

## MINUTES

### SOCIETY OF MODEL AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS LTD.

(T/A British Model Flying Association)

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 11am at Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrews Road, Leicester LE2 8RE.

Provisional until confirmed at the next Full Council Meeting.

#### PRESENT

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Robin Gowler FSMAE          | Chairman                                  |
| Chris Moynihan              | Vice-Chairman                             |
| Robin Sleight MBE           | Honorary Secretary                        |
| Jo Halman FSMAE             | Competition Secretary                     |
| Chris Bromley FSMAE         | Technical Secretary                       |
| Simon Vaitkevicius          | 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                  |
| Duncan McClure              | South Midland Area Delegate               |
| Keith Miller FSMAE          | South East Area Delegate Alt              |
| Phil Durant                 | Western Area Delegate                     |
| Andrew Potts                | Mid West Area Delegate                    |
| Peter Disney                | South West Area Delegate & RNMAA Delegate |
| Paul Luby                   | RAFMAA Area Delegate                      |
| Trevor Grey                 | Free Flight TC Representative             |
| Vernon Hunt                 | Control Line TC Representative            |
| Clive Needham               | R/C SFTC Representative                   |
| Ian Pallister               | Scale TC Representative                   |
| Allan Weighell FSMAE        | Indoor TC Representative Alt              |
| <b><u>In Attendance</u></b> |   |
| Linda Harding               | Office Manager / Minute Taker             |
| Dave Phipps CEO             |   |
| <b><u>Observer</u></b>      |   |
| Mike Woodhouse FSMAE        | FFTC Chairman                             |

#### AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for Absence.
- 2 Request for permission to be absent.

- 3 To formally receive the following delegates:
  - a The RAeC Delegate
  - b The RNMAA Delegate
- 4 To formally receive the Area Delegates to Council.~
- 5 To co-opt Technical Committee Representatives to Council.~
- 6 To verify the voting strength of the meeting.
- 7 To:~
  - a Note names of the Technical Committee Chairmen.
  - b Ratify Alternate FAI Delegate.
  - c Ratify the BMFA Delegates to other organisations.
  - d Ratify Council appointed sub-committees.
  - e Ratify Council appointed posts.
- 8 Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2013.
- 9 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2013 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 10 To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer.
- 11 International Teams for this year's World and European Championships:~
  - a Ratification of Teams, Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers (where permitted) from submitted proposals as follows:
    - i *F1A,B,C Team - World Championships.*
    - ii *F1E Team - World Championship*
    - iii *F2 Team Manager (including CV)- European Championships*
    - iv *F2 Assistant Team Manager (including CV)- European Championships*
    - v *F2A Team – European Championships*
    - vi *F2B Team – European Championships*
    - vii *F2C Team – European Championships*
    - viii *F2D Team – European Championships*
    - ix *F3A Team Manager (including CV)- World Championships*
    - x *F3A Team – World Championships*
    - xi *F3C Team Manager (including CV) – World Championships*
    - xii *F3C Team – World Championships*
    - xiii *F3D Team Manager (including CV) – World Championships*
    - xiv *F3D Team – World Championships*
    - xv *F3N Team – World Championships*
    - xvi *F3B Team – World Championships*
    - xvii *F3J Team – World Championships*
    - xviii *F3K Team – World Championships*
  - b Receipt of declarations from any Technical Committees that has not yet finalised a proposed team that it does intend to send a team. ~

- 12 To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.
- 13 To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.
- 14 To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary to include the following proposals:
  - a That this Council agrees, in principle, to consider accepting the Large Model Association (LMA) as an Associate Body in accordance with a suitable revision of the criteria for Associate Bodies (Council Handbook Appendix M).
  - b That this Council agrees to amend Council Handbook Appendix M (Associate Body Recognition) to provide the wording appropriate to the LMA becoming an Associate Body of the BMFA. The full text of the existing and the proposed revised versions of Appendix M are attached.
  - c That this Council agrees that for 2013 and subsequent, the Specialist Body "SAM 35" reports to the CEO as relevant rather than via the Free Flight Technical Committee.
- 15 To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.
- 16 To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include:
  - a Receipt and ratification of any outstanding contests for this year's FAI Calendar.
  - b Receipt of this year's BMFA contest fees.~
- 17 To receive a report from the Records Officer to include the following Record Claims:
  - a Bob Bailey – F1L Duration
  - b C Barker/J Cuthbert – F2CN Heat (**No Initial Notification**)
  - c Mark Benns – F1D Duration
  - d Leland Chen – R/C Helicopter Electric Motor Speed in Straight Line
  - e William McFarlane – R/C Electric Motor (Rechargeable cells) Speed in Straight Line
- 18 To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.
- 19 To receive a report from the FAI Delegate.
- 20 To receive a proposal from R/C Power Technical Committee to send a team of three pilots with a Team Manager to the F3M Euros in September 2013. Under the BMFA Competition Secretary's discretion.
- 21 To receive any reports from the following Delegates (reports should be brief, preferably in writing and in advance).
  - a Royal Aero Club (RAeC)
  - b General Aviation Safety Council (GASCo)
  - c Air Prox
  - d Sport + Recreation Alliance (formerly CCPR)
  - e General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)

22 To receive any reports from the following Committees (reports should be brief, preferably in writing and in advance):

- a CAA Team
- b UK Radio Control Council (UKRCC)
- c Education Working Group
- d Flight Challenge/University Challenge
- e Computer Sub-Committee
- f Safety Review Committee
- g BMFA News Publishers
- h BMFA Archivist

23 Any Other Business.

Please note: Items for Any Other Business should be sent or handed to the Office Manager in writing before the meeting commences. This will be strictly enforced.

Any questions to be asked under AOB that require detailed answers should be previously advised to the Office Manager to allow preparation of replies.

24 Date of next meeting.

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### MINUTES

The Chairman welcomed the newly appointed Records Officer Simon Vaitkevicius to the meeting.

#### 831/01/13 (1) Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from David Lloyd Jones North West Area, Mike Colling FSMAE Indoor TC, Keith Lomax FSMAE Honorary Treasurer, John Bridgett Midland Area, Stuart Simpson Southern Area, Stuart Willis South East Area.

The Chairman mentioned the death of Stafford Screen Fellow early in the New Year and advised that Martin Dilly FSMAE had written an obituary which will appear in the next issue of BMFA News. Anyone interested in attending the funeral should contact the office for details.

