

MINUTES

SOCIETY OF MODEL AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS LTD.

(T/A British Model Flying Association)

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 18th May 2013 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
Robin Sleight MBE	Honorary Secretary
Keith Lomax FSMAE	Honorary Treasurer
Peter Halman FSMAE	FAI Delegate
Simon Vaitkevicius	Records Officer
Nigel Barker	PRO
Peter Leavesley	East Anglia Area Delegate
Martin Dilly FSMAE	London Area Delegate & RAeC Delegate
Marian Ainsworth	Midland Area Delegate Alt
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
Phil Durant	Western Area Delegate
Stuart Simpson	Southern Area Delegate
Andrew Potts	Mid West Area Delegate
Paul Luby	RAFMAA Area
Trevor Grey	Free Flight TC Representative
Vernon Hunt	Control Line TC Representative
Clive Needham	R/C SFTC Representative
Ian Pallister	Scale TC Representative
Mike Colling FSMAE	Indoor TC Representative

Visitors

Jim Wright

Museum Liaison Officer

In Attendance

Linda Harding
Dave Phipps

Office Manager / Minute Taker
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 12th January 2013.
- 5 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 12th January 2013 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 6 To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer to include:
 - a The progress towards the year end Accounts.
- 7 To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.
- 8 To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.
- 9 To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary to include:
 - a To receive the Affiliated Club List.
 - b To receive dates for Council Meetings in the year 2014.
 - c To discuss and agree the processes for the November elections.
 - d To consider the following proposals:
 - i) That this Council agrees to amend Council Handbook section 3.2 to add extra text at the end of the current paragraph (See full text in proposal appended, Agenda Item 9d i)).
 - ii) That this Council agrees to amend Council Handbook section 1.6 to add additional reasons for a person ceasing to be a Director of the Society. (See reasons in proposal appended, Agenda Item 9d ii)).
- 10 To receive a report from the Technical Secretary to include the following proposal:
 - i) That the BMFA General Rules sections covering entry to BMFA competitions and events and their publication requirements are modified as outlined in proposal appended. (See Agenda Item 10 i))
- 11 To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include:
 - a Receipt and ratification of any contests for next year's FAI Calendar.
- 12 To receive a report from the Records Officer.
- 13 To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.
- 14 To receive a report from the FAI Delegate to include:
 - a The receipt of the report of the recent CIAM Meeting.

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15 To receive the following proposals:

- i) From **Control Line Technical Committee** re Site Improvement Grant to Support Control Line Contest Facilities at Croydon Airport as outlined in proposal and supporting documents appended. (See Agenda Item 15 i)).
- ii) From **London Area** that a small (3 or 4 persons, including the CEO) working party be set up to review the present state of the BMFA website, identify faults and instigate a remedial programme. The working party will not be constrained by a need to seek approval for each step it wishes to undertake. It will be considered responsible for what it does, will have a budget likely to cover the cost of the professional work required and will aim to have completed its task by the end of July 2013.
- iii) From **North West Area** that the rule for appointment of Club Examiners that "the candidates must have held a 'B' certificate for 6 months" be waived on the occasion of the testing of the first helicopter Club Examiner on the Isle of Man.
- iv) From **RAFMAA Area** that appropriate section(s) of the BMFA Handbook should be changed to include the following principle:
*"If an individual is teaching a student to fly model aircraft, to an achievement standard for **commercial gain**, then the same individual should not be allowed to examine that student when the student is taking the achievement scheme test. An examiner independent from the teaching organisation must be used."*

16 To determine the eligibility of the Chairman, Technical Secretary and Honorary Treasurer (having served for 10 or more years in that position) to stand for re-election in accordance with rule 1.8 of the Council Handbook, Issue 6b January 2013.

17 To receive updated briefings and reports from the Technical Committees & the Power Nationals Co-ordinator for all the BMFA National Championships.

18 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)

19 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

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20 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.

21 Date of next meeting.

MINUTES

Before officially opening the meeting the Chairman asked everyone to be standing for 1 minute silence in memory of the sad loss of three very respected BMFA members; our Vice President Alan Daley, Nikki Hadlow Honorary Member/Power Nationals Trade Secretary and John Shaw very well known Free Flight/Indoor flyer.

855/05/13 (1) Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from the following:
Chris Bromley FSMAE Technical Secretary, Chris Moynihan Vice Chairman, Jo Halman FMSAE Competition Secretary, John Bridgett Midland Area, Geb Jones RC Power TC, Peter Disney RNMAA.

856/05/13 (2) Request for permission to be absent.

There were no requests.

857/05/13 (3) To verify the voting strength of the meeting.

There were 23 members eligible to vote.

858/05/13 (4) Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 12th January 2013.

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- **841/01/13 (11) International Teams, third paragraph** – Replace paragraph with the following:

“A change is required for Free Flight Team as a result of the unfortunate death of Stafford Screen FSMAE. His place as second reserve has been taken by Simon Dixon, the next qualifier.”

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- **IMAC Aerobatics Contest Fees – Nationals** Replace £28 with £30; insert “Senior” before “classes”. **Fun Fly Nationals** insert £00 Juniors.

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- **AOB - First paragraph, first line** – Replace “pole” with “poll”.

FAI Delegate proposed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2013 be accepted as a true record.

Seconded by East Anglia Area

Vote: For: 17
 Ags: 0
 Abs: 6

Carried by a majority vote.

859/05/13 (5) Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 12th January 2013 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.

ACTION / NOTES

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- 839/01/13 (9) Matters Arising, third paragraph, Laurie Barr bequest to purchase a trophy – Indoor have decided they want to award the trophy for the “35cm Class” best flight over the course of the year in an Indoor site in the UK. Indoor also asked if they could have an input into the design of the trophy. Indoor will work in conjunction with the Records Officer to progress this.

INDOOR/REC OFFICER

This was accepted by Council.

- 839/01/13 (9) Matters Arising, fifth paragraph, availability of electronic affiliated club list – The PRO advised that he had been provided with an electronic copy of the affiliated club list.

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- Hon Treas financial report, second paragraph VAT refund – The Hon Treasurer reported that we received a VAT refund of £1200. He also reported that the Accounts Manager is working with the VAT office in relation to VAT on BMFA News, which may even result in a further refund.

