

MINUTES

SOCIETY OF MODEL AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS LTD.

(T/A British Model Flying Association)

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 8th September 2012 at
The Gliding Centre, Husbands Bosworth, LE17 6JJ

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
Peter Halman FSMAE	FAI Delegate
John French	Records Officer
Nigel Barker	PRO
Peter Leavesley	East Anglia Area Delegate
Martin Dilly FSMAE	London Area Delegate & RAeC Delegate
Neil Cooper	Northern Area Delegate
Tom Jones	North East Area Delegate
David Lloyd-Jones	North West Area Delegate
Duncan McClure	South Midland Area Delegate
Stuart Willis	South East Area Delegate
Stuart Simpson	Southern Area Delegate
Phil Durant	Western Area Delegate
Andrew Potts	Mid-West Area Delegate
Peter Disney	South West Area Delegate & RNMAA Delegate
Mike Woodhouse FSMAE	Free Flight TC Representative Alt.
Vernon Hunt	CLTC Representative
Keith Barker	R/CPTC Representative
Clive Needham	R/C SFTC Representative
Ian Pallister	Scale TC Representative
Mike Colling FSMAE	Indoor TC Representative

Visitors

Graham Lynn MBE

Company Secretary

In Attendance

Linda Harding
Dave Phipps
Sian Sargeant

Office Manager / Minute Taker
CEO
Accounts Manager

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 19th May 2012.
- 5 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 19th May 2012 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 6 To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer to include:
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 - b) Any issues or recommendations raised by the Auditor whilst reviewing the Accounts.
 - 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.
 - e) The ratification of the fees (currently £35) for Associate Bodies for next year.
- 7 To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.
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 - b Annual ratification of Honorary Members.
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- 11 To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include the following:
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- 12 To receive a report from the Records Officer to include the following Record Claims:
 - a) Roger Gedge – Weatherman Speed
 - b) Dave Smith – Vintage Speed
 - c) M Walpole – Weatherman Speed

- 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.
- 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 the following proposal:

From Southern Area:

That we establish a working group to consider ideas from Areas Council, Full Council and Technical Council to define and produce a mission statement and strategy document.

Membership of the working group to be supported by an agreed number of members from Areas Council, with selected volunteers from Areas Council, determined by vote if necessary.

The objective – to create strategy and mission statement documents to provide direction for all area committees within Britain. Progress against these aims and targets should also be reported back to HQ as part of the annual AGM reports from each area, thus providing direction and co-ordination of all area committees within Britain. ---

 - 1) That we create and publish a mission statement for the BMFA – it is common practice for all organisations to advertise a mission statement – the purpose and intent for all members to understand and work towards achieving. This becomes a label for the organisation and publically acts as a banner of intent that all parties within can strive to achieve. For all our external customers it also clarifies purpose and targets.
 - 2) That we create and publish a strategy document for the BMFA – a document that we as an organisation create to advertise how we intend to meet the objectives of our mission statement. The strategy should identify crucial elements (targets) that the organisation has accepted need to be met – and should also identify the route we intend to take to meet those targets. This document will need careful review and consideration before it can be completed, however it is necessary as it provides clarification on the long term goals and the routes all involved need to take to support those targets .
- 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 Central Council of Physical Recreation (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
- e University Challenge
- f Computer Sub-Committee
- g Safety Review Committee
- h Achievement Scheme Review Committee
- i BMFA News Publishers
- j BMFA Archivist Report

21 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.

22 Date of next meeting.

MINUTES

809/09/12 (1) Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from the following:
Chris Bromley FSMAE Technical Secretary; Paul Luby RAFMAA Area Delegate.

810/09/12 (2) Request for permission to be absent.

There were no requests.

811/09/12 (3) To verify the voting strength of the meeting.

There were 23 members eligible to vote at the beginning of the meeting.

812/09/12 (4) Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 19th May 2012.

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- **First line** – replace “ran” with “run”.

Page 9

- **Third paragraph from the bottom, eighth line** – replace “team GB” with “GBR Team”.

Vice-Chairman proposed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2012 be accepted as a true record.

Seconded by RNMAA

Vote: For: 19
 Ags: 0
 Abs: 4

Carried by a majority vote.

813/09/12 (5) Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 19th May 2012 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.

ACTION / NOTES

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- **First paragraph, state of repair of runway surface for CL Team Race at Power Nats** – The CEO commented that there was no significant change to the runway surface at the Power Nationals to previous years. However he understands that some repairs are due to be made.

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- **Proposal re addition to General Rule Book to include section 2.5.7 Extreme Weather Conditions at the RC, CL & Scale British National Championships** – The new rule will be incorporated into the General Rule Book in 2013.

TECH SEC

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- **Third paragraph from the bottom, BAeA Air Sports weekend at Imperial War Museum Duxford 2013 or 2014** – A meeting was held a few weeks ago for interested parties wishing to take part in this event and negotiations have now commenced with Duxford.

- **Final paragraph, arising from Brooklands Youth Education conference, offer of promotion stand and assistance from Gloucestershire Boy Scout Association to attend the Royal Tournament** – London Area Delegate will chase this up.

**LONDON AREA
DEL**

Voting figure increased to 24 with the arrival of North East Area Delegate.

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- **Penultimate paragraph, Free Flight request for response to information paper provided by them to Full Council** – Almost Twelve months ago Full Council requested Technical Committees to provide ideas for what they might do with possible income from an increased membership fee. Free Flight provided a response which seemed to have been mislaid.

The Chairman commented that he had subsequently found the information paper provided by Free Flight and apologised for the oversight.

The reference points provided in the information paper were highlighted and discussed briefly. The Chairman said he would provide a written response to FFTC.

INFORMATION PAPER – FFTC (APPENDIX A)

CHAIRMAN

This concluded matters arising.

814/09/12 (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 31st March 2012.**

The Honorary Treasurer introduced the Accounts Manager to present the Annual Report and Accounts and Supplementary information, copies of which had been provided to the Delegates.

The Accounts Manager guided the Delegates through the Annual Report and Accounts and Supplementary Information highlighting any salient points of interest.