#### 832/01/13 (2) Request for permission to be absent.

There were no requests.

#### 833/01/13 (3) To formally receive the following delegates:

Martin Dilly FSMAE Royal Aero Club  
Peter Disney RNMAA

**834/01/13 (4) To formally receive the Area Delegates to Council.**

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| EAST ANGLIA      | Peter Leavesley    |
| LONDON           | Martin Dilly FSMAE |
| MIDLAND          | John Bridgett      |
| NORTHERN         | Neil Cooper        |
| NORTH EAST       | Tom Jones          |
| NORTH WEST       | David Lloyd-Jones  |
| SOUTH MIDLAND    | Duncan McClure     |
| SOUTH EAST       | Stuart Willis      |
| SOUTHERN         | Stuart Simpson     |
| WESTERN          | Phil Durant        |
| MID WEST         | Andrew Potts       |
| SOUTH WEST       | Peter Disney       |
| NORTHERN IRELAND | Aidan Lafferty     |
| RAFMAA           | Paul Luby          |

**835/01/13 (5) To co-opt Technical Committee Representatives to Council.**

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| FREE FLIGHT       | Trevor Grey        |
| CONTROL LINE      | Vernon Hunt        |
| R/C POWER         | Steve Ogden        |
| R/C SILENT FLIGHT | Clive Needham      |
| SCALE             | Ian Pallister      |
| INDOOR            | Mike Colling FSMAE |

Proposed by RNMAA

Seconded by Indoor Technical Committee

Vote: For: 21  
Ags: 2  
Abs: 0

Carried by a majority vote.

**836/01/13 (6) To verify the voting strength of the meeting.**

There were 23 members eligible to vote.

**837/01/13 (7) To note names of the Technical Committee Chairmen, Ratify the BMFA Delegates to other organisations, Ratify Council appointed sub-committees, Ratify Council appointed posts.**

**a)Tech Committee Chairmen**

|                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| FREE FLIGHT       | Mike Woodhouse FSMAE |
| CONTROL LINE      | Peter Halman FSMAE   |
| R/C POWER         | Paul Bardoe          |
| R/C SILENT FLIGHT | Ian Duff             |
| SCALE             | Ian Pallister        |
| INDOOR            | Mark Benns           |

**b) Ratify Alternate FAI Delegate**

Jo Halman FSMAE

Proposed by FAI Delegate

Seconded by Technical Secretary

Carried unanimously

**c) Ratify the BMFA Delegates to other organisations.**

Cont/d.....

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Ratification of Delegates etc.

|  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| Royal Aero Club (RAeC)                         | Martin Dilly FSMAE    |
| GASCO  | Robin Gowler FSMAE    |
| Airprox  | Development Officer   |
| Sport & Recreation Alliance<br>(formerly CCPR) | Graham Lynn MBE FSMAE |
| General Aviation Awareness<br>Council (GAAC)   | Development Officer   |

Proposed by Scale Technical Committee  
Seconded by Free Flight Technical Committee  
Carried unanimously

**a) Ratify Council appointed sub-committees**

**BMFA Safety Review Sub Committee**

Vice Chairman  
Technical Secretary  
Development Officer  
Club Support Officer  
ESAG (Electrical Safety Advisory Group) Bob Mahoney, Bob Smith, Stephen Mettam  
Specialist from each Tech Committee as required  
NB: Information to be copied to Technical Secretary

Proposed by FAI Delegate  
Seconded by PRO  
Carried Unanimously

**Awards Committee**

Vice Chairman  
RAeC Delegate  
Allan Weighell FSMAE  
Gordon Warburton FSMAE  
Jim Andrews FSMAE  
Tech Council Representative  
Areas Council Representative

Proposed by London Area  
Seconded by North East Area  
Carried unanimously

**CAA**

Chris Bromley FSMAE  
Graham Lynn MBE FSMAE  
CEO  
Development Officer

Proposed by Vice Chairman  
Seconded by East Anglia Area  
Carried unanimously

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Ratification of Delegates etc.

UK Radio Control Council      Chris Bromley FSMAE  
(UKRCC)                              Graham Lynn MBE FSMAE  
Development Officer

Proposed by RNMAA  
Seconded by Scale Technical Committee  
Carried unanimously

Education Working Group      Mike Colling FSMAE  
Area Co-ordinators

Proposed by London Area  
Seconded by Vice Chairman  
Carried unanimously

BMFA News Publishers              Kath Watson FSMAE  
John French  
Keith Lomax FSMAE

Kath Watson FSMAE is currently head publisher who has held the position for many years and the Chairman advised that she had informed him there is only a requirement for two publishers, one of which has to be a Director. The meeting agreed that we should retain Kath Watson FSMAE as the lead publisher and Keith Lomax FSMAE Honorary Treasurer and Company Director as second publisher.

London Area proposed Kath Watson FSMAE and Keith Lomax FSMAE as BMFA News Publishers for 2013.  
Seconded by Competition Secretary  
Carried unanimously

Computer Committee              Dave Phipps – Chief Executive  
Andy Symons – Club Support Officer  
Chris Bromley FSMAE - Technical Secretary  
Nigel Barker – PRO  
Neil Cooper – Northern Area Delegate  
Linda Harding – Office Manager

Proposed by Free Flight Technical Committee  
Seconded by South Midland Area  
Carried unanimously

Areas Council                              Members as detailed in the Areas  
Council Terms of Reference

Proposed by London Area  
Seconded by Honorary Secretary  
Carried unanimously

Cont'd/.....

Technical Council                      Members as detailed in the Technical  
Council Terms of Reference

Proposed by London Area  
Seconded by Indoor Technical Committee  
Carried unanimously

The Executive                      The nine elected Executive Officers  
Chief Executive

Proposed by London Area  
Seconded by Scale Technical Committee  
Carried unanimously

### **e) Ratify Council appointed posts**

There were four candidates for the post of PAS Controller:

Brian Cooper  
Duncan McClure  
Nik Johnson  
Steve Ogden

A paper ballot was held and the result was overwhelmingly in favour of Duncan McClure as PAS Controller.

The following were proposed en bloc by London Area  
Seconded by PRO  
Carried unanimously

|                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| <u>PAS Controller</u>   | Duncan McClure    |
| <u>SF AS Controller</u> | Chris Moynihan    |
| <u>Archivist</u>        | Kath Watson FSMAE |

### **838/01/13 8) Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2012.**

#### **Page 8**

- **Sixth paragraph, first line** – Replace ‘minutes’ with ‘Minutes’.