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- Notice of intent to send a team to a championship event, sixth paragraph, Scale team – Scale informed the meeting that in accordance with the process agreed at the last meeting a team was selected to send to the 2013 Scale Championship. Unfortunately the Championship was cancelled by the Romanians because of lack of support from other Nations.

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- 848/01/13 (18) PRO report, third and fourth paragraph consider reinstating BMFA web forum – The PRO advised that he had spoken with the CEO, Development Officer and Club Support Officer. The BMFA Face book page is active and proving quite popular and he thinks this is fulfilling the need with a minimum overhead on the Society. The feeling was that at this point in time there is no requirement to set up a website forum.

This concluded matters arising.

860/05/13 (6) To Receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer.

a) Progress towards the year end Accounts.

The Accounts Manager completed the Supplementary Booklet yesterday. This is the core financial accounts of the main business of the BMFA. The Auditor is due to make his visit within the next week or so.

The Accounts are showing a deficit on the full year of approximately £300. The primary reason relates to legal fees and associated costs pertaining to settling a Club dispute, which was actually concluded successfully.

Other contributing factors are:

Downturn in membership in 2012;

Business post is now subject to VAT, which has cost the BMFA approximately £16,000 extra in postage costs.

In relation to the above costs there is a possibility that some of them, particularly the legal costs, can be taken from the Development Reserve rather than from BMFA Income and Expenditure which would then bring the account back in to surplus. The Accounts Manager will be discussing this with the Auditor.

A suggestion was put forward that we should ask members whether they want the BMFA News magazine posted to them or not, which could save on postage costs. The Hon Treasurer said this is something we could look at.

The Hon Treasurer also commented that other options include producing four issues instead of six issues per year; switching to an online magazine instead of printed.

In all cases we would need to ask the membership what they want and to look carefully at the various costs involved.

Scale pointed out that some time ago we acknowledged that BMFA News magazine was the only mechanism for getting formal information and notices to every member and whether they read it or not is their problem. This seemed to be the consensus of opinion.

The three main Nationals events; Free Flight, August Power Nationals; Silent Flight Nationals all generated a surplus in 2012.

CCTF (Central Team Travel Fund)

The Hon Treasurer circulated copies of a table he had produced itemising the CCTF funds accumulated and allocated where applicable. He guided the meeting through the document and gave explanations where relevant.

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After due consideration and debate the Honorary Treasurer put forward the following proposal:

“That £2924 is transferred from the Development Reserve to add to the CTF before allocating the CTF funds.”

Seconded by North East Area

Vote: For: 22

Ags: 0

Abs: 1

Carried by a majority vote.

HON
TREAS/ACCTS
MGR

F3A have requested additional support due to the World Championships being held in South Africa in August 2013. The Executive have the authority to allocate up to 20% for special consideration and as only one request was received they made a decision to allocate 10% to this request.

It should be pointed out that the Executive strongly recommend that R/C Power should ring fence the money allocated and pass it on to the F3A Team instead of it just being put in to their general team travel funds.

RCPTC

Post Meeting Note:

Subsequent to the Council meeting, confirmation was obtained from the HMRC that we would be able to recover approximately £16,000 in VAT that had been paid on BMFA News postage. This has resulted in an end of year surplus rather than the small deficit declared during the meeting.

As such, the Honorary Treasurer has requested that the decision to take the £2924 from the Development Reserve is not carried out, as this amount can now be met from the Income and Expenditure accounts as per the original Council decisions resolved last September.

The Hon Treasurer advised that we will be making a saving each year of just under £3000 because the Club Bulletin is now being issued electronically to clubs.

Activities since the last meeting include attending Old Warden show with the PR stand, accompanied by Kath Watson FSMAE, Vice President and Archivist and their respective partners.

861/05/13 (7) To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.

CEO

The online membership payment system has worked very well with only minor problems, mainly members incorrectly inputting information.

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CEO Rep
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Sponsorship money has been received for this year from Doodson Sport, our Insurance Brokers. In addition because we had a very good claims record for 2012 we qualified for a share of the profits. Under our previous arrangements this would have gone either to the Brokers or to the Royal and Sun Alliance Shareholders. The profit share being returned to us relating to 2012 is £28,400.

He has suggested to the Executive that, as we now operate on the franchise system, in the worst instance we may have to find £25,000 to settle small attritional claims in any one year. The figure for 2012 was £5,000 to settle the claims that came in. His suggestion therefore is that we ring fence £25,000 for the worst case, topped up each year when the profit share comes in, then the balance would be liberated for other purposes.

It is a very good benefit that we have not previously had and it is also a very good incentive to ensure that everyone flies in a safe manner and avoid expensive accidents.


The Club Support Officer Andy Symons has been very busy of late helping quite a few clubs with planning successes. Andy points out in his written report to the meeting that it is becoming increasingly apparent that a lot of clubs now as part of the planning process are required to submit noise reports as part of the application.

The Executive agreed at their meeting yesterday to the purchase of a new noise meter that better meets the standards and requirements when submitting reports for noise planning applications. The cost is £1853 plus VAT which has been recommended by the acoustic consultants that we seek guidance from.

In addition the Executive agreed to arrange for training for the Club Support Officer to gain an 'Institute of Acoustics Diploma in Noise Control' which would enhance the credibility to the work that he does in support of the clubs. It is a very positive step forward for the work he does in support of our clubs and flying sites.

**CLUB SUPPORT OFFICER WRITTEN REPORT
(APPENDIX A)**

Attendances at shows/events include Chairman's Conference in Basingstoke in March which was very well attended and comments were very positive.

Our Honorary Legal Adviser has been working with us over the last couple of months, principally in relation to the 'Trust' document for the establishment of a separate BMFA Trust which would provide an attractive place for people to make bequests and donations , outside of the normal scope of what we do.

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The other matter our Legal Adviser has been working on is the Model Constitution that we provide to model flying clubs.

CEO Rep
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She has done a thorough update and review on the original document. Hopefully it will be ready for re-launching very soon.

The new simulator trailer had been set up in the car park if anyone wanted to have a demo. The Development Officer and Club Support Officer were praised for their efforts in ordering, arranging and co-ordinating this in a fairly short time scale and thanks were recorded to both of them. The simulator trailer had its debut attendance at the Rougham Show. A booking system has been introduced to accommodate further bookings for club use. We have also purchased a 'pop up' gazebo in a matching corporate design. There is no charge for hiring the simulator trailer the only charges made are to cover transportation.

The arrangements for various Nationals at Cranwell and Barkston Heath are all progressing well.