A question was raised with regard to the figure for Free Flight Contest funds. Free Flight commented that they have managed to contain expenses and kept fees static. It was never the intention to build it up it just happened. However there is a declining Free Flight membership, increased field costs and one day they will need to start using the fund to keep going. Team travel and contest funds are segregated. There is quite a large majority of people fly free flight that are not interested in international competition flying. They have ideas in the pipeline to start using some of the money in 2013. The Free Flight membership is happy with the way the funding is handled.

Scale pointed out that Indoor Nationals does still not appear in Accounts. The Accounts Manager commented that she never received the information.

The Honorary Treasurer proposed that the Statutory Accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2012 are accepted and should be presented to the AGM.

Seconded by SFTC
Carried unanimously

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

No issues had been raised by the Auditor.

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

A copy of the draft budget had been circulated.

The Treasurer provided a résumé of the budget.

Voting figure increased to 25 with the arrival of South Midland Area Delegate.

The Honorary Treasurer commended the draft budget for presentation to the AGM and the recommendation to the AGM that there is a £1 increase on all membership subscriptions.

Seconded by North West

Vote: For: 22

Ags: 0

Abs: 3

Carried by a majority vote.

- d) Therefore the recommended fees for 2013 are as follows:

Senior £32

Junior £17

Family Partner £21

Family Junior £13

- e) **The ratification of the fees (currently £35) for Associate Bodies for 2013.**

The Honorary Treasurer recommended the fee for Associate Bodies remains the same at £35 for 2013. Council accepted the recommendation.

The Minutes record a vote of thanks to the Accounts Manager for producing an excellent set of accounts.

815/09/12 (7) To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.

CEO

Member and Club equipment insurance cover is now available from Doodson Sport our Insurance Brokers. A link to the site is available through the BMFA website.

The Education resources pack is now available in the form of a DVD. It has been produced in conjunction with Traplet Publications. Gemma Sargeant our graphic designer designed the cover for the DVD and also appears in it.

The pack contains two DVD's one of which details the construction of the BMFA Dart and the second one includes everything that would previously have been supplied on paper such as the Teachers Guide. A copy of the DVD will be sent out to schools considering entering the new Schools Challenge event.

Previously the Agenda included the Flying Site Adviser's report. This job is now encompassed in the Club Support Officer's remit. A report has been produced by the Club Support Officer and was circulated to Delegates.

Cont/d... The absolute deadline for receipt of Annual Reports is 12th September.

CEO
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Copies of a statement prepared by the Development Officer in relation to First Person View (FPV) were made available to the Delegates and it has also been published on the BMFA web site.

The statement is as follows:

“First Person View Flight (the ability to control an R/C aircraft from a “pilot’s eye” perspective through the use of on board camera and ground based receiving and viewing equipment) is becoming increasingly popular and the ready availability of cost effective lightweight equipment has accelerated this process.

Having monitored the developments and popularity of FPV flight over the last few years we approached the CAA with a view to moving forward and updating the original conditions document produced in 2008. The CAA agreed with this line and decided to hold a meeting of interested parties which took place on the 4th of September which proved to be very positive and productive.

Following the discussions and negotiation with the CAA we are pleased to announce that an exemption should be available at the beginning of October 2012 to all BMFA members permitting the operation of lightweight FPV models without the use of a buddy lead as was previously required in order to comply with Article 166 (3) of the Air Navigation Order.

The exemption will permit fixed wing aircraft weighing up to 1.8kg and rotorcraft up to 2.5kg to be operated with a “competent observer” (subject to agreed guidelines) without the use of a buddy lead.

Airframes above these weight limits can also be flown using FPV but will still require the use of the buddy lead in order to comply with the ANO.

Clearly the major benefit is that First Person View flight will now be more accessible to BMFA members and can take place with appropriate airframes under more relaxed requirements and also benefit from the insurance provided as part of the BMFA membership package (£25 million on any one claim plus personal accident protection up to £35,000).

It is important to remember that any flight that takes place outside of “line of sight” (as defined by the ANO) or above 400ft is illegal.

Further information will be released as soon as the exemption is available and details will also feature in the next edition of the BMFA News and also the Members Handbook.”

A bequest has been received for the sum of £1000 from Laurie Barr FSMAE. To be used for the purchase of a silver or silver plated perpetual challenge trophy to be known as the ‘Laurie Barr Trophy’, to be contested annually and awarded to the winner of a competition for the flight of the longest duration of a rubber powered microfilm covered model aeroplane indoors.

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Chairman

He attended pre-event meetings at RAF Barkston Heath in preparation of the Power Nationals.

A meeting was also held with the new Commandant at RAF Cranwell Air Commodore Stubbs. The Chairman invited Air Commodore Stubbs as guest speaker at the Annual Dinner and Prize giving, which has been accepted.

He attended the University Challenge event at Elvington in June.

He attends regular meetings with the CEO at Chacksfield House.

He attended the RAFMAA championships at the RAF Station Honington held over the weekend following the BMFA August Nationals.

816/09/12 (8) To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.

He has been busy working on the Team Travel Fund and Code of Conduct proposals, both included on the agenda for discussion today.

He attended the Power Nationals and assisted hosting VIP's which was very enjoyable.

He Chaired the Awards Committee and Safety Review Committee meetings.

The Vice Chairman introduced the following proposals en bloc and also submitted a drafting omission which has been inserted in bold italics to proposal i).

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Any or all of these proposed sources of income to the new central team travel fund are subject to the overall health of the Society's accounts and if these are at risk of a shortfall then these revenue sources may be withdrawn at the discretion of the Executive.

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The proposals were debated at length.

The following viewpoints were aired:

- We do not know the cost of team travel so therefore we do not know the shortfall of funding;
- Only teams attending those classes of international competition having widespread international support and attendance should be funded by the BMFA;
- Team members should receive funding only if they have a reasonable chance of placing highly;
- Where a full team cannot be formed or entered then a depleted team which thus has no chance of winning a team placing should not be funded;
- Some relevant international standards of individual performance should be established and if the proposed team members fail to meet these standards they also should not be funded;
- The frequency of international competitions should be reduced for example to a four-year cycle giving the

The working group does not associate itself with any of those comments or opinions however we are aware that they are around. If they had been considered they could have had an impact which would address the problem from the other end so instead of getting more money for those that do go, send fewer and spend the same money and thus each individual would benefit more. That debate was not in the remit of the working group. It is perhaps something for the future.

