

## MINUTES

### SOCIETY OF MODEL AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS LTD.

(T/A British Model Flying Association)

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at  
Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrews Road, Leicester LE2 8RE

Provisional until confirmed at the next Full Council Meeting.

#### PRESENT

Robin Gowler FSMAE	Chairman
Chris Moynihan	Vice Chairman
Robin Sleight MBE	Honorary Secretary
Keith Lomax FSMAE	Honorary Treasurer
Jo Halman FSMAE	Competition Secretary
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 Alternate
Tom Jones	North East Area Delegate
David Lloyd-Jones	North West Area Delegate
Duncan McClure	South Midland Area Delegate
Stuart Willis	South East Area Delegate
Stuart Simpson	Southern Area Delegate
Phil Durant	Western Area Delegate
Andrew Potts	Mid-West Area Delegate
Peter Disney	South West Area Delegate & RNMAA Delegate
Clive Needham	R/C SFTC Representative
Ian Pallister	Scale TC Representative
Mike Colling FSMAE	Indoor TC Representative

#### Visitors

Jon Edison	F3F Flyer GBBSRA
Martin Newnham	F3F Flyer GBBSRA

#### Observer

Jim Wright	Museum Liaison
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#### In Attendance

Linda Harding	Office Manager / Minute Taker
Dave Phipps	CEO
Sian Sargeant	Accounts Manager
Andy Symons	Club Support Officer/ Website Manager

## AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for Absence.
- 2 Request for permission to be absent.
- 3 To verify the voting strength of the meeting.
- 4 Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013.
- 5 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 6 To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer to include:
  - a) The review and approval of the statutory accounts and supplementary information for the financial year ended 31st March 2013.
  - b) Any issues or recommendations raised by the Auditor whilst reviewing the Accounts.
  - c) The receipt and approval by Council of the draft budget for presentation to the AGM.
  - d) The recommendation of the membership fees for next year.
  - e) The ratification of the fees (currently £40) for Associate Bodies for next year.
  - f) To receive a proposal from the Honorary Treasurer:
    - i) To hold a meeting of the Achievement Scheme Area Co-ordinators, at a cost of between £1000 and £1500.
- 7 To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.
- 8 To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman to include the following proposal:
  - i) To introduce a formal procedure for the handling of complaints within the BMFA.
- 9 To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary to include:
  - a) Presentation of updates to the Affiliated Club list and adoption of any new clubs.
  - b) Annual ratification of Honorary Members.
  - c) To receive a proposal from the Honorary Secretary:
    - i) That this Council agrees to meetings of the Areas Council no longer being formally scheduled and being called only when there is adequate business to properly justify such a meeting. As and when any such meeting is then called, two month's notice of the intended date of this meeting shall be provided. In particular it is proposed that the September 2013 Areas Council meeting will not take place.
- 10 To receive a report from the Technical Secretary including 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. (Agenda Item 10 i).

- 11 To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include the following:
  - a Receipt and ratification of any contests for next year's FAI Calendar.
  - b Ratification of fees for FAI Licences for next year. (Present fees: FAI stamp: Seniors £10 & Juniors £5; Booklet: £5; replacement licences including the FAI stamp (ie lost or damaged in the current year): £5; 5 year licence: £30)
  - c To receive a proposal from the Competition Secretary:
    - i) That the Great Britain Slope Racing Association be recognised as a BMFA Specialist Body. A written GBRsRA Constitution is attached to this proposal
- 12 To receive a report from the Records Officer to include the following proposal:
  - i) That the BMFA formally adopt two trophies donated for pylon racing.
- 13 To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.
- 14 To receive a report from the FAI Delegate, to include:
  - a) The agreement of the CIAM Education Sub-Committee Delegate.
- 15 Next year's Major Events:
  - a To discuss venues.
  - b To accept co-ordinators.
  - c To ratify the Power Nationals Co-ordinator.
- 16 To receive a report from the Power Nationals Co-ordinator and the appropriate Technical Committees on the BMFA National Championships held since the last Council Meeting in May.
- 17 To receive a report from the Chairman of the Awards Committee.
- 18 To receive any reports from the following Delegates (reports should be brief, preferably in writing and in advance).
  - a Royal Aero Club (RAeC)
  - b General Aviation Safety Council (GASCo)
  - c Air Prox
  - d Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR)
  - e General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)
- 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
- 20 Any Other Business.
- 21 Date of next meeting.

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## MINUTES

Before opening the meeting the Vice Chairman announced that today is the 36<sup>th</sup> Full Council Meeting and final meeting the current Chairman will be conducting. During his tenure the Chairman has made a significant contribution to the BMFA. The Chairman Robin Gowler FSMAE received a round of applause.

### 875/09/13 (1) Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from the following:  
Chris Bromley FSMAE Technical Secretary; Neil Tricker RAFMAA Area Delegate; Peter Halman FSMAE FAI Delegate; Vernon Hunt CLTC Representative, Neil Cooper Northern Area Delegate; Trevor Grey FFTC Representative; John Bridgett Midland Area Delegate; Geb Jones RCPTC Representative.

### 876/09/13 (2) Request for permission to be absent.

There were no requests.

### 877/09/13 (3) To verify the voting strength of the meeting.

There were 21 members eligible to vote at the beginning of the meeting.

### 878/09/13 (4) Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

#### **Page 8**

- Penultimate paragraph, fifth line – Delete “to” after “donations”.

#### **Page 10**

- Last paragraph, last line – Replace “Money” with “Monkey”.

#### **Page 17**

- Penultimate paragraph, last line – Replace “bauser” with “bowser”.

#### **Page 18**

- Second paragraph from the top, fourth line – Replace “Wibbie” with “Kibbie”.

### London Area proposed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013 be accepted as a true record.

Seconded by Western Area.

Vote:           For:    18  
                  Ags:    0  
                  Abs:    3

Carried by a majority vote.

### 879/09/13 (5) Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.

#### **ACTION / NOTES**

#### **Page 17**

- Top of page, proposal carried to waiver appointment of Club Examiners' requirement to have held a 'B' for 6 months, to enable testing of first helicopter Club Examiner on the Isle of Man -

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*Matters/  
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Cont'd/...* North West Area advised that as a result of the proposal being carried, the Isle of Man now have a helicopter Club Examiner plus a few more helicopter 'B' certificate holders.

This concluded matters arising.

### **880/09/13 (6) Emergency item from the Executive to Council.**

After the BMFA Technical Committee nominations process, the Radio Control Power Technical Committee (RCPTC) now has only one sitting member and one member who was elected unopposed.

The Executive considers this situation to be entirely impractical for the functioning of any Technical Committee but especially one that has seven Specialist Bodies.