At the August Power Nationals this year we are proposing to run a raffle draw with a view to generating additional revenue for the CTTF. At the Electric Indoor Masters at Bradford the raffle generated just over £1100. Hopefully the potential at the Power Nationals is to do somewhat better than that.

This year at the AGM and prize giving/dinner we will not be hosting the usual 'disco', the money we will save is going to be used to hire a photographer. The plan is that everyone who receives a presentation will then receive a mounted photograph as well.

Various remedial changes have been made to the website. We have been gathering tenders and specs for changes to the website in the future. We are hopefully looking to integrate our database to the new website and phase two of the interactive part of the website is to develop it for club secretaries to be able to log in and manage their membership for renewals, updates etc. For the basic content site figures look to be in the region of £7,000 – 10,000; for the add-ons the total project cost will probably be £20,000 – 25,000.

Doodsons Sport our insurance brokers have expressed an interest in contributing towards the costs in setting up the new website through their sponsorship arrangement.

The PRO proposed that we allow a budget of up to £25,000 for the Computer Sub-Committee to proceed with implementing changes to the website. The proviso being that funds not covered by sponsorship are to be drawn from the Development Reserve. Target completion date by September 2013 Full Council meeting.

**COMPUTER
SUB-CTTEE**

Seconded by Hon Treasurer
Carried unanimously

Chairman

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He attends regular meetings with the CEO at the office and has been involved in many of the developments reported in the CEO's report.

Chair Rep
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862/05/13 (8) To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.

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

The Chairman brought forward agenda item 16 as follows:

863/05/13 (9) - Item brought forward) To determine the eligibility of the Chairman, Technical Secretary and Honorary Treasurer (having served for 10 or more years in that position) to stand for re-election in accordance with rule 1.8. of the Council Handbook, Issue 6b January 2013.

The Chairman informed Council that he would be standing down this year therefore the ballot will only be necessary for the Technical Secretary and Honorary Treasurer positions.

Ballot forms were handed out and the result of the ballot is as follows:

Chris Bromley FSMAE, Technical Secretary – Not approved to stand for re-election.

Keith Lomax FSMAE, Honorary Treasurer - Approved to stand for re-election.

The Chairman introduced Jim Wright, Museum Liaison Officer. Copies of a power point presentation were circulated prior to the meeting headed – “The Establishment of a Centre for UK Model Flying”.

Jim proceeded with a verbal presentation, answering questions and gathering feedback as time permitted.

Council were very grateful for the work Jim has put in to this concept. Opinions were very diverse. However the consensus was that the first step before any decision can be made to pursue the concept any further is to determine whether the members would be agreeable.

Jim had provided a draft questionnaire, as a guideline only for now, as part of the presentation documents. He asked for Councils permission to survey the membership using such a document through an online survey host called 'Survey Money' **Monkey**.

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This service provides the option of publishing a link to the survey document, which they then use to provide an analysis of the responses. This would cost £299 for twelve months subscription. The objective of this would be to try and determine the level of financial support from the membership and to the suggestion of a National Flying Site. It is not limited to one survey and other sub-committees could use the service if they so wish.

CLTC proposed that we authorise the Museum Liaison Officer to proceed with the Survey Monkey. £300 commitment.

**HON
TREAS/ACCTS
MGR**

Seconded by FFTC
Carried unanimously

It was felt that the draft questionnaire provided by Jim needed reviewing before being put out to members. The Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer offered their services to re-work the suggested questions for the questionnaire. When they are happy with it and it has the approval of the Executive at their meeting in June, it will be passed on to Jim to progress the survey.

**HON SEC/HON
TREAS**

It was suggested maybe it would be a good idea to provide some kind of incentive for people to respond to the questionnaire, such as a random prize draw and the prize could be a one year membership subscription to BMFA. Council thought this was a good idea.

Jim touched on one other option which he feels would be worth exploring. Scampton airfield is going to be re-developed as a National Aviation Heritage Centre and he has been in contact with the CEO of Lincolnshire County Council and expressed our interest in the centre. The response was that they are appointing consultants to look at the whole possibility to develop Scampton and will get them to make contact with him.

864/05/13 (10) To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary.

- a) To receive the Affiliated Club List.

The Honorary Secretary commended the Affiliated Club List with the caveat that this only applies to Clubs on the list with five or more members.

The Affiliated Club List was accepted by Council.

- b) Council Dates – All dates correct except for the Power Nats. Amended copy appended.

COUNCIL DATES (APPENDIX C)

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

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The Honorary Secretary proposed that we adopt the same process as we have the last few years that is, one member one vote. Council agreed we continue with this method.

At Executive meetings because of the sensitive/confidential nature of some of the discussions, the Executive feel the circulation of the Executive Minutes should be restricted to the Executive only. Alternatively a separate appendix could be produced for the Executive only, to include confidential information.

The feeling of Council was that the circulation should not be limited to the Executive.

It was suggested that the circulation of Executive Minutes are limited to Directors only and if necessary a confidential appendix is created and circulated to the Executive.

Those minutes would make reference to that appendix and the topic.

Council agreed to this action.

The Honorary Secretary advised that R/C Power Tech Committee at their meeting in March co-opted Geb Jones as R/CPTC Representative to Council.

Honorary Secretary proposed that Council accept the co-option of Geb Jones as a Director of the Society and representing R/C Power Tech Committee.

Seconded by PRO
Carried unanimously.

**CHAIRMAN/CEO/
OFFICE MGR**

**CEO/OFFICE
MGR/ACCTS
MGR**

Honorary Secretary formerly proposed that Bob Mahoney is co-opted as Silent Flight Achievement Scheme Controller.

Seconded by Honorary Treasurer
Carried unanimously.

**CEO/OFFICE
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MGR**

- 10d i) **The Honorary Secretary proposed that this Council agrees to amend Council Handbook section 3.2 to add the following extra text at the end of the current paragraph:-**

In respect of formal Council meetings it will normally be the case that only the Directors physically present vote on issues as they arise at such meetings. However if an important specific topic is on the agenda for a Council meeting where it is impossible for any Director to be physically present and it is known that the specific Director/s will have a significant input as relevant to that topic, then arrangements may be made by video conference, speaker phone provision (or similar) to insure that Director (or Directors) has interaction with, and input to, the meeting such that their vote/s can still be recorded but their votes are achieved in an informed manner taking full account of the discussions at the meeting.