The PRO does not stand with the Executive on this and explained that he believes we should be working out which competitors we would be supporting, we should then be estimating roughly how much money we want and then we should be looking at innovative sources of revenue to support that budget, that is his opinion and why he cannot support the proposals.

Seconded by the Competition Secretary
Voted en bloc

For: 20
Ags: 4
Abs: 1

Carried by a majority vote.

**HON TREAS
ACCTS MGR
COMP SEC**

817/09/12 (9) To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary.

He attended the Power Nationals and assisted with hosting the VIP's. He would like to take this opportunity to thank the flight line directors for their tolerance in letting the VIP's on to the flight lines and also the general courtesy they received from the participating people.

He attended the CAA meeting representing BARCS. Devon sub-area remains in suspension. The situation seems to be working well.

He was heavily involved in the dispute with the Huddersfield Club and updated the meeting on where we are now.

a) Presentation of updates to the Affiliated Club list and adoption of any new clubs.

A question was raised whether the Affiliated Club list could be provided electronically.

Post Meeting note:

The question was raised with the Membership Secretary post meeting. The Affiliated Club list can be made available electronically on request.

The question was also raised whether we should be providing advanced information on new clubs which require Full Council ratification.

It was generally felt that the Membership Secretary upon receipt of the application for club membership would ensure the relevant criteria are met and that this would suffice.

The Records Officer proposed the adoption of the following new club applications:

Manchester Squadron MFC
City of Sunderland MFC
Maidstone Indoor Helicopter Club

Seconded by North East Area
Carried unanimously

b) Annual Ratification of Honorary Members

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

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c)

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Drafting amendment 14.9 a) second line – delete “and Secretary” insert “Vice Chairman”.

Seconded by London Area

Vote: For: 24

Ags: 0

Abs: 1

Carried by a majority vote

The Council Handbook will be updated following the January 2013 Full Council Meeting.

HON SEC

818/09/12 (10) To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.

The Technical Secretary was absent and there was no report.

819/09/12 (11) To receive a report from the Competition Secretary.

She was concerned that one of the Team Managers added an un-ratified member to his final entry form without any recourse to this Council or to herself in the meantime. Something will be done to alleviate this happening in the future.

Technical Committees must know to tell their team managers that if they want to make any changes to ratified team members it has to come through the Technical Committees first, they then contact the Competition Secretary if it is after the January Council Meeting.

We have had a number of successes so far in World and Continental Championships:

F1B Wakefield - Individual Bronze – Russell Peers

F1C Power - Team Gold

F1D Indoor - Team Silver

F3N - There was a problem with the FAI Jury at the Championship misinterpreting the lack of the rules and they decided to use the F3C Helicopter rules with the subsequent embarrassing situation that the British Team was awarded Team Silver but then that had to be rescinded and they were downgraded to Team Bronze and France took the Team Silver.

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This was the very first championship in that Class. The Team acted as true gentlemen under the circumstances but this has left a bad feeling about the whole situation.

F2A Speed – Individual Silver Ken Morrissey FSMAE.
F2A Speed – Team Gold for the 15th year in succession.

Our team members receive FAI letters of facilitation that allows them to prove that they are proper sportsmen and helps them through airports and security and numerous transport type difficulties. They are invaluable to the team members.

There are a lot of people who travel to international competitions and it has been agreed with the Royal Aero Club that we can produce a letter for them, based on the FAI letter. They are now available and information and application process is on the FAI page on the BMFA website.

A notice will be put in the BMFA News. Also a sample copy will be sent to Technical Committee Chairmen.

There are problems with flying sites and the availability of flying sites in the coming year for certain sections of our competition community. Wittering and Waterbeach are no longer available to us from the end of 2012.

The Competition Secretary implored Delegates to ask their clubs whether they would consider offering a single day out of the year to any of the competition disciplines to run team selection competitions, they would probably only be called upon once every ten years. If anybody has any ideas could they contact the Competition Secretary by email.

COMP SEC

Free Flight suggested it might be worthwhile Control Line looking in to the use of Sculthorpe as a suitable site.

ALL

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

The Competition Secretary has received two World Cup notifications for 2013 both Free Flight – Stonehenge Cup and Equinox Cup.

b) **Ratification of fees for FAI Licences for 2013. (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.**

The Competition Secretary advised Council that she had been looking in to issuing a five or three year FAI Licence.

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The feedback she received on looking in to this showed that the little blue books were still the favourite option.

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The recommendation is that we will create a book that will be valid for three or five years. A special rubber stamp will be used to allow ratification of the stamps over that period.

The cost for a five year licence will be £30 and a three year licence £25.

These licences will be effective from 2013.

A notice will be published in the BMFA News and on the FAI page on the BMFA website.

COMP SEC

820/09/12 (12) To receive a report from the Records Officer.

The Records Officer commended the following Record Claims:

Name Roger Gedge (034600)
Class Weatherman Vintage Speed
Site Barkston Heath 4th June 2012
Speed 102.27 mph

Name Dave Smith (01784)
Class Vintage Speed
Site Barkston Heath 2nd June 2012
Speed 119.94 mph

Name Martin Walpole (66095)
Class Weatherman Vintage Speed
Site Barkston Heath 10th June 2012
Speed 70.53 mph

Seconded by Control Line
Carried unanimously

**RECORDS
OFFICER
OFFICE MGR**

The Records Officer informed Council that he would be withdrawing the Top Gun Trophy and Windsock Trophy from use. The Showline at the Power Nats no longer hosts these events.

The Gordon Yeldham Memorial Trophy is ready to be boxed and will be brought to the Technical Council in October so that it is available for engraving and presentation at the Annual Dinner and Prize giving.

The Records Officer recorded his thanks to everyone who served with him over the past 19 years.

Council recorded their appreciation of the Records Officer's 19 years as a member of this Council.

821/09/12 (13) To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.