The Executive strongly and unanimously recommends that the RCPTC be suspended and the procedures shown below be instituted so that the radio control power Specialist Bodies may continue to function in the four core areas of BMFA finance, rules, British teams and other proposals.

That each radio control power Specialist Body continues to work within the accepted time frames but submits:

- a budget for Training & Excellence; requests for disbursement from its Team Travel; any financial queries, direct to the Honorary Treasurer who will action them in the usual way for Council's scrutiny and decision;

- rule changes, supported by their Body's meeting Minutes, direct to the Technical Secretary;

- recommendations for British teams based on its team selection criteria in force at any given time, direct to the Competition Secretary who will, in turn, submit the appropriate proposal to Council on the Specialist Body's behalf;

- recommendations, supported by an appropriate summary of expertise, for British Team Managers direct to the Competition Secretary who will, in turn, submit the appropriate proposal to Council on the Specialist Body's behalf;

- any proposals dealing with other topics direct to the Honorary Secretary who will, in turn, submit the appropriate proposal to Council on the Specialist Body's behalf.

This proposal is to get us over a short term problem.

It does mean the certain members of the Executive are taking on the extra work, but they are happy to accept the responsibility.

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There were some concerns that the R/C flyers will have no representation. The Competition Secretary commented that over the past eighteen months she has had a lot of dealings with the RCPTC. The RCPTC does not actually do anything other than meet and make requests of the relevant Specialist Bodies to provide information. It could be one of the reasons why people are not standing because they find it is a waste of time.

If we could move along this route then it may be that we can invigorate the R/C competition flyers to stand and have a viable and active technical committee that actually does things instead of being a layer of unnecessary administration.

**North West Area proposed that RCPTC be suspended and the procedures shown above be instituted so that the radio control power Specialist Bodies may continue to function in the four core areas of BMFA finance, rules, British teams and other proposals.**

Seconded by the Competition Secretary  
Carried unanimously

The Chairman will write to the relevant people to inform them of the situation.

**CHAIRMAN**

**881/09/13 (7) To Receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer.**

- a) **Review and approval of the statutory accounts and supplementary information for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.**

The Honorary Treasurer briefly outlined the breakdown of the Annual Report and Accounts highlighting various aspects. He pointed out first the change on Page 4 of the Annual Report and Accounts which shows a net surplus of £38,282, and is a significantly higher figure than we were discussing at the Full Council in May when he predicted it would be close to break even.

There are two significant reasons for this:-

- VAT refund as a direct result of the Accounts Manager's negotiations with the Inland Revenue to agree that the postage on BMFA News was VAT exempt;

- Return of a profit share from the insurance premium attributed to a low claim volume.

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

Cont'd/... The Accounts Manager guided the Delegates through the Supplementary Information highlighting any salient points of interest.

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**The Honorary Treasurer proposed that the Statutory Accounts for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 are accepted and should be presented to the AGM.**

Seconded by PRO  
Carried unanimously

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

The Auditor raised no material issues in relation to the Accounts.

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

A copy of the draft budget had been circulated.

The Treasurer provided a résumé of the budget.

**The Honorary Treasurer commended the draft budget for presentation to the AGM and the recommendation to the AGM that there is no increase on the membership subscriptions for 2014.**

Seconded by the Competition Secretary  
Carried unanimously

- d) Therefore the recommended fees for 2014 are as follows:

Senior	£32
Junior	£17
Family Partner	£21
Family Junior	£13

- e) **The ratification of the fees (currently £40) for Associate Bodies for 2014.**

The Honorary Treasurer recommended the fee for Associate Bodies remains the same at £40 for 2014. Council accepted the recommendation.

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

- f) **To receive a proposal from the Honorary Treasurer to hold a meeting of the Achievement Scheme Area Co-ordinators, at a cost of between £1000 and £1500.**

Seconded by South Midland Area  
Carried unanimously

**PAS  
CONTROLLER**

The PAS Controller commented that the AS ASC's meeting would be an ideal opportunity to discuss ratification of ACE's and to promote the concept of workshops.

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Honorary Treasurer general report:-  
The Honorary Treasurer informed Council he has agreed to a request from Indoor Technical Committee for an increase in the current financial year budget of £500. Indoor TC found it to be impractical to hold their meetings whilst at the venue of a competition/event and have reverted back to holding a meeting independently at an average cost of £500. They have held two so far and would like the extra funding to hold a third meeting.

He informed Council of his recommendation that we set up the following additional reserve funds:-

New legal fighting reserve of £50,000 transferred from the current Development Reserve. (Where Council deem to be necessary to provide support to Clubs);

Insurance reserve fund of £25,000 transferred from the Insurance franchise income.

The Power Nationals have taken up a considerable amount of his time since the last meeting as has the budgeting and accounts. He has also assisted with the BMFA stand at four shows; three at Old Warden (including this weekend) and one at Wings and Wheels. All very successful. The make-shift simulator was very popular and the plan is to book the branded gazebo and dedicated simulator trailer at Wings and Wheels for 2014. He feels the money was very well spent on this development.

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The CEO introduced the next item in relation to the new website, which does not appear on the Agenda.

Full Council in May approved a budget of £25,000 to produce a new website. The CEO provided some background information before handing over to the Club Support Officer/Website Manager to continue with the presentation.

The Website Manager provided a visual and guided presentation of the progress of the new website. Microtrading produced a development site for us and the Website Manager has been very busy for the past few weeks populating it. The new website should be ready to go live for 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013.

Phase 2 will be the log-on facility for Club Secretaries to be able to administer their membership online. It will probably not be available to run with fully for 2014 renewals but we will be looking for a handful of clubs to do it on a trial basis to test the system.

The Website Manager was congratulated on the work achieved so far.

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**882/09/13 (8) To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.**

**CEO**

**Free Flight Nationals** – He helped organise and attended the Free Flight Nationals. It was very successful this year and managed to generate a surplus.

**Simulator Trailer** – Has proved to be very popular and has been in attendance at several events during the summer months, to the extent that we have had to create a version two simulator using the BMFA box trailer.

Unfortunately we had a theft from the simulator trailer when it was parked in the office car park. ~~They~~ **The intruders** managed to get in by some means over the gate or wall at the back and opened up one side of the trailer. They took a PC and sound bar but could not remove the screen.

The CEO also reported that a few weeks ago he disturbed three men in a car parked in the car park when he was leaving the office around 8pm. He was able to provide the Police with a description of the men and the car registration number.

We currently have 'dummy' CCTV cameras so we will now be looking at having 24hr CCTV cover.

**Waddington Air Show** – We had a presence at the show which we did in conjunction with the British Gliding Association and the British Microlight Aircraft Association. Attendance was 100,000 plus which kept us fairly busy all weekend. We will possibly consider it again for next year.