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*In addition to formally convened Council meetings, circumstances may arise where an "email vote" is clearly the most efficient way of ensuring timely resolution of an urgent issue. There are however potential hazards with email voting and, as a procedure, it should **not** normally be the primary mechanism of decision taking nor should it ever be employed on issues which clearly require significant discussion and interaction before any vote. Any topic intended for email voting must be framed on an absolutely "black and white" question basis.*

*Although this mechanism of non-physically present votes being acceptable, in certain defined circumstances, is provided here in the context of Full Council votes, the same principles apply to such voting, including email voting, at **any** of Council's sub Councils, committees and sub committees. If and when any email vote is conducted, the voting question shall usually be sent to all members of the relevant Council or committee by the Secretary of that Council or committee and the "reply all" function should normally be used in voting. That assures process transparency and makes the voting result clear to all relevant members of the Council or committee.*

The fact that the vote was conducted, the question/s asked and the result/s shall be recorded in the minutes of the next physical meeting of that Council or committee which follows the email vote.

If the topic in question is to seek final agreement to a previously drafted document where the document has previously been the subject of face to face debate and it is anticipated that agreement should be straightforward on the basis that all pre-agreed changes have since been incorporated, then, for convenience, it is acceptable for the originator of that document to seek and record the email votes to agree the document on the basis as described above.

Seconded by London Area

Vote: For: 21
Abs: 2
Ags: 0

Carried by a majority vote.

10d ii) **The Honorary Secretary proposed that this Council agrees to amend Council Handbook section 1.6 to add the following additional reasons for a person ceasing to be a Director of the Society:-**

- (j) if that person becomes a Director by virtue of his co-option by Council following his nomination as the Delegate to Council from a body entitled to a Council Delegate and that body then decides to withdraw that nomination.
- (k) if that person becomes a Director by virtue of his co-option by Council following his nomination as the Delegate to Council from a body entitled to a Council Delegate and that body or office is either subsequently suspended or dissolved by a Council decision.

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Seconded by South Midland Area
Carried unanimously.

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The Honorary Secretary informed Council that the next Executive Meeting will be devoted in the main to discussing the future strategy issues of the Society, which will include such topics as National Flying Site/Museum as raised today by Jim Wright.

The Honorary Secretary informed Council of a few changes he will be recommending in a proposal to September Full Council and to seek feedback today.

These are:

- To consider streamlining representation of Technical Committees at Full Council Meetings, from one representative for each of the six Technical Committees to one overall representative for the six Technical Committees. Council did not concur with this rationale.

- To consider suspending Areas Council pro tem. Areas Council spends 95% of its time scrutinising proposals from ASRC. Without that there is very little else to do. He believes we should give ASRC more authority to take responsibility for the decisions and recommendations and submit a written submission of what they recommend to Full Council. Additionally any Area Delegate has the right to attend an ASRC meeting, if there was something on the agenda which is of crucial interest to a specific Area they can attend the meeting and be heard. Area Delegates will still attend Full Council and the average member is still adequately represented. We would lose almost nothing by abolishing Areas Council. Council seemed more in favour of this option.

864/05/13 (11) To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.

The Technical Secretary had submitted a proposal (appended to the Agenda) that the General Rules section covering entry to BMFA competitions and events and their publication requirements are modified.

Unfortunately the Technical Secretary was not present to commend the proposal to Full Council. The Chairman deferred this to September Full Council meeting.

**TECH
SEC/OFFICE
MGR**

The CEO reported on behalf of the Technical Secretary that all the Rule Books had been completed. Also the Technical Secretary had received all details of records for 2011 and 2012 from the Records Officer and is working on updating the Records list at present.

Thanks were recorded to the Technical Secretary for the sterling work he has done over the last twenty plus years.

865/05/13 (12) To receive a report from the Competition Secretary.

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

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

a)

2014 - Stonehenge Cup and Equinox Cup. Further details will be provided in due course.

866/05/13 (13) To receive a report from the Records Officer.

Documents pertaining to a Record Claim in the name of Martin Newnham had been circulated prior to the start of the meeting. The Records Officer advised however that on closer inspection the submission did not fully meet the requirements and the candidate has been asked to re-submit the claim.

Work on the trophy database is ongoing. This is being undertaken by a longstanding BMFA member for a nominal charge. Hopefully the database will be made available for the office to work with fairly soon.

In conjunction with the Competition Secretary changes have been made to the Record Claim forms and will be available on line very soon.

He has received a formal request from Scale Tech Committee to reallocate two trophies. The Records Officer read out the recommendation from Scale Tech Committee which he fully endorsed.

- F4B Scale (FAI Scale C/L class) Several years ago Scale Tech Committee de-coupled the BMFA Scale C/L class from the FAI Rules and renamed it 'Scale C/L'. This was incorporated into the trophy section of the Scale Contest Rules but because it was never raised at Council the trophy records were not updated. Scale Tech Committee has requested that the records are now updated accordingly.

- Scale Tech Committee have requested the Clubman Trophy (No 108) is re-allocated to the new Stand-off Scale class which has replaced the Clubman event at the Nationals. This has been incorporated into the 2013 Contest Rules.

Council formally agreed to the above recommendations.

The Records Officer advised that a decision had been taken at the Executive Meeting the previous day that he will be taking on the responsibility for updating the Records Book.

He has been given the task of refurbishing the winners' podium in readiness for the Power Nationals in August.

**RECORDS
OFFICER**

867/05/13 (14) To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.

WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX E)

London Area disagreed with the statement in the PRO's report that it is not worth our attendance at the London MEX.

868/05/13 (15) To receive a report from the FAI Delegate.

- a) Receipt of the report of the CIAM Plenary meeting

WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX F)

Voting Results Table appended as a separate document.

He was delighted that Jo Halman FSMAE Competition Secretary was awarded the FAI Aeromodelling Gold Medal for her services to the CIAM over the years. Council took the opportunity to congratulate the Competition Secretary on her success.

We were quite successful with the rule changes we put forward and thanked the members of the delegation who joined him in Lausanne for the work they did at the Plenary Meeting and at the Technical Meetings.

869/05/13 (16) To receive the following proposals from CLTC, London Area, North West Area and RAFMAA Area.