He attended the Free Flight Nationals which was quite successful. He commented that the event was well organised and ran very smoothly which is a credit to all involved. The same can also be said for the Power Nationals in August.

There were lots of positive comments at the BMFA stand at the Power Nats such as the new format for holding the Swap Meet on the Sunday outside. Fortunately good weather prevailed.

He attended a show at Lowestoft, supporting a club who wanted to run a stand to promote the club to get more members on board. It was good to see a very active club pushing very hard to try and generate interest. It took very little drain on BMFA resources to assist them in that. He was also able to assist on the stand at a show in Shelfhanger in Norfolk.

We need to make sure that where clubs ask for our assistance to promote their club, we can help in some way. At the end of the day it is all about promoting model flying.

As always he is on hand to assist where possible.

With regard to the Silent Flight Nationals, he feels sure we could do more to promote it and get the public involved.

The Vice Chairman commented that Silent Flight suffers from the fact that we cannot seem to secure an appropriate sized site to enable all the Silent Flight categories to fly over the same weekend as the Power Nationals, at a site adjacent to RAF Barkston Heath.

He and the CEO have expended many hours in trying to find a suitable site, without any success.

822/09/12 (14) To receive a report from the FAI Delegate.

The FAI is pressing ahead with the anti-doping programme. That will mean that sometime in the not too distant future all category 1 competitions authorised by FAI will be having random blood testing on site. That obviously includes our World and Continental Championships.

Along with that will then come the out of competition testing which for some categories is supposedly starting January 2013. There is some confusion within the FAI that they require their on-line database for licences to be up and running to make this work but they don't seem to be able to get the database to work. We are not sure at this time where the funding will come from to do the testing.

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Agreement of the CIAM Education Sub-Committee Delegate.

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

The Chairman introduced the Company Secretary Graham Lynn MBE FSMAE to say a few words in his capacity as Sport and Recreation Alliance and UKRCC delegate on behalf of the BMFA.

Agenda Items 19d) and 20 b) The Sport and Recreation Alliance is still very active. The reason we don't get a lot of feedback is because thankfully there is nothing we need to worry about. Obviously anything that does concern model flying will be reported on as necessary.

UKRCC – We have moved away a little from radios and are now looking at batteries, connectors etc that all come up as part of the radios.

2.4 GHz is going very well. We should reflect on the hard work put in by Chris Bromley FSMAE Technical Secretary, Manny Williamson Development Officer and himself who were very successful in their negotiations for use of 2.4GHz across Europe with other Nations.

It has probably been the most successful safety addition to model flying in many years.

823/09/12 (15) Next Year's Major Events

a) Venues

Power, Free Flight, Space Nationals – RAF Barkston Heath
Indoor Duration Nationals – Baulby
Scale Indoor Nationals – Nottingham University
Electric Indoor Masters (EIM) – Richard Dunn Sports Centre

b) To accept co-ordinators

Free Flight Nationals – Mike Woodhouse FSMAE
Silent Flight Nationals – Mike Proctor FSMAE
Indoor Duration Nationals – Allan Weighell FSMAE
Scale Indoor Nationals – Andy Sephton
Electric Indoor Masters (EIM) – Club Support Officer

c) To ratify the Power Nationals Co-ordinator

The Records Officer proposed that Dave Phipps CEO is appointed Power Nationals Co-ordinator for 2013.

Seconded by Competition Secretary
Carried unanimously

824/09/12 (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.

Scale – WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX B)

Scale highlighted some of the salient points in the report. Numbers in R/C were down partly because it was close to the World Championships and there were no International competitors.

There were a total of 29 competitors in R/C events; 11 in Stand-off Scale; 31 in Free Flight Scale; 4 in Control Line.

The main area of concern was the incursions in Scale airspace from Showline. The issues were brought to the attention of the Showline Director at the time and certain alternative arrangements were put in place to appease the situation.

A further meeting took place with all parties concerned and different arrangements will be put in place for 2013.

Thanks were recorded to Graham Kennedy CD and to all 31 judges and assistants who are needed to run the Scale events.

Free Flight

The weather once again was unkind to say the least. Thanks were recorded to the Office for their assistance. It looks as though there will be a small surplus this year.

Entries were slightly up which was good. There was a slight communication issue with SAM 35 communicator however it did get resolved and everything worked well.

Control Line – It was too soon after the world champs for Control Line to be able to have a report prepared. The whole of the CLTC were officiating or flying at the championships. However the new metal control line cages for Speed, Team Race and Vintage Team Race were an excellent initiative.

Silent Flight

It wasn't possible this year to find a site large enough to hold what is now eight competitions, four of which are electric and four are traditional gliding competitions. It was split over two weekends – Electric at the end of July and the traditional over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

There are now three fields at the Wetlands site that could accommodate competitions. It is looking likely that Wetlands will have to be the place to hold the championships unless an alternative is found. We must endeavour to bring the whole event back as one event.

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Numbers were lower than last year but equivalent to two years ago.

The weather was quite good over the July weekend and the August Bank Holiday weekend weather wasn't too bad.

Indoor

Was held at Baulby near Whitby. The number of flyers was a little bit down but the weather was superb. Everything went according to plan. A meal was arranged for the evening at a local golf club which was very well received by the people that attended.

R/C Power

Nothing to report. R/C Power have not had a meeting to discuss reports from the various disciplines yet.

Power Nats Co-ordinator

WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX C)

The event went quite well. The advanced party now arrives on the Tuesday before the Nationals and do not leave until Wednesday evening after the Nationals. Special thanks were recorded to those people who include Keith and Christine Lomax, Tom Jones and Wayne Pendleton.

There is a long list of people to mention, which will be included in a written report, without whom it would be difficult to run the event.

He has tried to give people responsibility for their own areas to develop and work with their own team of helpers, which seems to be working very well.

This year the atmosphere amongst the crew was probably the best it has ever been in the time he has been involved in the organisation of the Nationals.

There were one or two challenges which eventually were overcome, but there are every year.

The roping crew worked very efficiently. The control line cages worked very well.