**Aviation Heritage Centre Feasibility Study** – He attended a meeting with Jim Wright at a company in Nottingham who are doing a feasibility study on behalf of Lincolnshire County Council for a possible heritage centre at RAF Scampton. It is a long term project and if anything happens it probably will not be until 2018. At this stage we have just registered an interest. They seemed quite interested in the discussion so there is possibly some potential

**RAeC Trust Bursaries** – These are now available for 2014 and forms can be downloaded from the RAeC Trust website. The scheme is open to 16-21 yr olds and applications from aero modellers are encouraged. We have had a few aero modellers that have received bursaries in the past. The Trust would like to see more applicants from aero modellers and the bursaries are up to £1000.

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**Directors Report** – These are due and Delegates were reminded that the deadline for receipt of their reports was Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

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**BMFA News** – The October issue will have a more modern look and a fresher feel. Hopefully it will have enhanced readability. There are a couple of new columnists as well although a lot of the columnists remain the same.

**Barkston Heath bookings** – Any Technical Committees who would like the use of RAF Barkston Heath in 2014 need to get a list of dates to the CEO as soon as possible. Ideally he would like to submit them before the end of September.

**Elections** – The elections this year are uncontested. Therefore there is no ballot required for any of the Technical Committees or Elected Officer positions. There are however some changes to the Executive in that the Chairman is standing down. The new Chairman will be Mr Chris Moynihan. The new Technical Secretary will be David Varallo.

The Vice Chairman commented that as he would be taking on the Chairman's post from 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013 that leaves a vacancy for the Vice Chairman post. He advised Council that he has asked the outgoing Chairman Robin Gowler FSMAE to stand in as Vice Chairman for one year. This will hopefully be conducive to a smooth transition. Robin has kindly agreed to do that but of course if anybody else would like to nominate themselves for the position of Vice Chairman they can gladly do so.

#### **Chairman**

He has maintained regular meetings with the CEO. He attended Waddington Air Show as part of the team. He attended Free Flight Nationals and assisted with the prize giving on the Sunday evening. He also fulfilled his duties at the Power Nationals. He was invited and attended the RAFMAA Championships at RAF Wittering, which was very successful.

#### **883/09/13 (9) To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.**

He was pleased to see that the securing of Cranwell for the Silent Flight Nationals turned out well. He thought it was a very successful competition with no reported problems and believes it is the ideal venue for the Silent Flight Nationals. Hopefully this is the consensus of all those who took part.

He has completed the 'Complaints Procedure' draft document. He has had discussions with the Honorary Secretary with regard to strategy matters. He also assisted the Chairman and the rest of the team in the hospitality marquee at the Power Nationals.

He chaired the Awards Committee which he will report on separately later in the meeting. He also chaired the Safety Review Committee meeting.

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Chair rep  
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i) To receive the following proposal from the Vice Chairman:

**To introduce a formal procedure for the handling of complaints within the BMFA.**

Seconded by London Area

Vote: For: 19

Ags: 1

Abs: 1

HON SEC

Carried by a majority vote.

The Competition Secretary voiced her concerns with regard to the appeal process laid down in the above procedure document. The Vice Chairman commented that it is meant to be helpful for the complainant and for Full Council to understand why the individual feels it is not appropriate and to guide the complainant in to how they might structure an appeal.

**884/09/13 (10) To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary.**

The Executive have set a date for the 'Strategy Plan' meeting. The Honorary Secretary advised that if anyone has any ideas which they would like the Executive to consider in their discussions for the future of the Association, they should write to him within the next six weeks.

He assisted the Honorary Treasurer with putting together the Museum/Flying Site Survey document which Jim Wright initially created. London Area commented that he believes Jim Wright should have been included in the active discussion on the final 'Survey' document. Jim Wright expressed his disappointment that the Executive dismissed the original document that he had prepared.

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

The Honorary Secretary commended the updates to the Affiliated Club List.

b) **Annual Ratification of Honorary Members**

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

**The Honorary Secretary commended the Honorary Members listed above for ratification.**

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Seconded by Scale TC  
Carried unanimously.

- c) i) To receive a proposal from the Honorary Secretary:

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**That this Council agrees to meetings of the Areas Council no longer being formally scheduled and being called only when there is adequate business to properly justify such a meeting. As and when any such meeting is then called, two month's notice of the intended date of this meeting shall be provided. In particular it is proposed that the September 2013 Areas Council meeting will not take place.**

The Honorary Secretary explained the background to the above proposal and clarified that it is not the intention to abolish Areas Council, it merely seeks not to hold any scheduled meetings until and unless there is genuinely something that warrants discussion at a meeting.

Council agreed to the following drafting amendment before voting on the proposal:

Additional sentence to the second paragraph in the proposal, as follows:-

“The ASRC shall nominate a Delegate to Full Council and Council may then co-opt that Delegate as a member of Full Council.”

Seconded by PRO

Vote: For: 19  
Ags: 0  
Abs: 2

HON SEC

Carried by a majority vote.

Southern Area quoted several points on behalf of Tony Butterworth Southern Area Chairman. His main point of contention was that Areas should have been consulted and given the opportunity to air their views before putting this proposal forward.

The Chairman commented that quite clearly all Areas were given adequate notice because it is printed in the Agenda which was circulated three weeks before this meeting.

The Honorary Secretary commented that this does not attempt in any way to discourage Areas from conducting their business the way they conduct their business. It does not seek to interfere in the administration of Areas in any way whatsoever. Nor does it seek to disenfranchise the Areas having a voice at Council. Area Delegates are represented at this Council. The proposal as it stands seeks not to hold meetings unless there is something worthwhile to discuss.

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The PRO commented that it may be that come February next year we do decide it is appropriate to have an Areas Council meeting. When we have run with the proposal for a while and Areas have had a chance to think about it and see how it works for them, we possibly could sit round the table to get some business done.

**885/09/13 (11) To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.**

The Technical Secretary was absent.

i) To receive the following proposal from the Technical Secretary:

**That the BMFA General Rules sections covering entry to BMFA competitions and events and their publication requirements are modified as outlined in the proposal appended to the Agenda.**

The above proposal had been carried forward from the May Full Council Meeting as the Technical Secretary did not attend that meeting to present the proposal.

The Executive discussed the proposal at their meeting yesterday as they felt there were some anomalies. They agreed it should be suggested to Council that this item is withdrawn and should be re-looked at when the new Technical Secretary is in post.

Council agreed with the above suggestion.

**886/09/13 (12) To receive a report from the Competition Secretary.**

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

Free Flight Stonehenge Cup and Equinox Cup have been received and have been sent to FAI. They will be listed on the FAI Calendar shortly.

b) **Ratification of fees for FAI Licences for 2013. (Present fees: FAI stamp Seniors £10 & Juniors £5; 5 year FAI stamp £30; Booklet £5; replacement licences including the FAI stamp (ie lost or damaged in the current year) £5.**

Proposed by the Competition Secretary and accepted by Council.