#### **Page 15**

- **Fifth paragraph, send sample copy of Team Members’ Facilitation letter** – Already sent to Technical Committee Chairmen. A new action was placed on the office to send a sample copy of Team Members’ Facilitation letter to Technical Committee Secretaries.

**Action: Office**

- **Seventh paragraph, first line** – Replace “secretary” with “Secretary”.

#### **Page 27**

- **First paragraph, fifth line** – Replace “enclosed” with “enclosed”.
- **Penultimate paragraph, second line** – Replace “11<sup>th</sup>” with “12<sup>th</sup>”



**The Vice-Chairman proposed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2012 be accepted as a true record.**

Seconded by Scale TC

Vote: For: 19

Ags: 0

Abs: 4

Carried by a majority vote.

**839/01/13 (9) Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2012 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.**

**ACTION/NOTES**

**Page 6**

- **Third paragraph, BAeA Air Sports weekend at Imperial War Museum Duxford 2013 or 2014** – This is now not happening due to various problems at Duxford.

- **Fourth paragraph, offer of promotion stand to attend the Royal Tournament** – This did not come to fruition.

**Page 9**

- **Final paragraph, bequest from Laurie Barr FSMAE to purchase a trophy** – The bequest expressed a wish for the trophy to be awarded to the winner of a competition for the flight of the longest duration of a rubber powered microfilm covered model.

Because of the use of the word 'microfilm' it was deemed unclear as to exactly what class or event the trophy should be awarded. Indoor were tasked with discussing this further and return to Council with a suggestion of what class or event it should be awarded to.

**INDOOR**

**Page 13**

- **Halfway down the page, post meeting note re availability of electronic affiliated club list** – The PRO commented that the electronic club list file is very difficult to work with. There are multiple lines per entry which means any form of automated processing is much more difficult.

The PRO was asked to raise the matter outside of the meeting with a member of the Computer Sub Committee.

**Page 15**

- **Seventh paragraph, request for clubs to consider offering use of their flying field to run team selection competitions** – London Area asked the Competition Secretary whether she had received a response to this request. The Competition Secretary advised that she had received two responses, South Norfolk Club and Doncaster Club. They have been noted and she did respond to the clubs.

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Matters  
Arising  
Con'd/...

Scale commented that they had been offered the use of facilities from a couple of clubs for their Scale events this year.

A request was made by Scale that any circulation to Tech Committee Secretaries should automatically be sent to the Tech Committee Chairman. Sometimes emails do go astray and this would be a double measure so that at least one or other of them should receive.

Action for Office Manager.

OFFICE MGR

**Page 16**

- **Records Officer Report, Record Claims** – The Competition Secretary commented that she was hopeful the new Records Officer will be able to provide the Technical Secretary with the relevant information required to update the Records Book soon after the Record Claims have been ratified in order for the book to be updated in a timely manner.

**Page 17**

- **Fourth paragraph from the bottom, finding suitable venue to host Silent Flight Nationals** – Silent Flight are hopeful that, as a result of negotiations with the relevant personnel at RAF Cranwell, they will be able to secure the South airfield at RAF Cranwell for the Silent Flight Nationals.

**Page 21**

- **Sixth paragraph, deadline for receipt of 'Pilot of the Year' award nominations** - Chairman of the Awards Committee advised that the deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> October for receipt of nominations for 'Pilot of the Year' would not continue in future years. Unfortunately with the best of intentions, the email process in trying to meet that deadline after the inaugural Awards Committee meeting in late August failed.

As a consequence we will be reverting back to the previous cut-off date of August 1<sup>st</sup>. Therefore nominations for ALL considerations will be required by this date.

ALL

**Page 24/25**

- **Report writing of Council matters for inclusion in BMFA News, PRO seeks guidance as to what significance should be reported on** – The PRO advised that not having received any guidance from council members he looked back through the minutes of various meetings and is part way through preparing the first report for the Editor.

This concluded matters arising.

**840/01/13 (10) To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer.**

Cont'd/... The CEO gave a brief report in the absence of the Honorary Treasurer.

Hon Treas We recently had a VAT inspection. The Inspector was very  
Rep happy with the way that our Accounts Manager looks after our  
Cont'd/... accounts.

We may actually be due a small refund.

**841/01/13 (11) International Teams for this year's World and European Championships.**

**a) Ratification of Teams, Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers.**

The Competition Secretary recommended that we ratify all the teams as listed on the Agenda. Please note change to the listed agenda items; F3J is a European Championship not World.

A change is required for Free Fight 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. ~~has been taken by the first reserve listed in the proposal.~~

**Item 11a xvi** F3B World Championship Team proposal was withdrawn.

**Proposals 11a) i – xviii (with the exception of 11a xvi which was withdrawn) as per agenda, for Teams, Team Managers, Assistant Team Managers as listed below to be ratified en bloc.**

Proposed by Competition Secretary

Seconded by PRO

Carried unanimously.

*i F1A,B,C Team - World Championships.*

*ii F1E Team - World Championship*

*iii F2 Team Manager (including CV)- European Championships*

*iv F2 Assistant Team Manager (including CV)- European Championships*

*v F2A Team – European Championships*

*vi F2B Team – European Championships*

*vii F2C Team – European Championships*

*viii F2D Team – European Championships*

*ix F3A Team Manager (including CV)- World Championships*

*x F3A Team – World Championships*

*xi F3C Team Manager (including CV) – World Championships*

*xii F3C Team – World Championships*

*xiii F3D Team Manager (including CV) – World Championships*

*xiv F3D Team – World Championships*

*xv F3N Team – World Championships*

*xvi F3J Team European Championships*

Cont'd/... *xvii F3K Team – World Championships*

Ratification  
of Teams  
cont/d...

F3N, F3J, F3K All need Team Managers. F1 will be providing their Team Manager and Assistant Team Managers after the meeting. Circumstances have prevented that from being ready for this meeting. The Competition Secretary will ratify those in due course. In the meantime for F1 the Team Manager from 2012 will do the preliminary paperwork until the new Team Manager is ratified.

F3K there is a Team Manager process being done at the moment. The Competition Secretary suggested until the nomination for Team Manager process has been completed and the new Team Manager has been ratified, she would like the Team Manager for 2012 Mike Fantham to oversee the preliminary information to go to the organisers.