The swap meet this year was held outdoors and fortunately the weather was kind to us. There were a number of reasons why we took the decision to hold the swap meet outdoors however the event did run much more smoothly than it usually does being held in the hangar. It was much easier to marshal. It is possible we will consider holding the event outdoors in future.

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The programme had more pages this year and it actually generated some income.

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The comments from Scale have been noted with regard to show line. He was however disappointed that the issues raised were only brought to his attention the morning of handing back the airfield to the MOD.

The aims as co-ordinator are to make the event the best model flying event in the UK, if not the World. The show line is a very important part of it. Additional measures are being introduced next year and anyone unable to comply with them will not be flying.

The finances are still being evaluated but hopefully there will be a small surplus this year.

The co-ordinator received applause.

825/09/12 (17 To receive a report from the Chairman of the Awards Committee.

Final considerations were not made with regard to 'Pilot of the Year' award because there were no nominations. However the International competitions do not conclude until mid October and therefore it would be premature to come to a decision on that award before some of the possible contenders had time to get nominations in.

The Chairman of the Awards Committee asked Technical Committee Representatives to make sure they provide the office with any nominations for 'Pilot of the Year' no later than 15th October.

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The Committee will then consider the nominations probably by email communication. An email will then be circulated to Council with the Awards Committee's recommendation for voting purposes. A quick response would be appreciated as soon as the email is received.

The Awards Committee held their meeting on the Sunday of the Power Nationals. They had eight nominations to consider.

The results were as follows:

Dave Phipps – BMFA Honorary Membership

Peter Spurway – BMFA Certificate of Merit

Ted Horne – BMFA Certificate of Merit

Bob Mahoney – Ray Malmstrom Award

Chris Tompkins – Arthur Mullet Trophy, also recommended for RAeC Certificate of Merit

F1C Team recommended for RAeC Silver Medal

Phil Ball recommended for RAeC Bronze and FAI Alphonse Penaud

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Jo Halman recommended for FAI Gold Medal

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The Chairman of the Awards Committee commended the above nominations for consideration by Council.

Seconded by FAI Delegate
Carried unanimously.

826/09/12 (18) To receive the following proposal from Southern Area.

That we establish a working group to consider ideas from Areas Council, Full Council and Technical Council to define and produce a mission statement and strategy document.

Membership of the working group to be supported by an agreed number of members from Areas Council, with selected volunteers from Areas Council, determined by vote if necessary.

The objective – to create strategy and mission statement documents to provide direction for all area committees within Britain. Progress against these aims and targets should also be reported back to HQ as part of the annual AGM reports from each area, thus providing direction and co-ordination of all area committees within Britain. ---

- 3) That we create and publish a mission statement for the BMFA – it is common practice for all organisations to advertise a mission statement – the purpose and intent for all members to understand and work towards achieving. This becomes a label for the organisation and publically acts as a banner of intent that all parties within can strive to achieve. For all our external customers it also clarifies purpose and targets.
- 4) That we create and publish a strategy document for the BMFA – a document that we as an organisation create to advertise how we intend to meet the objectives of our mission statement. The strategy should identify crucial elements (targets) that the organisation has accepted need to be met – and should also identify the route we intend to take to meet those targets. This document will need careful review and consideration before it can be completed, however it is necessary as it provides clarification on the long term goals and the routes all involved need to take to support those targets .

Seconded by North West Area

The Honorary Secretary showed various slides of extracts from the Members' Handbook and the Articles of Association which clearly indicates that the Society already has declared aims and objectives. It could be debated how well we are doing it but there are declared objectives to develop a commercial marketing strategy amongst other concepts.

If this proposal is agreed his suggestion would be that somebody takes as a starting point the key aims and objectives already declared by the Society and work from that.

A short discussion ensued.

The PRO proposed that this item is referred to Areas Council for Areas to discuss and come back with their thoughts and ideas.

Seconded by Vice Chairman
Carried unanimously

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827/09/12 (19) To receive any reports from the following Delegates:

- a) **RAeC**

WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX D)
Paragraph 2, the Awards evening did do better than reported and actually made a small surplus.
- b) **GASCo**
There are no issues relating to aeromodelling at this present time.
- c) **AIP PROX** – No report.
- d) **Sport + Recreation Alliance** – Reported on earlier in the meeting by Graham Lynn MBE FSMAE, BMFA representative for Sport and Recreation Alliance.
- e) **GAAC** – No report.

828/09/12 (20) To receive any reports from the following Committees:

- a) **CAA Team** – Reported on earlier in the meeting regarding FPV flying.
- b) **UKRCC** – Reported on earlier in the meeting by Graham Lynn MBE FSMAE, Chairman of UKRCC.
- c) d) e) **Education Working Group / Flight Challenge / University Challenge**

WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX E)
- f) **Computer sub-committee** – There is now a link from the BMFA website to Doodsons Sport, our Insurance Brokers and further development is ongoing.
We are also working on an on-line payment system for new members and Country member renewals initially. We hope to have this in place for 2013 renewals.

We have upgraded the hardware which hosts the BMFA website and Classified Ads site. Unfortunately it has not resolved all the problems we have been experiencing and there are issues outstanding relating to the BMFA database, which we have started working on to resolve.
The Computer Sub-Committee that Council appoints currently consists of the CEO, Office Manager and Technical Secretary. With the Technical Secretary being out of circulation for a while the CEO suggested it might be prudent to recruit some additional people on to the Committee. The next project for the Computer Sub-Committee is to look at the replacement of the website in its entirety.

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As a starting point the CEO recommended Andy Symons Club Support Officer to join the Committee, which he has agreed to. The PRO and Northern Area Delegate also volunteered their services.

The Computer Sub-Committee now comprises the following people:

Dave Phipps CEO
Andy Symons Club Support Officer
Chris Bromley FSMAE Technical Secretary
Nigel Barker PRO
Neil Cooper Northern Area
Linda Harding Office Manager

- g) **Safety Review Committee** – The SRC met for its annual meeting last Thursday. Apart from the issue raised by Scale at the Power Nationals, discussed earlier in the meeting, there was nothing really other than the usual trend of fingers in props, electric motor starting when transmitter is turned off and damage to cars. There are no alarming trends which we need to pick up on at the moment.