- i) **From Control Line Technical Committee – A request for funding of £2,718 from the Development Fund, spread over two years, for site improvement at the Croydon Airport model flying site. (Supporting documents were appended to the agenda for this meeting).**

Seconded by London Area

Peter Halman FSMAE, member of CLTC explained the background to the above proposal, supported by the Honorary Treasurer.

Vote: For: 22
Abs: 0
Ags: 1

Carried by a majority vote.

- ii) **From London Area that a small (3 or 4 persons, including the CEO) working party be set up to review the present state of the BMFA website, identify faults and instigate a remedial programme. The working party will not be constrained by a need to seek approval for each step it wishes to undertake. It will be considered responsible for what it does, will have a budget likely to cover the cost of the professional work required and will aim to have completed its task by the end of July 2013.**

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From North West Area that the rule for appointment of Club Examiners that “the candidates must have held a ‘B’ certificate for 6 months” be waived on the occasion of the testing of the first helicopter Club Examiner on the Isle of Man.

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Carried unanimously.

- iv) **From RAFMAA Area that appropriate section(s) of the BMFA Handbook should be changed to include the following principle: “If an individual is teaching a student to fly model aircraft, to an achievement standard for commercial gain, then the same individual ~~should~~ must not be allowed to examine that student when the student is taking the achievement scheme test. An examiner independent from the teaching organisation must be used.”**

Seconded by Northern Area

The Chairman allowed a drafting amendment to the above proposal: Delete “should” shown as strikethrough; Insert “must” shown as underlined.

Vote: For: 21
Ags: 1
Abs: 1

Carried by a majority vote.

4pm PRO and South Midland Area left the meeting – voting now 21.

**PAS
CONTROLLER/
OFFICE MGR/
TECH SEC/CEO**

870/05/13 (17) To receive updated briefings and reports from the Technical Committees & the Power Nationals Co-ordinator for all the BMFA National Championships.

Power Nationals Co-ordinator

Arrangements are in hand for the various Nationals events that he is involved with. The licence to erect the traffic lights and the licence to put the road signs out for the Power Nationals were received this week.

Control Line requested a larger diameter speed cage this year. They also requested to have a towable water bauser.

Scale advised that there has been editorial correspondence in some of the press about the lack of a static display of Scale models at the Power Nationals. It has been discussed at Scale Tech Committee and they looked at the options of taking on additional marquee space and if feasible they would like to use a larger marquee in the current location rather than take on a second marquee for the separate display. This would allow some spectators to come in to where the static judging takes place.

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**NATS CO-
ORDINATOR**

Control Line – Everything is on track.

Scale – Scale Indoor Nationals was held on 21st April at Nottingham University which was very successful. Entries were up. They managed a profit of £1,033. Scale formally congratulated Andy Sephton on his efforts in organising the event and generally promoting Indoor Scale at clubs etc. throughout the year. If the success continues they will be struggling to fit it all in, in one day. Subject to further discussion and agreement within Committee the venue has been booked for two days in 2014 and introducing the R/C scale indoor event as an incumbent part of the event. Scale asked Free Flight to take on board a comment from Scale FF rep that he is unhappy that there is no mention of FF Scale event in the publicity material that has gone out to Free Flight Nationals competitors.

Indoor – The Indoor Duration Nationals will be taking place at Baulby again in June. Everything is set to go and will be a two and a half day event. The date coincides with an event at the **Wibbie-Kibbie** Dome in America therefore some of the more experienced flyers will be absent.

Free Flight – Advertising and publicity is complete, organisation and facility arrangements are complete. Entries closed on 12th May and are up to expectations. In addition to the Free Flight events there will be some Control Line Team Racing events run by the Vintage Team Race crew. Hopefully with good weather we hope to make a small surplus.

Silent Flight – South Airfield at Cranwell has been secured. No visitors allowed. A sweep of the F3B and F3J flying areas for hidden cables is necessary.

871/05/13 (18) To receive any reports from the following Delegates:

- a) **RAeC**

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- b) **GASCo**
The Chairman reported that he was unable to attend the last meeting. He will however be attending the next meeting in June.

- c) **AIR PROX** – Nothing to report.

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- d) **Sport + Recreation Alliance** – Worked on the Constitution that we issue to Clubs, the Sport + Recreation Alliance have also issued a legal guidance document on implementing constitutions within clubs. We think it is a very good, concise explanation and summary and have asked their permission to circulate it and incorporate it within our own constitution document.
- e) **GAAC** – Nothing to report.

872/05/13 (19) To receive any reports from the following Committees:

- a) **CAA Team** – There was a recent change to the wording on the FPV exemption so that it could be integrated into club activity more easily. The CAA is currently reviewing the use of return to home systems.
- b) **UKRCC** – No report.
- c) **Education Working Group / Flight Challenge / University Challenge**

**Education Officer report on 2013 CIAM Plenary Meeting
WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX H)**

Education Working Group - He gave a presentation at Crickhowell Rotary Club. They are hoping to hold model aviation workshops within schools in their Area (South Wales). Mid West Area has a very eager Education Co-ordinator who is keen to get involved.

Flight Challenge - Is ongoing.

University Challenge – entries have been phenomenal this year. Hopefully we will be blessed with good weather. The ASE event in January will take place in 2014 at Birmingham University. A volunteer to help on the stand would be welcome.

London Area reported that Kingston University final engineering project this year is to design, build and compete with an F1A Glider. He went to talk to them and has produced an article for BMFA News.

- d) **Computer sub-committee** – Nothing further to report.
- e) **Safety Review Committee** – Nothing to report.
- f) **ASRC** – No report.
- g) **BMFA News Publishers** – The next issue of BMFA News (119) is the last one the Editor Simon Delaney will be producing.

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BMFA
News
Pub Rep
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Free Flight asked why the current Editor is being replaced. The CEO commented on the reasons for the change. A 'caretaker editor' would take care of the next two issues, after which the future arrangements would be decided.

h) **Archivist Report** - No report.

873/05/13 (20) Any Other Business.

There was none.

874/05/13 (21) Date and venue of next meeting.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Saturday 7th September 2013 at 11am, to be held at Chacksfield House.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 16.23pm.

Club Support Officers report. Jan-May 2013

I Co-ordinated the 2013 EIM with the assistance of the Development Officer, the event was once again a success and there have been a number of articles in the modelling press praising the event.