SFTC

**b) Receipt and declaration from any Technical Committee that has not yet finalised a proposed team that it does intend to send a team.**

Teams not included in a) above are:  
F1D Indoor; F3F Slope Soaring; F4 Scale.

Scale informed the meeting that the Romanians had put in a very late bid to hold an F4C European Championship in the same location that they were intending to hold one in 2011. Because the original intention was not to hold a championship event no team trials were held last year.

However this was discussed at the Scale TC meeting in December 2012 and they believe it would be possible to put together a potentially competitive team for 2013.

Given these very exceptional circumstances Council agreed that Scale should go ahead with planning to send a team to the 2013 Championships.

The Competition Secretary requested that Graham Kennedy 2012 Team Manager for Scale is enlisted in the interim to process the preliminary paperwork.

SCALE

It should be noted that any event to be counted as team selection should be notified for entry in the Contest Calendar.

ALL

**F1D Eurochamp – Declaration received.** Indoor TC Secretary will take on initial responsibility until a Team Manager is appointed. Competition Secretary will ratify the team in due course.

COMP SEC

**F3F ECH – Declaration received.** Competition Secretary will ratify the team in due course.

COMP SEC

The Technical Secretary reminded SFTC to make sure he is provided with dates for the team trials so that they can be published on the contest calendar, otherwise they will not be classed as team trials.

SFTC

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The Competition Secretary asked for the cooperation of Council in the appointment of Team Manager for F3K World Championship.

Teams  
Cont'd/...

She had received notification by email during the meeting that a majority vote had been reached by SFTC members in favour of Mike Fantham FSMAE as Team Manager for 2013 F3K World Championship.

**SFTC proposed that Mike Fantham FSMAE is appointed Team Manager for 2013 F3K World Championship event.**

Seconded by South Midland  
Carried unanimously

**842/01/13 (12) To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.**

**CEO**

Office –

We have now deployed the 'Card Save' system for taking debit/credit card payments over the telephone. Previously written details were taken and then passed over to the Accounts Department to be put manually through a PDQ machine, which was quite laborious and inefficient and also a duplication of effort.

Most of the girls in the office are now able to take the details and enter them straight in to the system and the payment is confirmed immediately. This has simplified the procedure greatly and made it a lot more efficient.

This system has also been incorporated into the online payment scheme for new members and country members to renew. That has taken off quite well. The advantage being members can join even when the office is unmanned.

Since we deployed the system at the beginning of December, as of Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January we had taken 3,737 members through it.

The air conditioning system in the conference room has broken down and with the agreement of the Executive at their meeting yesterday a replacement system will be installed very soon.

Attendance at meetings/events –

Society AGM/Dinner. The Flying Show at the NEC. CAA meeting.

RAF Barkston Heath -

We received notification that there will be no casual use permitted at RAF Barkston Heath until the end of March due to resurfacing work.

Club matters –

We have been assisting several clubs with various disputes for which the CEO provided background information and progress reports.

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CEO Rep  
Cont'd/...

#### AOB –

The CEO circulated information in relation to an AOB item which the Chairman will introduce later in the meeting. This is a project that has been put together by the Development Officer for a bespoke simulator trailer to take to shows and also for use at club events.

Our sponsors Doodson Sport are very keen to be involved in this project and are therefore more than happy that some of the sponsor money they provide is used for this purpose.

The PRO commented that he has a great deal of involvement with assisting at shows and this concept would be a huge step forward and would be a great asset. It will enable us to provide a much more professional presentation.

#### **Chairman**

Since the last meeting he spent a few weeks out of the country and upon return was taken quite ill.

He did however attend The Flying Show at the NEC and has kept in regular contact with the CEO. He is hoping to attend the London Model Engineer Exhibition next weekend.

#### **843/01/13 (13) To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.**

Activities since the last meeting include Chairing a meeting of the Executive Committee in early November during the Chairman's illness.

Attended and performed the relevant duties required of him as Vice-Chairman at the Annual Dinner/Prize giving.

He supported Mike Colling FSMAE on the BMFA Education stand at the ASE (Association for Scientific Education).

He has assisted the Honorary Secretary in his various endeavours to look at the structure and organisation of the BMFA.

He attended a SFTC meeting.

In his position as Chair of the Awards Committee and in line with the constitution of the Awards Committee there was an annual vote of Fellows of the SMAE for the one rotating vacancy.

There were two candidates for the vacancy and he was pleased to announce the successful candidate as a result of a ballot by the Fellows, is Allan Weighell FSMAE. Allan will now reside on the Awards Committee for three years.

He reiterated the announcement he made earlier in the meeting that the deadline for ALL awards nominations is 1<sup>st</sup> August annually.

**ALL**

#### **844/01/13 (14) To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary.**

Cont'd/... He has completed most of the work to update the Council Handbook and copies will be available in the very near future.

Hon Sec  
Rep  
Cont'd/...

Following the AGM where he mooted the fact that he believes some reorganisation of BMFA would be sensible, because the existing structure goes back to when the Areas organised all the Free Flight competitions and there was no internet or email and the like. He has had a few inputs from people and the combined efforts were put to the Executive at their meeting yesterday. It is far too preliminary to share with Council today but he hopes to be able to bring the concept to the May Council Meeting.

HON SEC

He informed Council of an agreement with our insurers that if any individual is taking an achievement scheme test and is not a BMFA member, providing notification is given to the office there will be no cost to the BMFA or the individual for insurance provided for that day for the individual. (SEE APPENDIX A)

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This has arisen out of some concern that individuals taking BMFA achievement scheme tests who were not BMFA members may or may not have had adequate insurance under any other arrangement.

The Honorary Secretary withdrew proposals 14a) and 14b).

The Honorary Secretary put forward the following proposal:

**That this Council agrees that for 2013 and subsequent, the Specialist Body "SAM 35" reports to the CEO as relevant rather than via the Free Flight Technical Committee.**

Seconded by PRO

Vote: For: 22  
Ags: 1  
Abs: 0

CEO

SAM 35 comprises a number of disciplines and it was felt that putting it under the control of the office would be the best way to handle it.

It is incumbent on Tech Committees to issue an invite to their meetings to all relevant disciplines as a non-voting member, effectively a standing invitation.

The office were tasked with writing to the Secretary and Chairmen of all the Technical Committees to remind them that they have to make a standing invitation to appropriate members of SAM35.

OFFICE

#### **845/01/13 (15) To receive a report from the Technical Secretary**

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We have a large quantity of Members' handbooks in stock, certainly enough for this year. We are therefore provisionally planning a reprint of the Members Handbook sometime around Christmas 2013.