We will continue to publish reminders about the above issues in BMFA News.

The CEO commented that there is a reduction in the number of claims received so far this year.

- h) **BMFA News Publishers** – John French would like to make it known to Council that (as he will not be at the January Council) that he is very willing to continue in this post and would like to be considered.

London Area asked whether there was a specific reason why the BMFA News Editor does not attend Full Council Meetings. The CEO commented that if it is the wish of this Council that the Editor attends then it could be considered when next reviewing the terms and conditions of the Editor's employment.

However, he is contracted as Editor and not as a reporter. Also, because of the timing of meetings in relation to publication dates for BMFA News, it would be old news by the time it was printed.

John French BMFA News Publisher commented that personally he does not believe we should be forcing the Editor to be here against his wishes.

If Council believes somebody should write a regular report of the goings on of Full, Area and Technical Council meetings and it became a regular page, it could be made possible that it is a requirement for it to be included if something is submitted.

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After due consideration the PRO volunteered to produce a report because he thought it probably falls under the PR remit however he would like guidance from the meeting as to what items of significance should be reported on.

The BMFA News Editor was praised on producing an excellent magazine.

PRO

i) **BMFA Archivist Report**
***** **WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX F)**

829/09/12 (21) Any Other Business.

From North West Area:
The Plugge Trophy annual competition.

“At the Area meeting on Tuesday 6th September 2012, there was a discussion about an "ad hoc" change in the rules regarding results for the above event.

The Area now wishes me to put in an item to be discussed on AOB at the 8th September 2012 Full Council meeting, as it is felt the decision made by the Competition Secretary was both against the rules, and also could set an unwelcome precedent for the future.

The rule books appeal procedures seem not to have been adhered to, and all rules that are there, should be strictly observed.

This also applies to the completion rules themselves.

Any change in any rule, must be properly carried out according to the Constitution, and not changed by one person.”

“The Plugge is a Club event determined by points accrued by its members throughout a series of 'Area ' (Centralised) contests. Some are for Club teams, others are not. Team contests are governed by rule 3.1.9.4 The Plugge points system is detailed in rule 3.1.10 This year (2012) saw the following ;

A number (about 5 or 6) of the Crookham club joined the BMFA via the SAM 1066 club. These people flew in the first three Area contests as Crookham members.

It was noticed that this did not meet the requirements of rule 3.1.9.4 "a member of the club specified on his BMFA/SAA membership card...." and .."he will be tied to that club. for the rest of the season....."

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The 'escape clause' if used would then invalidate SAM1066 as a BMFA affiliated Club - hardly what they would want.

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The FFTC recalculated and reissued Plugge points (for the first three Area events) between SAM1066 and Crookham - quoting rule 3.1.9.4

When the results of the 6th Area event were issued they were headed with the message :-:

"Crookham score now includes SAM1066 scores due to successful protest agreed by BMFA CompSec

This protest is against a decision made by a Technical Committee and hence comes under Rule 2.3.9

This requires the CS to convene a Panel comprising three Technical Committee Chairmen ...

Was this done ? If so, who were they ?

While Crookham has something to gain, why should the CS, and/or the Panel want to disregard the very clear requirements of rule 3.1.9.4 ?

Surely they should uphold 'The Book'?

The Competition Secretary's decision should be reversed - and publicly - to show that rules should always be followed."

Response from the Competition Secretary:

NW Area request for discussion under AOB:

"1st para: there was no "ad hoc" change in any rules.

It was not a protest despite what may have been inferred by other people.

The Comp Sec decision was not against any BMFA rules.

The Comp Sec acted perfectly correctly according to the General Rule book.

The BMFA appeal procedure against a Technical Committee decision was not applied and the reasons why are as follows:

1. The December 2011 FF Newsletter specifically mentioned "Team Contests" and rule 3.1.9.4 and did not mention the Plugge Cup competitions.
2. The FFTC Minutes of March 2012 in discussing Crookham and rule 3.1.9.4 did not mention the Plugge Cup competitions.
3. There was, therefore, no evidence that it had been a formal Minuted decision of the FFTC to deny Plugge Cup points to Crookham thus the Comp Sec was not required to enable a Panel to discuss and adjudicate on Crookham's "appeal". The Comps Sec examined the rules very carefully indeed and also requested the Technical Secretary to do the same. Both the Comp Sec and the Tech Sec independently came to the same conclusion: there was no reference in the 3.1.10 Plugge Cup rules back to the 3.1.9.4 Team Contests rules on "lead club" therefore Crookham Club was entitled to the Plugge Cup points."

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"The Comp Sec wrote to the FFTC Secretary with a comprehensive report and clearly pointing to the lack of evidence that the Plugge Cup had been formally discussed by the FFTC and the deficiencies of the Plugge Cup rules relating back to 3.1.9.4. She also ~~encloded~~ enclosed a copy of her reply to Crookham for completeness. In a later telephone conversation, the FFTC Chairman agreed that the 3.1.10 rule was deficient and that a rule change would be made for 2013. He reiterated this point at the Council Meeting of 8th September."

The Comp Sec read out to the Council Meeting the pertinent paragraphs in her letter to the FFTC Secretary:

"Additionally, reading the Minutes of the FFTC meeting of 14th March when the FFTC discussed the situation, it is clear that the FFTC decision at that meeting was that the rules in accordance with rule 3.1.9.4 should be applied but the 2012 edition of the Free Flight rule book, 3.1.9.4 deals with Team Contests thus the constraint of "lead club" can only be applied for FF Team Contests. "Club points" mentioned in 3.1.9.4 is not defined nor does it appear anywhere else in the rule book, and so it has to be concluded that it is only part of FF Team Contests. The Plugge Cup appears as an entirely separate rule at 3.1.10 and at no point in that rule is any reference made to the constraints of the "lead club" in 3.1.9.4 therefore the Plugge Cup cannot carry that restraint.

If the FFTC wishes to apply that constraint to the Plugge Cup then a change to the current rules will be required for future years."

Council agreed that the Competition Secretary had acted correctly and that her decision stands.

830/09/12 (22) Date and venue of next meeting.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Saturday 12th January 2013 at 11am, venue to be confirmed.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 1750 hrs.