Cont'd/... The Competition Secretary commented that the 5 year FAI Licence has been very well received.

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The Summer period has been very busy for the Competition Secretary. She is working very hard on behalf of the Society and CIAM. The involvement with the Teams and Team Managers seems to be getting greater each year however it is very rewarding to see the very positive actions by the Team Managers on behalf of their teams.

She attended the F2 European Championships in Hungary and also the F3A Championships in South Africa.

She has given an enormous amount of advice and help to people with queries, mainly competition queries but sometimes on inter-related matters. She will always endeavour to reply to emails promptly however there are obviously occasions when this is not possible because she is either away or at meetings or having to prioritise.

Medal winners this year so far include:

F1D European Championship Team Silver;

British Speed Team European Gold for the 16<sup>th</sup> year in succession;

British Speed team member Ken Morrissey has retained his European crown won in 2011 in Poland and is the 2013 European Champion;

F3N World Championship Silver.

c) **To receive a proposal from the Competition Secretary that the Great Britain Slope Racing Association be recognised as a BMFA Specialist Body.**

The Chairman introduced Martin Newnham and Jon Edison. Martin Newnham provided a presentation in support of their request for Specialist Body status for the F3F Slope Racing Association, Great Britain Slope Racing Association (~~GBSRAA~~) **(GBSRA)**

A few errors in the Constitution were pointed out which will be amended. A few questions were raised and responded to satisfactorily.

Seconded by South Midland  
Carried unanimously.

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MGR**

**887/09/13 (13) To receive a report from the Records Officer.**

Cont'd/... The trophy database he reported on last time is now ready to go live. It has been demonstrated to the office staff and was well received and is due to go live at the end of September. It is currently being populated with data. The Archive group have also offered help in providing history for some of the trophies.

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For audit purposes he will be recalling all trophies back in the office. They will be photographed and logged and next year will see a streamlining process.

He felt the Power Nationals went very well and results sheets gratefully received. There was a request from some of the flight lines whether it would be possible for them to provide the results electronically. For 2014 a pdf file which will allow information to be added, will be made available for those flight lines wishing to go this route. It is not a mandatory requirement and for those disciplines with multiple classes they will still be required to use the NCR forms.

Unfortunately he has not had sufficient time to complete the task to provide a new podium for presentations at the Power Nationals.

**The Records Officer proposed that the BMFA formally adopt the following trophies donated for pylon racing.**

- i) **Overlander carbon trophy for the winner of the F5D at the British Nationals;**
- ii) **Silver pot trophy originally donated by Optifuel, awarded for the BMPRA/BMFA league winner.**

Seconded by SFTC  
Carried unanimously.

REC OFFICER

**888/09/13 (14) To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.**

He thoroughly enjoyed the Free Flight Nationals. The weather was an added bonus.

He was invited by the Club Support Officer to attend a show at the Winterton Club which he accepted and it was very interesting. It is always good to give support to club activities.

He believes the proposal carried earlier today to cease holding scheduled meetings for Areas Council is a positive way forward and will allow us to be able to use volunteer's time in a more effective way. It could be a good initiative to revitalise Areas Council.

**889/09/13 (15) To receive a report from the FAI Delegate.**

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**WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX A)**

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In the absence of and on behalf of the FAI Delegate the Competition Secretary advised that the FAI Delegate has asked for the following to be considered:

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

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Mike Colling FSMAE to continue as CIAM Education Sub-Committee Delegate.

This was agreed by Council.

### **890/09/13 (16) Next Year's Major Events**

- a) **Venues**

Power, Free Flight, Space Nationals – RAF Barkston Heath (tbc)

Indoor Duration Nationals –Boulby

Scale Indoor Nationals – Nottingham University

Silent Flight Nationals – RAF Cranwell (tbc)

- b) **To accept co-ordinators**

Free Flight Nationals – tbc

Silent Flight Nationals – Mike Proctor FSMAE (tbc)

Indoor Duration Nationals – Allan Weighell FSMAE

Scale Indoor Nationals – Andy Sephton

Control Line Nationals – Jo Halman FSMAE, Competition Secretary

- c) **To ratify the Power Nationals Co-ordinator**

**The Competition Secretary proposed that Dave Phipps CEO is appointed Power Nationals Co-ordinator for 2014.**

Seconded by Vice Chairman  
Carried unanimously

### **891/09/13 (17) To receive a report from the Power Nationals Co-ordinator and the appropriate Technical Committees on the BMFA National Championships held since the last Council Meeting in May.**

\*\*\*\*\* **Free Flight/Space – WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX B)**

**Power Nationals – verbal report by the CEO (Power Nationals Co-ordinator)**

In terms of the set-up and break-down it was probably the smoothest running Power Nationals that he has been involved with.

It was quite useful that the airfield was available to us from Thursday evening, due to the Firemen's strike. The extra day to set up made a huge difference and took a lot of the pressure off.

Cont'd/... He is very fortunate that there is such an excellent team of volunteers that assist. Without them it would be an impossible task.



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Particular mention was given to the following and apologies if anyone has been missed: Wayne Pendleton Flight Line Controller; Keith Lomax Treasury; Christine Lomax Camp Gate; Linda Harding Day Gate; Tony Butterworth Camp Site; Tom Jones Equipment Manager; Andy Symons Safety Co-ordinator; Manny Williamson Showline Co-ordinator; Mark Wigley Roping Crew; Phil Wigley Hangar and Swap Meet Supervisor; John French marquee positioning assistant; Patrick Wigley siting of tables and chairs.

Following the very sad loss of Nikki Hadlow being the long standing Trade Secretary for the Power Nationals, her husband Pete Hadlow agreed to step in this year. He did an excellent job for us and has agreed to do the same in 2014.

Thanks were given to Nigel Hancock who managed the dedicated Power Nationals website. Hopefully for 2014 it will be an integral part of our own website.

It would also be difficult to do the job of Power Nationals Co-ordinator without the help from the staff at RAF Cranwell and RAF Barkston Heath. Particular thanks are due to Flt Lt Leon Creese who is our Liaison Officer. Leon's assistance with a slight diplomatic crisis this year was very welcome. The issue arose because of some fuel staining to the new runway, in the areas used for Control Line Team Race, Vintage Team Race and practice circles. We had the usual handful of broken runway lights and one slightly bent sign, all of which is accepted as par for the course when there are 10,000 people on site.

The Competition Secretary advised that on behalf of the CL Team Race and VTR flyers, she will be writing a formal letter of apology in relation to the fuel spillage on the new runway and action will be taken against the culprits.