*N.B. Treasurer to include a budget item for 2014.*

HON TREAS

Tec Sec  
Rep  
Cont'd/...

Technical Secretary has prepared an addendum sheet which just requires input from the office and hopefully it will be ready for circulation with the next BMFA News.

#### Rule Books

Free Flight was issued officially three days ago.

Control Line is imminent.

R/C Power – Dave Pacey and Paul Bardoe have done an excellent job and all books are virtually ready to go however a member of AHA has requested some rule changes which is hindering completion at the moment.

Unfortunately he has received nothing from Silent Flight Gliders, Silent Flight Electric and Space modelling.

As far as Free Flight is aware there are no changes to Space modelling. The Technical Secretary does require confirmation of this.

Silent Flight advised that the rule changes are near completion and they will provide the Technical Secretary with the details very soon.

FFTC

#### **846/01/13 (16) To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include the following:**

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

There is one extra registration for F5B Electric Multitask Soaring Eurotour competition.

Including the above registration the Competition Secretary has received registrations for entry on the 2013 FAI Contest Calendar as follows:

F5J; 5FB; F3F; F3K; F3A; Equinox; Stonehenge.

The Competition Secretary had not received a request for F3J Interglide however Silent Flight said it is being held. The Competition Secretary will chase this up.

We now offer a five-year FAI Licence as well as the usual one-year licence. A discounted rate is offered for the five-year licence of £30.

The forms will be available from the office and to download on the website hopefully by the end of January.

In conjunction with the new Records Officer she has made the initial notification of a Record Claim form available on the BMFA web site in a PDF format suitable for completing electronically. This should make the process of completing the form and sending by email much easier especially whilst attempting the record abroad.

She had a meeting with the new Records Officer and it seems they have quite a common view on the way forward.

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Comp Sec  
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She will be instituting a meeting for all ratified Team Managers either at the end of January or beginning of February. This will be an annual meeting. The format will take the form of an instruction meeting where questions can be asked and everybody is clear on their obligations and responsibilities.

**b) Receipt of this year's BMFA contest fees.**

**FREE FLIGHT**

|                          |  |                                      |
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| <u>Juniors:</u>          | All classes/all events   | Free                                 |
| <u>Season Tickets:</u>   | Not available  |                                      |
| <u>Centralised:</u>      | Site Access Charge   | £6                                   |
|                          | 1st Class  | £4                                   |
|                          | Subsequent classes   | £2 per class                         |
| <u>Area Centralised:</u> | Site Access Charge   | As set by Area                       |
|                          | 1 <sup>st</sup> Class  | £4                                   |
|                          | Subsequent classes   | £2 per class                         |
| <u>Team Selection:</u>   | Seniors  | £25                                  |
|                          | (pre- entry mandatory) for the single meeting spread over two weekends.<br>One fee enters all 3 classes. |                                      |
| <u>Nationals:</u>        | Airfield Pass  | £10 for three days<br>£5 for one day |
|                          | 1st Class  | £10                                  |
|                          | For Championship events  |                                      |
|                          | 1st Class  | £5                                   |
|                          | Non Championship Events  |                                      |
|                          | Subsequent classes   | £10                                  |
|                          | For Championship events  |                                      |
|                          | Subsequent classes   | £5                                   |
|                          | Non Championship Events  |                                      |
|                          | Unlimited classes  | £45                                  |
|                          | Pre-entry requested for all events.<br>On-field entry at 50% surcharge.                                  |                                      |
| <u>F1E Meetings</u>      | Same as Area Centralised   |                                      |
| <u>FAIR</u>              | Site charge only for all meetings including team trials  |                                      |

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## **CONTROL LINE**

**Juniors:** Half the senior fee for all Centralised competitions

**Season Tickets:** Not available £0

**Centralised:** 1st Class £15

**Team Selection:** £15

**Nationals:** To be advised after 2013 CL Nationals Planning meeting in late February

## **INDOOR**

Single event Sen pre-entry £10 per day single event  
£2 per additional class flown

Sen on the day £15 per day single event  
£3 per additional class flown

Junior pre-entry £5 per day single event  
No class charges

F1D Sen Team Entry fee £25 per day  
Trials

F1D Junior Team Entry fee £10 per day  
Trials

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## **SILENT FLIGHT**

Any 'F' class having a team trial or league which leads to team selection at any point in time, there shall be a levy of £5 per competitor per day. Event fee is subject to change depending on circumstances. A supplement will be charged at the discretion of the CD. Same for the Nationals £5 per competitor per day.

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## **RADIO CONTROL as per submitted for 2013**

### **RC Pylon (i/c)**

**Juniors:** All classes/all events N/A

**Season Tickets:** Not available N/A

**Centralised:** £15.00

**Team Selection:** All classes £40.00

**Nationals:** 1<sup>st</sup> class £20.00 per event

### **RC Pylon (electric)**

**Juniors:** All classes/all events N/A

**Season Tickets:** Not available N/A

**Centralised:** All classes £15.00

**Team Selection** N/A

**Nationals:** 1st class £20.00

E2k £20

Club 2000 £20

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### **RC Helicopter**

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|------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| <u>Juniors:</u>        | All classes/all events              | N/A        |
| <u>Season Tickets:</u> | N/A                                 | N/A        |
| <u>Centralised:</u>    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Class               | £30.00 F3C |
| <u>Team Selection:</u> | All classes<br>per round two rounds | £10.00     |
| <u>Nationals:</u>      | 1 <sup>st</sup> Class               | £30.00 F3C |
|                        | Sportsmans                          | £25.00     |
|                        | F3N                                 | £20.00     |
|                        | Clubman                             | £25.00     |
|                        | Scale Heli                          | £20        |

### **RC Aerobatics**

|                        |                        |                                 |
|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <u>Juniors:</u>        | All classes/all events | N/A                             |
| <u>Season Tickets:</u> | N/A                    | N/A                             |
| <u>Centralised:</u>    | F3A                    | £25.00                          |
| <u>Team Selection:</u> |                        | £25.00 per round<br>four rounds |
| <u>Nationals:</u>      |                        | £30.00                          |