I have attended with the stand at the Northern Model Engineering and Modelling Exhibitions in Manchester and Harrogate and also attended with the Development Officer and Chairman the show at Rougham to “debut” the simulator trailer, I think it is fair to describe the trailer as a hit and it is going to have a busy summer at shows and events. I also attended the Chairmen’s conference. The conference was very well received by all the delegates.

The online club map is working well, I have had updated data submissions from over 50 clubs and with the article in the upcoming News am expecting a flood more very soon.

Club Matters

Council will be please to note that the Huddersfield and District dispute has come to a conclusion and the club have been happily flying back on the “Whams” since February. There are a number of other ongoing disputes within clubs, usually these can be avoided by ensuring constitutions are comprehensive and importantly followed!! Remembering that we do this for fun helps of course!!

We have had feedback from our legal advisor on our example constitution and I am in the process of updating this, the new version will be released shortly.

It would be worth areas reminding clubs that to refuse renewals is the same as dismissing a member and the disciplinary procedures should be followed in these cases to avoid potential legal issues.

We have had a number of planning successes since my last report to council with approvals for BIB Large Model Group, Plane Crazy MFC, Three Shires MFC, Blackdown RCFC, Fenland Model Club and most recently Epsom Radio Flying Club.

I made a site visit to the Epsom club on one of their Sunday flying sessions to meet the planning officer and an environmental health officer, they had received a number of noise related objections to their application. One objector stated he had moved to the area specifically because it was a peaceful rural location. It turned out to be quite difficult to discuss these issues with the EHO with the noise of 747s taking off from Gatwick every 3 minutes and the ongoing clay pigeon shooting in an adjacent field!!

There are a number of ongoing planning applications, it is clear that going forward that noise is going to become even more of an issue, a number of clubs have been asked to produce noise assessments before their applications can be accepted. These can be very costly. One of the conditions of the Fenland Model club planning approval is that they produce a plan to improve bio-diversity at their site, I have forwarded some information to the club but have also been in touch with English Nature and am hoping to get their help in producing something that may be useful for all clubs.

Andy Symons
Club Support Officer

Vice Chairman's Report, May, 2013

Since the last meeting of Council in January, the following actions have been completed.

- 1 Access to Cranwell south airfield for the Silent Flight Nats in August has been secured.
- 2 Data on past awards has been passed to our Archivist who is starting an historical file of BMFA Award recipients. This data is somewhat limited, but is a start.
- 3 The BMFA Awards booklet has been brought up to date to include all the awards created since its last update.
- 4 Have responded to the Hon Sec's request for feedback on his Strategy paper.
- 5 Not yet got together with the Records Officer to discuss possible plans for the format of the AGM and Dinner Presentations evening.
- 6 Prepared a draft BMFA Complaints Procedure for completion and presentation at the Sept Full Council meeting.
- 7 Attended the RAeC presentation event at the RAF Club.

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12.05.2013

2014 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (VERSION 2)

2013

Mon 9th December
 Fri 13th December
 Mon 30th December

2014 1st Full Council Meeting Agenda Deadline
 2014 1st Full Council Meeting Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin
 1st Areas Agenda Deadline

2014

Fri 3rd January

1st Areas Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin

Sat 11th January

1st Full Council Meeting

Fri 24th January

1st Full Council Meeting Minutes despatch

Sat 25th January

1st Area Council Meeting

Sat 1st February

Team Managers Briefing – Comp Sec

Fri 7th February

1st Area Council Meeting Minutes despatch

Sat 15th February

(Reserve date) Team Managers Briefing – Comp Sec

Mon 24th February

1st Tech Council Agenda Deadline

Fri 28th February

1st Tech Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin

Sat 23rd March

1st Tech Council Meeting

Fri 4th April

1st Tech Council Meeting Minutes despatch

Tues 22nd April

2nd Full Council Agenda Deadline

Fri 25th April

2nd Full Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin

Sat 17th May

2nd Full Council Meeting

24/25/26 May (TBC)

Free Flight Nats & Space Modelling Nats

Fri 30th May

2nd Full Council Meeting Minutes despatch

Fri 11th July

**AGM 1 despatch

Mon 11th August

3rd Full Council Agenda Deadline

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** Nomination Deadline

Fri 15th August

3rd Full Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin

24/25/26 Aug (TBC)

R/C Power, Scale, C/L Nats, S/F Nats

Tues 26th August

2nd Area Council Agenda Deadline

Fri 29th August

2nd Area Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin

Fri 29th August

End of Year for Director's Annual Reports

Sat 6th September

3rd Full Council Meeting

Mon 8th September

Absolute Deadline for receipt of Director's Annual Report

Fri 12th September

**AGM 2 despatch

Fri 19th September

3rd Full Council Meeting Minutes despatch

Sat 20th September

2nd Area Council Meeting

Mon 22nd September
 Deadline

2nd Technical Council Agenda Deadline/CIAM Rule Change

Fri 26th September

2nd Technical Council Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin

Fri 3rd October

2nd Area Council Meeting Minutes despatch

Fri 24th October

**AGM 3 despatch

Sat 18th October

2nd Technical Council Meeting

Mon 20th October
 changes from

Deadline for receipt by Technical Secretary of BMFA rule

Fri 31st October

Technical Committees

Mon 17th November

2nd Technical Council Meeting Minutes despatch

Fri 29th November

**Voting Deadline

Sat 30th November

****66th Annual General Meeting**

Mon 8th December

2015 1st Full Council Meeting Agenda Deadline

Fri 12th December

2015 1st Full Council Meeting Agenda despatch/Club Bulletin

2015

Sat 10th January 2015

2015 1st Full Council Meeting

■ Amendments

** Subject to change.

**Competition Secretary's Report
Council Meeting 18th May 2013**

1. Teams Ratified after the January Council Meeting

(TM = Team Manager)

(ATM = Assistant Team Manager)

F1ABC TM & ATM (Free Flight)

F1D TM & Team (Indoor)

F1E TM & ATM (Free Flight Magnet Steered)

F3J Towmen (RC Soaring Duration)

F3K Spotters (RC Hand-launched Glider)

F3N TM (Helicopter Freestyle)

F4C TM & Team (RC Scale)

2. No Championship Teams:

F3B (RC Multi-task Gliders)

F1D Junior (Indoor)

F3P (Indoor Aerobatics)

F3F (RC Slope Soaring Gliders)

F4C (RC Scale) Championship cancelled

SM (Space Modelling)

Note: the two young F1D juniors that were on the F1D Junior team in 2012 did not attend either of the two F1D team trials and I understand that they are now participating in a different sport.