There was an unfortunate incident with a jet model from Showline crashing in to a field of stubble on the neighbouring farm. It resulted in a small fire which was tackled immediately by the Safety Team. However it was only three days after it had been cropped and had the crop been there it could have been a different matter.

During the course of the event we had collection buckets in operation for the RAF Benevolent Fund and the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance. This raised almost £800 to be split equally between the two.

The raffle raised over £400 towards CTTF. We have plans next year to promote the raffle far more widely and starting in advance of the Power Nationals and hopefully we can do significantly better. We had some very generous prizes donated, forty in all.

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An email from Andy Sephton Scale TC had been circulated prior to the meeting, highlighting certain issues in relation to Scale flight line at the Power Nationals. The CEO had not had sight of this previously and it was disappointing that the issue was not raised with him at the event.

He visited the Scale flight line several times during the course of the event and spoke with their CD and his comments were not in line with those that have been included in the email. The comments were that there had been improvements on the previous year and he thought the bigger issue this year was conflict with the helicopter flight line. It was something of a surprise to receive the email. As per last year it was a disappointment that it was not raised at the time.

Andy Symons Safety Officer at the Power Nationals commented that he hears all the radio traffic and there was hardly any between Scale and Showline. He can only surmise that the radio traffic reported of in the email from Scale TC was helicopter complaining about scale.

Scale pointed out that it was not radio traffic as such. The point being made is a general observation on the flight profiles of a number of the display show line aircraft. It was not purely the inter relation with scale.

From a financial point of view, the Honorary Treasurer reported that it is too early to say how it went however the feel on the day was that it was busier than in previous years.

Club Support Officer/Safety Officer at the Power Nationals commented that last year people expressed concerns about the free flight flying in the evenings. This year we did institute one or two changes which hopefully have addressed some safety issues as far as we can without completely banning it.

The Swap Meet was the second year it has been held outside and he believes it works much better, especially where emergency access is concerned. This year we were able to get the ambulance to a heart attack victim whereas two years ago we could not even get the ambulance out because people had parked across the access.

\*\*\*\*\* **Silent Flight – WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX C)**

\*\*\*\*\* **Control Line – WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX D)**

\*\*\*\*\* **Scale – WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX E)**

**892/09/13 (18) To receive a report from the Chairman of the Awards Committee.**

Disappointingly there were very few nominations this year.  
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There were no nominations Fellowship or Certificate of Merit.

The Vice Chairman provided a brief synopsis of the nominations and subsequent recommendations for awards for 2013, listed below.

*Ken Morrissey FMSAE – Perkins Slade ‘Pilot of the Year’*

*Flt Lt Leon Creese – BMFA Honorary Membership*

*Duncan Osbourne – BMFA Certificate of Merit*

*Mrs Gwynedd Colling – Ray Malmstrom Trophy*

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

VICE CHAIR

Seconded by North West Area  
Carried unanimously.

The membership of the Awards Committee felt very strongly that information on candidates such as worthy medal winners who could be considered for the Pilot of the Year award, is not forthcoming and they would like the authority as a Committee to nominate a worthy recipient of the major awards each year.

**The Vice Chairman proposed that the Awards Committee are given the authority to put forward their own nominations for a particular award, where no other nomination has been received.**

Seconded by North East Area  
Carried unanimously

VICE CHAIR

RAeC Delegate – RAeC protocol is that if an Association is not going to receive a RAeC award it can have either one or two of its own trophies re-presented at the RAeC Awards evening. Could action be taken to decide which two recipients will be offered the re-presentation, in the time frame set for RAeC Awards meeting in January 2014.

VICE CHAIR

Over the years there has been an error in translation in the Awards Procedure booklet in relation to the Honorary Membership award which currently states that it “may be awarded to a member”. In many cases previously the award has been given to people who are not members of the Society, which is more fitting of the award. Therefore the Awards Procedure booklet will be amended accordingly.

VICE CHAIR

**893/09/13 (19) To receive any reports from the following Delegates:**

- a) **RAeC**  
\*\*\*\*\* **WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX F)**

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- b) **GASCo – verbal report.**  
There are no issues relating to aeromodelling at this present time. The CEO of GASCo was present at the Power Nationals and commented on the organisation of the event and that many full size events have ~~no where~~ **nowhere** near the same control and order that he witnessed at the Power Nationals.
  - c) **AIP PROX – No report.**
  - d) **Sport + Recreation Alliance – No report.**
  - e) **GAAC – No report.**

**894/09/13 (20) To receive any reports from the following Committees:**

- a) **CAA Team – verbal report.**  
The annual meeting is scheduled for the beginning of December.
  - b) **UKRCC – verbal report.**  
Nothing of any significance to report.
  - c) d) e) **Education Working Group / Flight Challenge / University Challenge**  
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**WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX G)**  
  
Booked stand space at the ASE event on January 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> 2014 at the University of Birmingham. Volunteers required.  
  
Midland Area asked if there is a competition for primary pupils. It was suggested they get in touch with the Development Officer to obtain information on the 'Fly your Plane' challenge for primary/secondary schools.
  - f) **Computer sub-committee – Nothing further to add to what has already been covered in the CEO report.**
  - g) **Safety Review Committee – verbal report.**  
The annual meeting was held two days ago. Reasonably well attended however most of the Technical Committees did not send a representative and we must assume they do not have any safety issues.  
  
One of the issues raised at the meeting related to the use of lithium polymer batteries. We were made aware that it is an IATA airline regulation that unconnected lipo cells cannot be carried on a scheduled service which also carries passengers.  
  
This led to a wider ranging discussion about some of the safety implications of lipos. Two members of ESAG were present at that meeting and provided invaluable information in relation to the use of lipos and also storage/disposal of same.
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Bob Smith member of ESAG has conducted some experimental research. It is many years since we actually gave written advice in the BMFA News. We have therefore commissioned ESAG to provide a re-write covering the acquisition, storage, use and disposal of lithium polymer batteries. They have been given a deadline of the end of February 2014 to complete the re-write. This will then be suitably serialised in BMFA News.

Another topic discussed stemmed from the fact there was disquiet expressed by the Scale Judges at the Power Nationals in relation to overflying of the area by showline pilots. This led again to a wider debate from another member of the Safety group who observed that some of the more accessible ARTF jet powered aircraft are built so lightly and down to a cost in some cases, that the structural integrity of these aircraft is not always as fit for purpose as they might be. However we as a group have no evidence of this.

It was speculated that if someone obtained their 'B' certificate on a Acrowot or the like and suddenly steps up to an ARTF gas or jet turbine powered model, do they realise the step change in performance and the step change required in vision, responses and general level of competence. It is a lingering and background concern that this is something we should look at.