### **IMAC Aerobatics**

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|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>Juniors:</u>        | All classes/all events | N/A                   |
| <u>Season Tickets:</u> | N/A                    | N/A                   |
| <u>Centralised:</u>    | One day                | N/A                   |
|                        | Two day                | N/A                   |
| <u>Nationals</u>       |                        | £28.00 all<br>classes |
| <u>Fun Fly</u>         | Nationals              | £20.00                |

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### **SCALE**

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| <u>Centralised events</u>     | RC            | £15   |
|                               | Season Ticket | £70   |
|                               | CL            | £11   |
|                               | FF            | £3  |
|                               | Indoor        | £15 registration<br>No class fee                  |
| <u>Nationals</u>              | RC            | £30   |
|                               | CL            | £16   |
|                               | FF            | £12   |
|                               | Indoor        | £16.50<br>Registration<br>Plus £3.50 per<br>class |
| <u>Team Trials</u>            | F4B, F4C, F4H | £20 per class                                     |
| <u>Juniors (under 18 yrs)</u> |               | Free for all<br>events                            |

**847/01/13 (17) To receive a report from the Records Officer.**

He was pleased to report that he had a very successful handover with the previous incumbent. He was provided with quite a lot of documentation regarding the role which he is still working his way through.

Based on what he has seen plus conversations with the Competition Secretary and members of staff from the office he is planning a number of minor improvements, to hopefully make communications a lot easier between the office, Competition Secretary, Technical Secretary and himself.

He also intends to do an audit on the trophies and produce a database of trophy information that can be accessed. For example if a recipient would like information on his awarded trophy we will be able to print it off.

With the exception of b) the Records Officer commended the following Record Claims:

- a) Bob Bailey (002479) - F1L – 7<sup>th</sup> August 2012 – Belgrade Fair, Serbia  
Duration: 20mins 19secs
- b) Barker/Cuthbert – F2CN Heat - **DISALLOWED** – Neither initial notification or record claim received within 7 days.
- c) Mark Benns (072513) – F1D – 10<sup>th</sup> August 2012 – Belgrade Fair, Serbia  
Duration: 33mins 54secs
- d) Leland Chen (112910) – Helicopter Electric Motor Speed in a straight line – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2012 – Bury Metro MFC  
Speed: 133.54 mph
- e) William McFarlane (119876) – RC Aeroplane Electric Motor – Speed in a straight line – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2012 – Bury Metro MFC  
Speed: 165.7 mph

**REC OFFICER  
OFFICE MGR**

The Records Officer proposed en bloc (a,c,d,e) the above Record Claims for ratification.  
Seconded by Northern Area  
Carried unanimously

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The Records Officer formally recommended a request from Scale Technical Committee in relation to a couple of trophies.

**REC OFFICER**

- 1) Re-allocation of the Clubman Trophy (No 108) to the new Stand-off Scale class which has replaced the Clubman event at the Nationals. This will be incorporated into the 2013 Contest Rules.
- 2) Scale C/L trophy (Knokke No 2). This trophy used to be presented for F4B – the FAI Scale C/L class. However several years ago the Scale TC de-coupled the BMFA Scale C/L class from the FAI rules and renamed it 'Scale C/L'. Due to an oversight the records were never amended and as a consequence the trophy was not awarded to the winner for 2012. This did cause quite an embarrassment at the 2012 Prize giving event because the recipient attended the event hoping to be presented with the trophy.

It was recommended that Scale submit a formal proposal for both of the above.

**SCALE**

**848/01/13 (18) To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.**

A face book closed group site has been set up by a BMFA member, which he monitors in conjunction with the Club Support Officer. In his opinion face book is a means of communication and a lot of people in the UK and around the world are using it. They will talk about models and the BMFA.

He believes it is better that we have some involvement in monitoring posts rather than not have any. We are not making it a formal announcement method for the BMFA, not quoting official BMFA policy or anything of that nature but he believes we ought to be involved rather than not.

The question arose and briefly debated whether we should consider reinstating a forum. The CEO commented that other sports governing bodies ran in to similar problems that we had and were advised to take them down at the time by their insurers because of possible libel and slander claims.

There was a strong feeling by members to look at this. The PRO will continue to talk to the CEO and Club Support Officer to see about ways of moving it forward and report back to the next meeting.

**PRO**

He is looking forward to the London Model Engineer Exhibition next weekend.

London raised a point that nowhere on Council minutes does it give any indication of why Fellowships were awarded to people. It is after all an award of the AGM. It was agreed that we should include citations for Fellows in future AGM minutes.

**AWARDS/  
OFFICE MGR**

**849/01/13 (19) To receive a report from the FAI Delegate.**

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

Included in his report is a link to the FAI website to find the latest CIAM Flyer.

He encouraged members to look at the latest issue and referred to an article in there written by a Professor at a University in Hungary who is running a University Course teaching aero modelling. The models they chose for their course were F1Q models which are electric free flight.

The University realised that what we do in air sports is relevant to many things in industry and technology.

The FAI Delegate said he would like it if every Vice Chancellor in the Universities in the UK were to receive this.

The Records Officer has already sent this to some of his contacts.

The FAI Delegate believes it is something we should promote more widely.

This initiative by the Hungarian University is in partnership with Lufthansa. It is the first step to producing maintenance engineers for the airline industry.

### **850/01/13 (20) To receive the following proposals.**

There were none for consideration at today's meeting.

### **851/01/13 (21) To receive any report from the following Delegates**

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a) **Royal Aero Club Delegate (RAeC)**  
**WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX C)**

Item 6 – quite a lot of discussion at the RAeC Meeting about the forthcoming FAI General Conference and the inclination of the FAI in general to be concentrating on various matters such as branding, selling and marketing, apparently forgetting the object of the exercise was to organise an air sport. There is some sponsorship from Breitling which is very welcome but it comes with provisos and one is that Breitling has to take exclusive place in the area of watches and jewellery.

b) **General Aviation Safety Council (GASCo)**

There was nothing reported at the last meeting to worry about whatsoever.

- c) **Air Prox** – An incident was flagged up at the CAA meeting which involved a light aircraft flying from Coventry Airport and a radio controlled glider somewhere in the vicinity. However it was established that it was low-risk, no formal reports have been submitted and the Air Prox board have not been in contact with us.

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**Sport + Recreation Alliance (formerly CCPR)**

- d) Nothing to report.
- e) **General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)** – Nothing to report.

**852/01/13 (22) To receive any reports from the following Committees.**

**a) CAA Team**

The annual meeting was held at the end of November. At previous discussions concerns were raised with regard to FPV flying. The CAA had said they were going to invite representatives from FPV UK and the RCHA to the model flying meeting in November. However when the calling notice was sent out they had not invited any delegates from those associations.