BMFA Growth – Proposals for Spend

Recommendations from the Free Flight Technical Committee for the use of increased funds to improve both current effectiveness and future growth.

1. Provision of Secretarial Services to each Discipline (Tech Committees)

To supply admin work to each discipline such as:

- Organisation of entries and travel arrangements for international teams.
- Dealing with general admin of relevant Nationals.
- General correspondence on day to day matters such as rule book updates, calendar updates, official notices, newsletter distribution, website updating, etc.
- Taking and distribution of minutes at Tech Committee meetings.

2. Increased PR Budget

This should principally be spent on retaining a professional PR agency whose general brief would be:

- A. Establish Model Flying (all disciplines) as “The Leisure Activity for the 21st century”.
- B. Position the BMFA as “The Voice of UK Model Flying”.
- C. Provide a positive, upmarket image for the movement.

In working to this brief it should:

- i) Establish permanent links with Government Dept's:
 - Environment
 - Defence
 - Culture and Sport
 - Education
 - Business
 - Research Agencies
- ii) Establish permanent links with
 - Media
 - Universities
 - National Farmers Union
 - National Trust

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SCALE Nationals Report to Council - 08/09/12

The Scale Nationals for R/C, C/L and F/F were held successfully at RAF Barkston Heath during the August Public Holiday. For once the strength of the wind had less of an impact until, after a pilots' meeting on Monday, the CD took the sensible decision to cancel the final round of F4C as the gathering wind strength would not have allowed a full round to be completed. Frequent showers did interrupt proceedings, especially on Saturday, but with entries in the R/C events being lower than usual this did not prevent full rounds being flown. The reasons for the lower entries (18% down on last year) will be investigated by the Scale Tech Committee but the proximity of the World Championships in Spain which ended only 2 weeks prior to the Nats is likely to account for the lack of our usual overseas competitors. Nevertheless, the interest in the new Standoff Class, which had the highest class entry of 11, is encouraging and this did attract previous entrants of F4C and Flying Only as anticipated. The provision of an extra tent to allow the weighing of models out of the wind was much appreciated and had the added benefit of providing additional protection for models during the frequent showers. Same again next year please!

The main area of concern on the Scale R/C flight line was the repeated incursions into scale airspace by certain show line aircraft. The wind direction necessitated a cross-runway flight pattern for Scale and the flight judges had to be positioned on the far side of the runway intersection with their backs to the show line. Several large, high-energy show aircraft came so far out of their designated zone that they were observed persistently conducting reversals above the heads of our judges which is not acceptable. There was good communication between the 2 lines throughout the weekend and some show pilots did respond to requests to amend their flight patterns but others did not. Eventually it was agreed that scale would cease flying to allow some demonstration flights but this was only possible because we were not pushed for time and it cannot be allowed to be the norm. In addition, pyrotechnics were let off unannounced during the Red Arrows pair display which was very distracting for someone in the middle of a contest flight. There is no need or place for pyrotechnics to be used on the show line at this event where competition flying must take precedence, however rich and famous the display pilots! I must add that a productive exchange was had after the event with the show line director and we have an assurance that most of our concerns will be addressed next year.

After fear that C/L Scale might be in the final stages of becoming an endangered species there were some encouraging signs of a rekindling of interest. Whilst there were still only 4 entrants this year, the CD reported that he received a number of enquiries and expressions of intent to dust off old skills. We look forward to seeing whether this comes to fruition.

The main area of success this year was in Free Flight, which had more entrants than R/C for the first time in many years with a total of 30 entries, evenly spread across the three classes. We were also blessed with some good weather on both evenings and a more favourable wind direction. Although not all returned a qualifying flight score there were some spectacular flights and a good collection of new models to entertain the spectators. The main concern after last year was safety and the changes we made worked well. We were more flexible with the positioning of the crowd line, which was set further back to give more room and time to react. The competitors cooperated in staying within the pits area and also launching well away from the crowd and pits, although one large model did run into the back of a modeller who was unaware. We all need to be alert with warnings. The big improvement was the provision of two stewards in dayglo vests who kept the spectators within bounds. This was much appreciated and we would hope to have the same provision next year.

Finally, as always, the STC would like to put on record our thanks to the judges and assistants (31 in all!) and our appreciation for sterling job done once again by our CD, Graham Kennedy.

Ian Pallister
Council Delegate Scale TC
7 September 2012

CEO/NATS Co-ordinator report to Council

RC, Scale & CL Nationals 2012

From an organisational point of view, the Nationals ran very smoothly this year. We had hoped that the promise of full airfield access from Thursday night would have made the set-up easier, but the emergency arrival of a Puma helicopter on Wednesday afternoon created some complications.

Fortunately on Friday, the Puma crew were left to liaise with us which allowed us (albeit slightly restricted) access onto the airfield. Until mid-afternoon, it looked as though they would be with us for the weekend, with the Puma parked in the hangar with a permanent guard. However, they were able to depart late afternoon allowing full airfield access.

The majority of the airfield set-up was completed by Friday evening, and the arrangements with the three CL cages seemed to work particularly well.

Even the weather was fairly kind to us this year, although the poor forecast no doubt reduced gate figures on Saturday.

The Swapmeet was located outside this year and the location we selected worked very well. It was far easier to marshal and caused less disruption. It also seemed to be well received by those attending, although had it been raining it may have been a different matter.

The established 'Nats Team' did a truly excellent job this year and particular thanks should be noted for (in no particular order):

Keith & Christine Lomax – who were first to arrive on site and last to leave. Keith helped with the pre-event set-up and then worked as Treasurer and Christine managed the Camp Gate and security team.

Wayne Pendleton – helped with the set-up and then worked as Flightline Controller.

Tony Butterworth – Organised the camp site team with the efficiency we have come to expect.

Tom Jones – Responsible for the hired in plant & equipment and ensuring that those who needed electricity received it (and that it all kept working during the weekend). Tom improves and develops this area year on year and already has plans for next year.

Robin & Poppy Gowler – Who looked after the VIP's.

Mark Wigley and the roping crew who were super-efficient this year.