To that end the SRC will be writing to the JMA and the GTBA for their observations on those concerns. They will also be writing to the Chairman of ASRC to seek their views on the competence query.

Also debated was accident reporting. The trend data is slightly down on previous years however it is still the plethora of fingers in props and lack of care around electric motors on start-up that prevails.

We touched on whether to include in BMFA News regular report on accidents and conclusions from those incidents for the general information and guidance and education of the readership.

There is a logic in making use of these reports for the education and awareness of the general flying clientele. The counter point to that is whenever a club or organisation is seeking planning permission for use of a flying site the people who are rejecting use of that site will often sight particular accidents resulting in the two fatalities some years ago and therefore any reporting of accidents will be held against us in such planning applications. This is to be debated further before any conclusion as to the way forward for us.

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h) **ASRC**  
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**WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX H)**  
In addition to the written report PAS Controller advised that a short article will appear in the next issue of BMFA News explaining the reasoning behind the decision to stop the testing at Commercial Schools.

i) **BMFA News Publisher – verbal report.**  
One of our staunch supporters in advertising over recent years has been Horizon Hobby's and they had previously indicated that they would no longer be advertising at the end of this year. They have however now confirmed that they will take an advert in every issue next year plus the Power Nationals programme.

j) **BMFA Archivist Report**  
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**WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX I)**

k) **Club Support Officer.**  
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**WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX J)**

An action was placed on the CEO and Club Support Officer to look at the cost of leasing or purchasing a Company van for use when towing the simulator trailer. These options can be put to Council for consideration at the January meeting.

**CEO/CSO**

**895/09/13 (21) Any Other Business.**

Proposal for ACE for East Anglia Area – Phil Gutteridge.

Area AS Coordinator Neil Gill who was also an ACE sadly passed away earlier in the year. This left the Area short of an ACE. The appointment of Phil Gutteridge as Area ACE would fill this gap.

**East Anglia Area commended Phil Gutteridge as ACE (Fixed Wing) for East Anglia Area.**

Seconded by South Midland Area  
Carried unanimously

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**896/09/13 (22) Date and venue of next meeting.**

**The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2014. Venue to be confirmed.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 16.26pm.

The Chairman was applauded.

Report to Council from the FAI Delegate 7<sup>th</sup> September 2013

I attended the CIAM Plenary meeting in April and a full report was submitted to the May Council meeting. The period since the May Council meeting has been relatively quiet for the FAI delegate.

The FAI has just announced that the Jean Marc Baden, the FAI Secretary General will be leaving his post in November. His job has been made extremely difficult due to the unending changes which the Executive Board of the FAI have been making.

I can also report that the Minutes of the April Bureau and Plenary meetings have now been published and they are now available from the FAI CIAM website. Publication of these Minutes was delayed for several months by the FAI.

P Halman FSMAE  
FAI Delegate  
1st September 2013

### **Free Flight and Space Nationals report 2013**

The Free Flight Nationals were held over the Bank Holiday Weekend 25- 27 May, back to the normal date. As always the BMFA office did an excellent job in processing entries, transporting and setting up equipment and distributing results.

As ever, the contest was dependent on the weather. This year we struck lucky. Saturday being very good and the Sunday that had weather that was as good as it gets! The weather, to an extent withdrew its support, on Monday although bright and sunny there was a stiff Southerly breeze. All contests achieved satisfactory results with no problems.

This year there was no SAM35. It has already been agreed that SAM35 will return in 2014 with an appropriate range of events that mesh with the free flight and space events. However the vintage team race and speed group were in attendance.

RAF liaison and airfield security both worked well. Farmer liaison had done a good job of establishing potential problem areas and with the wind direction being kind to us there were no reported problems.

As a result of the excellent weather the numbers of public were up on 2013 and as a result the event will show a profit.

Michael J. Woodhouse June 2013



**SF Nats 2013. RAF Cranwell Aug Bank Holiday**

After a very long interval RAF Cranwell became available once more and thanks are due to Chris Moynihan for this achievement. 2 pre-event meetings were held at Cranwell, with Flt Lt Leon Crease and members representing all the agencies involved. Leon is to be congratulated on delivering a sound package for our use of Cranwell and maintaining liaison during the event; both he and Liaison Officer Flt Lt Chris Hayward attended on several occasions. Dave Phipps was present at all the meetings and coordinated all the official paperwork for the event, as well as assisting with various bits on the ground! There was a general keenness to make this event work.

Entries and fee collection made a significant move away from the days of paper/envelopes and cheques. Entry was by filling in a Word doc form and emailing it to the BMFA Office. Information for payment was then available and contestants rang subsequently to make card payments. A postal version could be had on request but nobody asked. Using this system (for competitor camping also) Sian and Gemma were able to have all the competitor and security information needed for both Cranwell and ourselves and have all the payments complete, the week before the event. Final information was emailed to competitors (and registered spectators) by Wednesday of that week. One or two small problems need tweaking for next year but essentially the new system worked very well.

Entry to the airfield was by the coded pad on the Rauceby Lane barrier and worked very well. The 2 "no-drive, no-fly times" 09:00 - 09:30 & 18:00 - 18:30 were well observed, as were the 3 occasions when light aircraft movements took place by prior arrangement. Radio communication was maintained between out 4 flying sites at all times and mobile phone used for contact with full size users. Phone contact on Cranwell can be iffy but we managed via messaging when necessary.

Saturday was a washout for all but 100S Glider, who ran a reduced event, which nevertheless achieved a meaningful result in the 2 rounds flown before the continuous rain struck! F3B started and were stopped; F5J did not start as the prospect of the necessary 4 rounds was highly unlikely.

Sunday was a much better day and came with an unusual Northerly breeze, some low cloud early on but fairly soon some good soaring conditions for the 4 events. The proximity to the northern taxiway of the "electric" site was quite close in gliding terms, even with the 10/15mph northerly wind and this would need addressing more carefully in calm conditions. In the prevailing wind, the incidence of one group overflying another was virtually nil. All competitions had a good day F3J & F5B their first of 2 days; eSoaring Open and F3K completed their events. Nearly everybody left the Field before being trapped by the 18:00 curfew!

Monday was a repeat of Sunday but with slightly better weather, for F3J & F5B, who completed their competitions and for 2M eSoaring's one day meeting.

Monday evening. The airfield sites were checked by CD's and the RAF; the toilets were removed just prior to the sweeping truck arriving. Subsequently a piece of equipment was found to have been left in the grass but we were quickly informed by the looser and it was retrieved early on Tuesday. Cranwell Air Traffic was most helpful with that recovery, as were all the RAF personnel we encountered.

People attending seemed to be happy with our return to Cranwell and appreciated the efforts made on their behalf. It is unfortunate that general spectator entry is unlikely to be viable at such a site without marshalling and all that entails.