The CAA carried out two inspections at model flying events in 2012, one of which they said was the Power Nationals. There was no formal report or comments. Next year they have indicated they will definitely be visiting Weston Park plus one or two others which they have not confirmed.

The metal helicopter blades scheme which the Development Officer has been administering seems to be going ok. 22 application packs had been sent out but so far we have 14 pairs of blades within the scheme.

Aero towing – we were looking at the possibility of getting some of the highly used aero towing sites permanently marked on the air charts. The CAA initially would like to cover them with 90 day NOTAMS rather than putting them permanently on the chart, to confirm that the applications have substance. If they believe that applications have substance, the sites will eventually be added to the air charts.

**b) UKRCC**

No report.

**c) Education Working Group.**

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**WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX D)**

- d) **Flight Challenge** – Some information provided in the Education Working Group report. It is a web site based competition this year. It is sponsored by Doodson Sport and also Royal Navy. It is live and up and running.

**e) University Challenge** – Proceeding as per previous years.

Last year we established a record number of overseas entries and we are hoping to build on that this year.

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- f) **Computer Sub-Committee** – Efforts since the last meeting were concentrated on getting the on-line payment system operational.

The interactive club map is also now available online through the web site. There are still a few tweaks required but it is up and running.

We are looking to review some of the previous tenders received for work on redevelopment of the web site and hopefully identify a way forward for the web site. Hopefully there will be a progress report at the May meeting.

- g) **Safety Review Committee** – Nothing to report.

- h) **BMFA News Publishers**- No report.

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i) **BMFA Archivist  
WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX E)**

Includes list of names, to be recognised as the 'Archivist Working Group'

Jim Wright produced a form to encourage people to think about the BMFA and bequests etc and also to note items they think they might have that could be of interest. He believes this should be made available through BMFA News or on the web site as a permanent item so that new members know it exists.

He wants to use an online operation called 'Survey Monkey' to see what support or interest there is for the museum heritage/flying site idea. A three-month run would cost about £75. He would hope to get a far wider spectrum of people to survey on what they think about it. The Chairman will endeavour to find out further about the survey from Jim Wright when he meets up with him at the LMEE.

If a survey was done it should establish how people would feel about following the AMA's example for the funding of such a thing. The AMA museum and centre of excellence is largely funded by donations. Every year in the Model Aviation magazine there is a list of everybody who has donated. You can also become a 'life' member, which starts at \$1000 and these are also listed in the magazine. This is how we could fund our museum. It doesn't come out of the membership fees and those that want a museum fund it. If we have a survey of any kind the first thing we need to know is if those people are willing to pay for it.



**853/01/13 (23) Any Other Business**

A straw-pole poll showed an overwhelming majority in favour of the simulator trailer project presented by the Development Officer.

The PRO advised that he had been talking to the Records Officer with regard to the BMFA video in the making and he has some very good ideas on moving things forward. There could be an opportunity of maybe engaging some professional assistance to finish off the DVD's.

The Records Officer works with a company that produce 'talking heads' style programmes where you get one-minute sound bites from people talking about subjects they are passionate about. He will approach them to find out the cost of this and see if it would be worthwhile.

**RECORDS  
OFFICER**

They also do professional finishing of media.

**854/01/13 (24) Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting was confirmed as **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013.**  
**Venue to be decided.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 15.46pm.

**The Achievement Scheme, Non-members and insurance.**

The current handbook states

*“The Achievement Scheme is run by the BMFA as a National Scheme and it is open to all model flyers. However, non-members of the BMFA must produce evidence of Third Party insurance in the sum of not less than £5,000,000.”*

We should consider that a number of years ago our then insurance brokers, Perkins Slade, advised that £5m was no longer enough cover which led to the BMFA increasing the cover to £10m, Perkins Slade were also advising that even £10m wasn't enough before the change to Doodsons for the start of 2012 from when BMFA members benefit from £25m cover. LMA and SAA members also benefit from £25m cover.

So are we happy that an individual could be taking part in the achievement scheme with a level of cover that the brokers and the BMFA do not consider adequate, we should bear in mind that the tests may be taking place on club sites with BMFA members present who in the worst case scenario would be making the claim against the non-member and we should ensure that adequate cover is in place.

After consulting with Doodsons we can extend the cover on a similar basis to that provided for overseas competitors at no cost to the BMFA or the candidate taking part in the achievement scheme tests, the cover would be in place for the entire day that the test is carried out.

The examiner would need to inform the office of the candidates name and address and the date that cover is required via telephone or email no later than the day before the test is to be conducted.

This would ensure that all non-member candidates were covered to the same level as BMFA members while maintaining the position of the achievement scheme tests being available to all model flyers at no cost.

Andy Symons  
RC Power achievement Scheme Controller (Acting)

FAI Delegate Report January 2013 Council Meeting.

The October Technical Council meeting reviewed a number of rule change proposals which were subsequently submitted to the FAI for consideration at the 2013 Plenary meeting. In particular there are a number of proposals from the Scale Technical Committee dealing with the F4H class which currently has very poor rules. There are also some proposals to control the speed with which classes progress to Championship status.

The 2013 Plenary meeting will have scheduled technical meetings for F1, F3 Aerobatics, F3 Soaring F3 Pylon F3 Helicopter and an interim meeting for F2, plus the annual Education Meeting. I have asked for an interim technical meeting for F4 so that the UK F4H proposals can be fully and fairly discussed. I will advise the Technical Committee secretaries as soon as the agenda is published. I would like to remind all Technical Committees that I am keen to have representatives at all of these Technical Meetings. If representatives do not attend them we minimise our chances of getting good rule changes.

The CIAM Bureau took place on the 7th and 8th December 2012, I attended the meeting in order to present my report as F2 (control line) World Cup coordinator, it was also very useful to be at this meeting because there was a lengthy discussion about the rationalisation of Championships, papers were presented by Rob Metkemijer, Michael Rimel and Jo Halman, most of the ideas promulgated by Rob and Michael were those which Jo and I have been expressing for a number of years. Kevin Dodds (2nd Vice President) has been tasked to coordinate a survey of all NAC's regarding the ideas which have been put forward. I have asked Kevin for an interim report before the 2013 Plenary meeting so that a decision can be made as to whether to precede with the United Kingdom proposals on the matter. There is some movement from bureau towards controlling the fast tracking of new classes to Championship level, and to controlling the number of Championships. The helicopter sub committee chairman reported that the combination of F3C and F3N was a great success.