3. Team Manager Briefings

Both the newly instituted Team Manager Briefings (TMB) – one on the 9th February & the second on 9th March for those that could not attend the first meeting – went very well indeed. The TMB will now be an annual meeting and it appears on the Diary Dates 2014. Being on the Diary Dates gives sufficient notice that I would hope only one TMB will be necessary in the future. It will mean, of course, that Technical Committees need to bear in mind these dates and ensure that their proposed Managers know that they will have to attend.

4. Miscellaneous

- The 2012 F3N GBR team had received some financial help from the AHA Specialist Body to help towards their accommodation at the Championships but then experienced a financial problem with the Championships hotel. The AHA then spent some six months attempting to recover a substantial sum from the hotel. I am pleased to say that my intervention and emails in March secured the money they were owed: 543 Euros (some £362).
- The 2013 Power Nationals entry forms (NEFs): the RC & Scale entry form was updated and the CL entry form was re-designed to take into account the new entry fee structure and updated for 2013. The NEFs appear in the latest BMFA News and will, I hope, be online in due course.
- I have made some improvements to the Record Claim forms. The Records Officer has approved the updated forms which will be available from the BMFA office next week and which will replace the outdated ones on the BMFA website as soon as possible.

Mrs Jo Halman FSMAE

BMFA Competition Secretary

18th May 2013

PRO Report for Council May 2013

Attended the LMEE, where yet again we had a very major presence. Discussions are in progress regards whether we do the same in coming years are under way, as it is more of a 'heavy engineering' show, not aero-modelling.

Attended the Royal Aeroclub marketing meeting, not sure there is a lot there for us, but initiative like the new simulator trailer follow the line which several different disciplines cited, which is getting people in to have a go.

Visited the LMA Show at Rougham, Bury St Edmunds, the simulator trailer was very well received.

Some pictures of it here <http://bmfa-develop.org/weblery/demo.php?selectedAlbum=bmfa-trailer>

Nigel Barker
pro@bmfa.org

FAI Delegate's Report on the 2013 CIAM Plenary Meeting

The 2013 Plenary meeting took place in the Hotel Movenpick in Lausanne on 19th and 20th April and it was attended by 39 voting delegates 5 of whom carried a proxy vote, plus a number of other non voting technical experts. The BMFA delegation consisted of me as Delegate plus Graham Kennedy (Scale), Simon Vaitkevicius (Silent Flight) Trevor Grey (Free Flight) Barrie Lever (Radio Control Pylon Racing) and Mike Colling (Education). Jo Halman attended as CIAM Technical Secretary and Ian Keynes as F1 Sub Committee Chairman. I would like to thank all of the members of the BMFA delegation for there hard work and support before during and after the meeting.

The Plenary meeting began in the afternoon of the 19th following the Technical Meetings which had taken place during that morning. A new feature of the Plenary meeting was an open forum which took place on Friday afternoon. The primary function of the forum was to discuss how to control the number of Championships / classes within CIAM. A number of other issues were also discussed, particularly the impact of and what to do about the new technologies which are being introduced into model flying. No conclusions were reached but I believe the views expressed will help the Bureau to bring forward some suitable proposals for the 2014 Plenary meeting.

The CIAM Plenary was used to test an electronic voting system. This was used for the secret ballots for the CIAM awards and for the awarding of Championships and it worked extremely well with no problems.

Mr Antonius Papadopoulos was re elected as the CIAM President. All of the other Bureau members were also re-elected, Gerhard Woebeking was returned as First Vice President Kevin Dodds as Second Vice President, Andras Ree as Third Vice President and Treasurer, Massimo Semoli as Secretary and Jo Halman as Technical Secretary.

There were no changes to the Sub Committee Chairmen with all incumbents being re elected.

The CIAM scholarship for 2013 was awarded to Loic Burbaud (France). Again I regret that there were no nominations from the UK for th3 2013 award.

Jo Halman was awarded the FAI Aeromodelling Gold Medal. Unfortunately Phil Ball did not receive the Andrea Tupolev diploma which went to Sandor Kalmar from Hungary.

There were six scheduled Technical Meetings, (F1 Free Flight, F3 Soaring, F3 Aerobatics, F3 Helicopter, F3 Pylon Racing, and Education) plus two interim meetings, (F2 Control Line, F4 Scale).

The BMFA delegation attended six of the Technical Meetings. F1 Free Flight, F2 Control Line, F3 Soaring, F3 Pylon Racing, F4 Scale and Education. Our delegation did an excellent job in presenting the UK proposals and views to the Technical Meetings and achieving most of our goals.

A report on the Education meeting by Mike Colling is attached. All technical meeting minuets are available for download from the CIAM website go to <http://www.fai.org/ciam-about-us/ciam-meetings> and choose 2013.

A list of the results of all the voting appears as an Annex to this report. There were a number of notable decisions:

There is now a four year moratorium on classes applying for Championship status, this is to allow time for a proper assessment to be made about the future of CIAM Championships. An enabling proposal submitted by the United Kingdom was passed to propose a change to the General section to allow Commissions to increase the number of competing countries required to qualify as a World or Continental Championship.

The F3K rules were heavily revised with many of the UK proposals either being adopted or incorporated into other proposals. The F4H rules were also revised with the UK proposals forming the basis for these changes. Both of these classes are now better due to our intervention.

All proposals on the agenda which dealt with team classification were referred back to Bureau for further consideration. Bureau will make definitive proposals as to how team classification is to be made for the CIAM classes and they will make a decision about how the "fourth team member is a Junior" will be accommodated in the team classification. I agreed to withdraw a number of UK proposals about changing classes to Championship status because Bureau is now actively working to produce rule changes

There were some proposals to amend the RC Soaring World Cup rules after reading these rules I recommend that the SFTC review them with a view to writing them in English.

There are moves to allow electronic aids in our aircraft. The general opinion was that these devices are so difficult to control that it is better to embrace them. This would have the added benefit of simplifying the rules, no prohibition, no penalties.

The rules for noise reduction in F2C were revised and the date of implementation was delayed until 2015. A full procedure for testing the silencers was also approved.

During the discussions on the F2C rules I addressed the Plenary presenting the views of the UK F2C flyers on the subject of noise reduction in this class. I specifically asked the Plenary for their opinion on an exemption for F2C from the noise rules which were introduced in 1989/1990. The CIAM President made it clear that no such exemption would be considered.