Finally I would like to add my thanks to all those competitors who helped during the event to make this a success; in particular those few who compromised their flying time by collecting gear from Barkston while I was already at Cranwell. It would be far better if a non-flying CD were to be found and made Event Director to handle all the general "airfield" duties in future.

Mike Proctor  
SF Nats CD 2013

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**2013 British National Championships Report  
from the Control Line Technical Committee to the Full Council**

The Control Line National Championships were successfully held at Barkston Heath during the August Bank Holiday weekend. All the scheduled classes were flown and all finished on time. The weather was much better this year, although some time was lost on Saturday due to light rain. Sunday and Monday were both fine and sunny with a cold NNE which veered to easterly late on Monday afternoon.

The airfield was available from early Friday which helped to ensure that site preparation was well advanced by the time the Control Line area preparation was started. The safety cages for Speed, Team Race and Vintage Team Race were constructed from metal site fencing. These cages not only look much neater and more professional than the previous netting cages, they are also more robust, and quicker and easier to assemble and clear away.

The trophies were graciously presented by Robin Gowler, Fellow and BMFA Chairman, at the end of the contest. The CLTC would like to thank Robin for carrying out this task during his many years as Chairman of the BMFA.

The newly resurfaced east/west runway where the Control Line competitions are flown was a great improvement for all the Control Line circles. Despite strenuous attempts to clean the surface during the weekend and after flying had finished there were some issues with the condition of the surface of the Team Race and Vintage Team Race circles after the Championships had finished. I understand that the TR fuel spills did not damage the surface of the runway and that the stains are cosmetic and will fade. The issue of TR fuel spills will be further addressed in the future. I have to thank Dave Phipps for his huge effort in controlling the situation.

There were no other problems at the Control Line flight lines and the CLTC would like to thank all the Contest Directors, timekeepers, scorers and tabulators for their efforts during the Championships.

Peter Halman, Fellow  
CLTC Chairman  
6th September 2013

## SCALE Nationals Report to Council - 07/09/13

The Scale Nationals for R/C, C/L and F/F were held successfully at RAF Barkston Heath during the August Public Holiday. The total number of 30 entries in the 3 R/C classes was disappointing after the strong support for other events throughout the season. Several 'senior' flyers, including last year's F4C winner and the international contingent, were absent but this resulted in an entertaining and closely fought competition in all classes. The steps taken since last year to improve spectator appeal all drew universal approval from spectators, judges and competitors. The larger self-supporting marquee provided a far better environment for static judging giving more unhindered space and better light conditions, as well as the ability for spectators to see in through the clear window panels. The information boards and loose-leaf 'flyers' produced by Andy Sephton and Chris Allen were much appreciated by spectators and the shorter grass in the pits area allowed for better viewing and photographic opportunities. The one aspect that remains disappointing is the PA system which could not be heard at the extremes of the spectator area.

The main area of concern on the Scale R/C flight line remains that of safety due to airspace incursions. Once again the wind direction dictated a cross-runway flight pattern for most of the weekend. In order to de-conflict with Fun Fly the Scale flight judges had to be positioned on the far side of the runway intersection with their backs to the show line. This meant that scale models conducting the mandatory descending circle manoeuvre were descending, albeit at low power, towards the helicopter line and several incursions into their airspace did occur which were dealt with by the CDs concerned. Of more significance, despite all of the discussions and assurances since last year, certain show line models came so far into Scale airspace that they were seen to conduct high energy turns and reversals above our judges' heads. This situation cannot be allowed to continue and we will not put our judges and pilots 'in the firing line' again. Indeed, Andy Sephton, who is a very experienced full-size display pilot and CAA Display Authorisation Examiner, was so concerned about what he saw that he tabled the written report attached overleaf. This refers not just to the interface with Scale but the general safety of some show line flight profiles. Certain show line slots involving multiple models, primarily petrol-powered warbirds, also made it impossible for our judges to mark the sound of Scale competition flights due to the constant noise, some of which gave the perception of exceeding the guidelines published in the BMFA Handbook. Multiple models also significantly increase the probability of a mid-air. Something must be done to increase separation and vet the suitability show line activities for the limited space available.

There were again only 4 entries in each C/L Scale class and it has been suggested that positioning the carrier and Scale circles closer together might generate more interest due to the synergy between classes and more frequent activity throughout the weekend. This will be taken up with the C/L TC.

The entry level in the F/F events remained sound apart from in CO<sub>2</sub>/electric which seems somewhat moribund with few new models being built. The light rain on Saturday and stiff breeze on both evenings did limit the number of qualifying flights made but there were some spectacular attempts and the usual one or two classic flights. There were no safety issues this year and, again, the safety marshals were appreciated and effective. However, a longer safety barrier might perhaps be beneficial in future.

Finally, as always, the STC would like to put on record our thanks to all the judges, commentators and assistants without whom the event could not take place. CD, Graham Kennedy, had a particularly challenging time this year but coped well in his inimitably unflappable style.

**Ian Pallister**

Council Delegate Scale TC

6 September 2013

Appendix:

**Email from Andy Sephton to Scale Tech Committee - 27 August 2012**

Dear All,

I was appalled by the lack of control exercised over the conflict between the Scale line and the Airshow Line over the BMFA Nats weekend. Almost every time I looked up I saw model flightpaths conflicting at the end of each line. I also saw scale officials on radios complaining about the conflict, but I noted no change in Airshow model's flightpaths. Large models were conducting high-energy turns towards the crowd at the end of their line and were conflicting with Scale models in the same position. The risk of a mid-air collision was high and the subsequent risk of high-energy debris falling into the crowd area was also high.

As a CAA approved Display Authorisation Examiner I have a remit to report all airshow issues that I consider to carry a greater than normal risk to the CAA. The above comes well within that remit.

In the short term I don't propose to do anything, but it may be necessary in order to get action from the BMFA. Either way, something must be done before next year. It is clear that the Airshow Model Flyers can't operate in the space they are given and therefore, either they or the Scale line should move.

I would like this to be put on the agenda for the next STC Committee meeting, please, in a non-time limiting slot. i.e. earlier rather than later in the meeting.

With Thanks and Best Wishes,  
Andy

ROYAL AERO CLUB DELEGATE'S REPORT – July 2013

I attended the RAeC Council meeting on July 2nd and the following points may be of BMFA interest.

1) The meeting started with a presentation by the organisers of Aviation Live, a multi-discipline aviation event proposed for May or June 2014 at either Coventry airport or another site, still under negotiation. They emphasised that it would be 'an event' rather than 'an airshow' and there was talk of music, food and family attractions in addition to the flying activities, with a powered flying area separate from the unpowered one. One of those speaking had been involved with various country sports and boating events, claimed extensive media contacts and seemed to somewhat over-emphasise the attractions of the proposed event to "the industry"; in Council's later discussion the fact that most air sports suppliers are more in the nature of cottage industries was felt to have not been sufficiently recognized and might not prove to be the anticipated major source of income.