The problems which have arisen since the 2012 Plenary meeting regarding the F2C (control line team race) silencer rules were discussed during the F2 sub committee chairman's report. The Bureau agreed to make a proposal to the 2013 Plenary to delay implementation until 2015 and to accept a further proposal to amend the rule as approved last April. The F2 subcommittee has until the end of January to produce this proposal and I will be working with Bengt-Olof Samuelsson on this matter. Rob Metkemijer will then produce a testing procedure for the F2 Technical Meeting which will precede the next CIAM Plenary.

The proposed F3M 2013 European Championships have been cancelled. A late bid for F4C 2013 European Championship was approved by the CIAM bureau.

Anti Doping, out of competition testing for airsports started in January 2013, two competitors from model flying are on the program. All category 1 competitions (World and European Championships) may be subject to on site testing from now on.

I am proposing that Jo Halman be appointed as the alternate FAI delegate for 2013. Jo already attends Bureau and Plenary meetings with her travel and accommodation funded by CIAM so there would be a financial benefit for the BMFA. More importantly there would be the added advantage to the BMFA because this would give the BMFA an official voice at Bureau meetings.

Peter Halman

FAI Delegate 12<sup>th</sup> January 2013

**ROYAL AERO CLUB DELEGATE'S REPORT – Sept. 2012**

I attended the RAeC Council meeting on Sept. 27th and the following points may be of BMFA interest.

- 1) The 2013 Queen's Cup for 'air racing' has been allocated to the British Balloon & Airship Club for a cross-country event. I am not aware that any BMFA group took the opportunity to put in a bid for this.
- 2) The treasurer is investigating the possibility of the RAeC acting as agent to offer various air sport-related insurance benefits.
- 3) The new RAeC website is now on-line at <http://www.royalaeroclub.co.uk>. It is still a work in progress, thanks largely to Dave Phipps but is much more appealing visually than the previous rather staid version. Each airport has its own page and the intention is to make it topical; this, of course, does need a regular input from the member associations, in turn requiring each to have an active PRO with news sense.
- 4) Duxford is not available as a venue for the proposed British Aerobatic Association two-day event highlighting airports and the event has therefore been postponed till 2014; however, a venue is still required.
- 5) The use of the Civil Air Ensign is a possible source of prestige for airports in general. This may be produced as a flag, a decal or a metal badge; the possibilities are still being investigated.
- 6) There was an extensive discussion on the forthcoming FAI General Conference and the position to be taken by the UK's delegate. Several airports, both in the UK and abroad, are increasingly concerned at the recent tendency to concentrate more on marketing, branding and the World Air Games; the impression is that the current FAI Executive Board are more concerned with control, rather than providing support for the air sports commissions (CIAM in our case) which are really the FAI's *raison d'être*. Although the Breitling sponsorship was welcome, its requirement for exclusivity had caused problems for event organisers who had already developed sponsorship from other companies. The International Parachuting Commission in particular now has a major problem with the FAI and is threatening to leave.
- 7) Partly as a result of the launch of the RAeC website, it was thought important that the airport associations concentrate on far more effective PR and press activity. With the aim of improving this, there will be a meeting on a weekend in late November of all RAeC associations' press and PR officers to concentrate on more effective marketing of airports.

Martin Dilly  
RAeC Delegate

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## Education Working Group Report BMFA Council 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2013

I am normally absent from the January Council meeting due to it coinciding with the Association of Science Education's annual meeting, this year held at the University of Reading. However this event was held last week and so I intended to attend this Council meeting until illness intervened. The Vice-Chairman, Chris Moynihan had volunteered to help me on the Education Stand. However he was only able to stay for the opening day and so I was on my own again for the following two days. I handed out over 100 DVD/CDs about the Education programme and approximately the same number of Flight Challenge leaflets, both items were well received. The exhibition area was much reduced this year, probably due to the economic climate. However I still think that it is the best place to come in to contact with up to 5,000 science educators at all levels. Next year the Association of Science Education's annual meeting will be held at University of Birmingham from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

The BMFA/Royal Navy Fly Your Plane Challenge has now been rolled out (see December BMFA News page 6). Please help to publicise this with any schools in your area. I believe a number of schools have already signed up for this event.

As we are at the beginning of a new year it may be of interest to look back over the last 12 months at the BMFA's Education Programme in terms of kits sold. I can only look at kits produced by Sky Hi Products but it should give an indication of the Education Programme's success. Total production of education kits produced by Sky Hi Products has reached 270,035 of which 134,774 are BMFA Darts. 12,864 kits were produced in 2012, this was a decrease of 5467 on 2011 and is probably due to some extent to the recession. It may be interesting to note that in 2012, 27.4% of all production was sold by the BMFA Office, 66.3% of production went directly to schools, 6.5% of production went directly to youth organisations and the remaining 4.7% to private individuals. Comparing this with 2011 figures the number of kits sold to schools has gone up by nearly 19% whilst the kits sold to youth organisations went up by only 0.7% and kits sold to the BMFA Office went down by 14.7%. Make of this what you will.

Mike Colling  
Education Working Group.

**ARCHIVISTS REPORT TO THE FULL COULCIL MEETING 12<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

As I am sure you noticed at the AGM the display of archive material that was displayed this was put on with the help of Jim Wright, Martin Dilly and other willing hands, this attracted David Stevens to volunteer his help and he now attends our regular sessions on Monday mornings as well as doing some work at home.

Things are moving slowly and carefully as it must with the precious items we are receiving. Jim Wright and Martin Dilly have agreed to be the advisers regarding models, equipment and other aero modelling items of this nature and for the displaying of them at appropriate venues.

I would like the following;-

Kath Watson, FSMAE Vice President & Archivist,  
Terry Watson, Hon. Member,  
Eric Clark, Hon. Member,  
Jim Wright,  
Martin Dilly, FSMAE Vice President,  
David Stevens,  
Nigel Aitken and  
Chris Ottewell

To be formally recognised as the Archive and Heritage Group these may be added to if I am able to coerce, sorry I should say co-opt more interested members at some future date.

Hopefully 2013 will see us develop our archive and heritage collection and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the BMFA staff for their help and guidance during the past year, it has been invaluable.

Kath Watson, FSMAE.  
Vice President & Archivist  
12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2013