Full details of the Sporting Code amendments may be seen when the Minutes of the Plenary are published in due course. The new format for the Technical Meeting Minutes which was prepared by the CIAM Technical Secretary, again worked well for all of the Technical Meetings particularly for the F3 Soaring report. The Soaring Sub Committee Chairman Thomas Bartovsky was congratulated on his presentation of the very complex amended proposals in his Technical Meeting Minutes.

Peter Halman
CIAM Delegate
11th May 2013

ROYAL AERO CLUB DELEGATE'S REPORT – Jan. 2013

I attended the RAeC Medals & Awards and Council meeting on Jan.17th and the following points may be of BMFA interest.

1) At the Medals & Awards meeting the following awards were decided for BMFA members.

Chris Tompkins – Certificate of Merit

Phil Ball – RAeC Bronze Medal

F1C Team (Neil Allen, Alan Jack, Ken Faux (Mike Woodhouse TM) – RAeC Gold Medal

The Awards Evening will be on April 23rd at the RAF Club in Piccadilly; the guest is not yet decided.

2) For the first time in three years there is a slight RAeC subscription increase of 2 ½%, well below inflation. Due to the slight drop in BMFA membership the actual figure is slightly less than last year.

3) One of the matters with which the European Aviation Safety Agency has been involved is the differentiation between RC models and what were previously known as UAVs. The current term is Remotely Piloted Aerial Systems. Our former CEO, Graham Lynn MBE has been closely involved with these discussions and no adverse effects are likely for RC models flown competitively or recreationally, rather than for commercial purposes.

4) One of the matters concerning delegates at the FAI General Conference in Turkey was the relationship between FAI and FAME, an company appointed to handle marketing and sponsorship; there is concern at the financial implications and also the business competence of some of those involved. There is a strong feeling that too much effort is being expended on 'branding' at the expense of actually supporting the airsports for whom the FAI exists.

5) The sponsorship of FAI events by Breitling is estimated to be worth around 250,000 SwFr per annum.(around £165,000)

6) There is an initiative to increase female participation in all airsports.

7) An event which may be of interest to model flyers is the Ikarus Cup for Human-powered aircraft, which will take place at Sywell in July. Organisation will be by the BHPA.

8) So far six associations will be attending the RAeC conference on PR and marketing on Feb. 2nd. Jim Wright will be attending for the BMFA.

9) The Scout Association has asked for RAeC help in up-dating the syllabus for its various aviation-oriented badges, some of which include elements of model flying.

10) The Waddington Air Show on July 6-7th will have a BMFA presence. Offers of help will be welcome.

11) The RAeC will shortly meet the Air League and the Royal Aeronautical Society to maintain contact and discuss means of mutual help.

Martin Dilly
RAeC Delegate

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ROYAL AERO CLUB DELEGATE'S REPORT – April 2013

I attended the RAeC AGM and Council meeting on April 16th and the following points may be of BMFA interest.

1) At the AGM the chairman stressed the essential nature of the work of the NAFDAS volunteers who have been working at Hendon for several years on the preservation of RAeC archives and early material, much of which, like some of our own items, form an important part of Britain's aviation history. He also emphasised the importance of offering sponsors something worthwhile to them, in return for their support of airport. He again thanked the BMFA staff for their RAeC work over the year and repeated that the one thing that airport associations depended on and that could never be costed was the donation of time by volunteers.

2) The RAeC website will go 'live' on April 22nd, with links to the associations' own sites; they are advised to carefully check the links and the site contents.

3) An account has been opened for the forward buying of foreign currency when appropriate, useful as the FAI subscription is payable in Swiss francs.

4) The Waddington airshow on July 6/7th will see promotional stands from several RAeC associations, including the BMFA and possibly also the RAeC Trust.

5) A report on the RAeC's marketing and PR conference earlier this year is still to come. There may be a further similar event held this autumn.

6) The RAeC Awards Evening took place at the Royal Air Force Club on April 23rd; it had been intended that Sir John Allison would present the awards, but he was taken ill and our own president, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Alcock stood in at short notice. Among those collecting awards were our F1C Team (Neil Allen, Alan Jack and Ken Faux) who were awarded the RAeC Diploma; Phil Ball (RAeC Bronze Medal) and Chris Tomkins (Certificate of Merit) were unable to attend.

Martin Dilly
RAeC Delegate

24.4.13

Report on 2013 CIAM Plenary Meeting.

This year, as no other person was attending CIAM from the North West of England, I arranged my own travel. From Wigan it is more cost effective to use Manchester Airport as there are direct trains. EasyJet is by far the cheapest operator from Manchester to Geneva.

I decided that, the Aulac Hotel is still the best accommodation and so I booked a room there at the FAI rate. There was no problem with the EasyJet flight from Manchester or with the train from Geneva to Lausanne. Regarding accommodation, the Aulac Hotel proved to be as good as ever.

As a member of the Education Committee, my main role was to support the Chairman and ensure that there was good representation at the Education Meeting. I have included a copy of the CIAM Education Sub Committee Minutes.

Comments on the Minutes of the CIAM Education Sub Committee Meeting.

There were nine people attending the meeting, this is an improvement on last years six. The need to attract more people from the other Sub Committees (or NAC's) still needs to be addressed.

The Minutes as published by Gerhard Wöbberking (the Chairman) are a good record of what took place at the meeting (please find copy attached).

Item 1. If there was more time at this meeting I think that those present could have gained a lot more from the Education Programs that were presented by Netherlands, Sweden and myself along with the Programmes mentioned by Germany and Serbia.

As regards the new German educational initiative it is supported by Airbus and involves the use of indoor RC models in schools. The Serbians are using F1M models.

I have no additional comments about all other items on the CIAM SC Education report

Time at the meeting is limited due to a late morning start (to encourage better attendance). We must encourage the National Model Aircraft Clubs to send their Education specialists to CIAM as much as they encourage their contest specialists to attend.

I gave out 12 sets of the new BMFA education DVD/CD for other NAC's to use for inspiration.

Comments on the Plenary meeting.

I thought that the meeting ran well this year with the introduction of electronic voting saving time to give more delegates a say in proposals. However the meeting room could be improved upon. I personally hope that we are back at the Olympic Museum next year.

During the rest of the meeting, I assisted the FAI Delegate with the results of the voting.

Mike Colling, Fellow
BMFA Education Working Group.