when it reached 23knts at runway level.

There were some small problems with overflying as the wind strengthened and swung along the runway on Saturday but these were quickly resolved.

CD's all performed very well and were able to both run their events and provide me with the required 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place results on a daily basis.

Airfield was cleared by 6.00pm on Monday and I called to thank the gate staff as I departed.

**Reflections.** Cottesmore is 20 miles from Barkston and whether this is too far from the main campsite (there being none at Cottesmore) to be viable is questionable. If competitions should be wind/rain delayed there is little prospect of a return to Barkston for say a few hours respite. If the Barkston link remains it needs to be closer.

The problem of spectator admission remains. Having to pre-book is completely alien to any attempt at spontaneous attendance by those who might be interested in SF classes and needs to be addressed.

The whole "SF Nats" as an add-on to the "Main Nats" concept, is now in need of a critical review in my opinion.

Mike Proctor  
SF Nats overall CD 2011

**ROYAL AERO CLUB DELEGATE'S REPORT – July, 2011**

I attended the RAeC Council meeting on July 12th and the following points may be of BMFA interest.

- 1) The current FAI Secretary-General will leave in October, after only about two years in post, during which time he caused a major problem for CIAM
- 2) In a report from the RRRRA the importance of records as a means of obtaining useful publicity for airports was emphasised. It is perhaps time for the BMFA again to encourage members to look at some of the 'low hanging fruit'.
- 3) Graham Lynn will be involved in discussions at a forthcoming EASA meeting on RC models and UASs.
- 4) With recent changes in FAI management (and a further one to come shortly) a meeting of UK delegates to FAI commissions was held in June to agree the UK's stance on various possible changes. There was a general feeling that the concept of a World Air Games was not viable, and that it was the airport commissions (e.g. CIAM) that were the vital part of the FAI, and should be properly represented when management decisions were made. Some of us were less than happy at the recent emphasis on the business side of the FAI and on so-called promotional events that had more to do with public entertainment than with current competitive model flying.
- 5) A company to re-design the RAeC website has at last been selected. There remains the need for someone with airports awareness to act as news-gatherer and editor, as is the case with the BMFA's own website.
- 6) The Awards Evening was agreed to have been a success and Robin Gowler was congratulated on his assistance with this as M&A chairman.

Martin Dilly  
RAeC Delegate

14.7.11

**ARCHIVISTS REPORT TO THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011**

I am pleased to report that the archiving is progressing well. Terry and I have been managing to get into the office for about three hours each week, with Eric Clark joining us when he is well enough.

We are still recording the book collection and Dave Housden of SAM 35 has agreed to go through our video collection with a view to having those suitable converted to CDs. I am delivering them to him at Old Warden this weekend.

I have been in consultation with Jim Wright, his help and advice has been very useful.

The office staff is congratulated for their never ending cups of tea and coffee and their continuing resistance to fill the Tom Whittle library with storage. Thank you.

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Kath Watson, FSMAE.  
Vice President & Archivist  
8<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2011