Andy Symons – Event Safety Co-ordinator responsible for the safety team. Also involved in set-up and break-down and co-ordinating the Swapmeet marshalling team.

Nikki & Pete Hadlow – Who organised the trade village.

Linda Harding – Who co-ordinated the day gate team.

John French – Who assisted with the supervision of the grass cutting and marquee set-up.

Mick & Hazel Stroud – Who set up the toilets/showers and took on the customary unblocking of drains!

Manny Williamson and his team who organised the Showline. Manny also co-ordinated production of this years programme along with Gemma Sargeant who designed it and John Irish who sold the advertising space. I am pleased to report that this year the programme generated an income of £800 for the event!

Sian Sargeant who was responsible for pre-event ticketing and pre & post event accounting.

Helen Feaver who organised the Dart Building Workshop this year.

Keith Barker who organised the BMFA Stand.

Nigel Hancock who created the Nats website for us, commentated on the Showline and supervised the grass collection. Nigel is 'fairly new' to the Nationals, but has quickly become a valued and integral part of the team.

Flt Lt Leon Creese – RAF Liaison Officer and Showline commentator. Leon is extremely valuable to us and it is great that he has become an integral part of the team.

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Pete James – Who is one of the instructors at Barkston Heath and who has been extremely useful to us over the years. Pete helped with the VIP's again this year and his son Matthew worked with Linda on the day gate. Although they live locally, they camped on site.
Bill Marsden – Who managed the hangar & Swapmeet (along with Phil Wigley).

There were of course innumerable other people involved and I apologise if I've missed out any of the 'key players'. I think everyone is on-board for next year and I look forward to working with them all again.

We are also fortunate that we work with an excellent range of contractors and suppliers, most of whom we now have long standing relationships with and they know exactly what's required. New for this year was Charles Herring who supplied all of the crowd barriers and CL cages. He did an excellent job for us.

I am aware of the issues which arose between Showline and Scale and some changes will be introduced for 2013 which should help alleviate further problems in the future.

The accounts are not yet finalised, but early indications are that the surplus will be a few thousand pounds.

Arrangements have already commenced for 2013 (the marquees are booked!).

Dave Phipps
CEO & NATS Co-ordinator

ROYAL AERO CLUB DELEGATE'S REPORT – July 2012

I attended the RAeC Council meeting on July 10th and the following points may be of BMFA interest.

- 1) A vacancy for chairman of the RAeC finance committee has existed since the death of Keith Mansell in December and Matthew Bolshaw was co-opted to fill this.
- 2) The Awards evening was a success and financially broke even. The presence of HRH The Duke of York is regarded as a considerable pull in terms of ticket sales, but the available room at the RAF Club somewhat limits the number of tickets that can be sold.
- 3) There was considerable discussion about the direction the FAI is taking, especially with regard to a new emphasis on marketing and branding of airsports. Breitling is the FAI's new sponsor and organisers of all Category 1 events, i.e. World and Continental Championships, must provide a Breitling presence at the events. A company, FAME, has been formed within FAI to handle marketing, but it appears that the FAI's Executive Board may be losing sight of the fact that the air sport commissions (CIAM in our case) are the reason the FAI exists, rather than regarding them as a source of funding.
- 4) It is hoped that the RAeC website will soon go live. To be of any value it will require a regular input of news items from the member associations and an effective editor to avoid it becoming simply a noticeboard.
- 5) The planning has started for the two day event the British Aerobatic Association are planning at Duxford either next year or in 2014. John James (CL Combat) and Steve Roberts (RC helicopter aerobatics) are those responsible for the model flying input.

Martin Dilly
RAeC Delegate

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Education Working Group report to Full Council 8th September 2012

Since the last Council meeting we have been involved in a number of events. The first being the University Challenge, the 18th, as usual two separate contests being run. For the second time this became an International event with two teams competing from Germany and four from Turkey. This years event had the largest entry ever - thirteen teams competed in the final two tasks of the Heavy Lift event and twelve teams competed in the Electric Contest. Saturday afternoon saw all teams give their presentations in one of the Elvington museum buildings. At the end of the flying part of the contest, only seven teams managed to get a score in the Heavy Lift event and nine teams in the Electric Contest. This years Heavy Lift Contest was won by Strade University (Germany) with a final score of 390.57 points. The Electric Contest was won by University of Liverpool team with a final score of 146.87 points. The changes that were made to the rules this year made for a safer contest and it would appear that with the increase in participants this has not reduced its appeal.

The BMFA was invited to have a stand at the "Mini Maker Faire" at the Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI), Manchester. The North West Area took on this two day event running workshops for building AeroJets and FUN Copter helicopters. Apart from the early morning (10.00) workshop all the rest were over subscribed. The Maker Faire concept was started at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to promote skills particularly electronics amongst the young. Apparently there are other Maker Faires up and down the country so may be we can get involved with more.

With the Cancellation of the BMFA Flight Challenge event due to lack of numbers it was time that a new format was devised and as a result the "Fly Your Plane Challenge" announced in the August edition of the BMFA News, has now started and the web site will be up and running in the next day or so. Please publicise this event around your local schools and youth organisations.

I have now booked the stand at the Association for Science Education annual conference to be held next January the University of Reading. This event enables the BMFA to establish direct links with individual science teachers and regional science organisations (such as STEMNET) in various parts of the country.

Manny Williamson our Development Officer, with the help of the office staff and Traplet have produced a DVD on the building and flying of the BMFA Dart along with a CD of all the BMFA Educational publications. This is hoped to provide information in a more compact cost effective form

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ARCHIVISTS REPORT TO THE FULL COULCIL MEETING 7th September 2012

The archiving workers have archived over 4,000 items; generally we have weekly four hourly sessions the exceptions being holidays or illness.

I am grateful to those members who continue to donate small items to our collection and to those who I have to refuse due to lack of space, this is most unfortunate as we may be missing out on very special items of modelling history that can not be replaced.

On behalf of the membership I would like to thank Terry Watson, Hon. Mem. and Eric Clark Hon. Mem. For their continuing help and assistance, also the office staff for their assistance and the invaluable cups of tea and coffee.

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Vice President & Archivist
7th Sept. 2012