While the need to attract more people into airsports was recognized, and the organisers do not intend to charge RAeC associations for stand space, the timescale is very tight and Council will consider at the September meeting what progress the organisers have made before making a final decision.

2) The new RAeC website will go live on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and will include links to appropriate YouTube videos. It is hoped to also link to a records listing with input from all the RAeC associations.

3). The Awards Evening accounts were presented and showed a likely surplus of around £1800, depending on just how many tickets one of the event's sponsors would be covering. The room at the RAF Club could only handle around 200 people, and the possibility of alternative venues was discussed, but costs looked considerably higher elsewhere, and the central London site was regarded as important. A final decision will be made later.

4) One of the matters under discussion by Europe Air Sports has been regulation for remote piloted aerial systems (RPASs) and model aircraft. Past BMFA CEO Graham Lynn has been heavily involved for several years in the negotiations and the final wording has now been accepted by the European Commission; essentially this defines model aircraft as those used for sporting, recreational and competition purposes, rather than commercial or military ones, and means that flyers of RC models (and indeed all other models) will continue to be bound only by the existing ANOs.

5) There is continuing concern at the activities of FAME, the airsports marketing organisation created by the FAI, and the way in which the board appears to ignore the needs of the actual air sports commissions, CIAM in our own case. One of their ideas is that each airsport should nominate 20 "star performers" who would presumably be used for media promotions; this idea received less than wholehearted support from Council. With the aim of coordinating a international response to this and other FAI issues, David Roberts and Patrick Naegeli will be going to the FAI General Conference in Malaysia.

6) The delayed notes on the RAeC conference will be out soon; it is planned to hold a further such meeting on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, with insurance liability and membership services to be the items for discussion by representatives from the RAeC associations.

7) The RAeC chairman had recently had a meeting with the Air League, whose mission statement is "to generate national understanding of the importance to the UK of aviation and aerospace, and to excite the interest of young people in these areas by helping them to become involved". As many of the Air League's aims parallel those of the RAeC closer links look desirable and their chairman is to be asked to the next RAeC Council meeting in September. The League can be seen as one leg of the UK aviation tripod, the others being the RAeC and the Royal Aeronautical Society.

8) There is concern at the unauthorised use of the RAeC's logo by one association, who have incorporated it into their own. One concern is the insurance liability situation should an accident occur and legal advice is to be taken.

Martin Dilly  
RAeC Delegate

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### Education Working Group report to BMFA Council September 2013

Since the last Education report I have attended the 19<sup>th</sup> University Challenge. As usual two separate contests were run. For the 3<sup>rd</sup> time this became an international event with two teams competing from Germany. The event had the largest entry ever - 17 teams competed in the final two tasks of the Heavy Lift challenge and 16 teams competed in the Electric challenge. Saturday saw all teams giving their presentations in one of the Elvington museum buildings. At the end of the flying part of the contest, only five teams managed to get a score in the Heavy Lift and ten teams in the Electric. The Heavy Lift was won by the apprentices of BAE Regional Aircraft, Prestwick with a final score of 249.4 points. The Electric was won by Queens University, Belfast team with a final score of 147.5 points. An excellent report of the event was in the August issue of the BMFA News. Due to the increased popularity of the event changes have been made to make better use of the time available and to give some new challenges to the teams.

This is the first year of the revamped "Fly Your Plane Challenge". The event is run completely on line by the office at only a small cost to the Society. The entry this year was small which could be due partially to little advertising. It is proposed to run the event again.

This year, as last year, I helped to run a stand and workshop at the Manchester Museum of Science and Industry Maker Fair. This was quite successful with over 100 AeroJets and helicopters being made in two days.

A stand at the Association of Science Education's annual meeting has been booked. This event will be held at Birmingham University on January 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> 2014 – help would be appreciated.

Mike Colling, FSMAE  
BMFA Education Working Group.

**Achievement Scheme Review Committee  
Report  
September 2013**

The ASRC has met once so far this year in March.

All achievement scheme documentation, notably the various test guidance documents, were reviewed and the 2013 editions agreed for publication.

The RC PAS Controller also reviewed and revised a number of standard letters issued by the office with test certificates.

Two new members have been appointed to the ASRC this year as part of the biennial election process, the new additions being;

- Peter Willis
- Greg Butterworth

Duncan McClure has taken over the role of RC PAS Controller and Robert Mahoney has taken on the role of SF Controller.

There have been a number of minor items of correspondence so far this year that have required the attention of the ASRC, notable items of which have included:-

- Response to a complaint that 'Up & Away' was "outdated" and didn't cater for electric powered aircraft (!)
- A request for re-instatement of Club Examiner status (without a re-test) following a lapse in membership
- A request for maintenance of Club Examiner status without membership of a specific club
- A request for 'confirmation' of FW 'A' certificate status following extended lapse in membership and loss of original documentation
- Concerns raised over the suitability of foam models for power 'A' & 'B' tests

On behalf of the ASRC, the RC PAS Controller wrote to all the SAA Examiners who's club have 'converted' to BMFA affiliation from the SAA, and hence have adopted our achievement scheme. The letter stresses the need for them to familiarise themselves with the BMFA system, standards and documentation.

The Gas Turbine (Jet) 'C' certificate has been successfully launched via a number of examiner workshops. These were held earlier this year at Elvington, Long Marston and Merryfield in order to provide good national geographic coverage. The workshops provided the opportunity for feedback from the jet community as well as allowing examiners to observe the pit/safety elements of the tests as well as the flying.

So far to date 10 individuals have successfully gained the GT 'C' Certificate, which looks promising for the future of the GT'C'.

As a result of increasing interest/requests the secretary has been involved in discussions with interest groups and has prepared draft tests for multicopter aircraft for discussion at the next ASRC meeting.

Duncan R McClure  
RC Power Achievement Scheme Controller  
7<sup>th</sup> September 2013



**ARCHIVISTS REPORT TO THE FULL COULCIL MEETING 7<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

Archiving continues it's never ending way through time, with archives being produced as you progress through your meeting today.

Eric Ckark, Terry Watson and I usually get in for a few hours on Monday mornings to tackle the increasing volume of material.

Currently we are attending to photographs and trophy recording. It is a hope that in the future we shall be able to put the list of our archive collection on the BMFA web site.

Martin Dilly, Fellow and Vice President and Jim Wright, Chairman of the South Midland Area continue to play an active part in the Archive Group and we plan, as we did last year, to have a display at the AGM room permitting.

Jim Wright has collected items bequeathed to us by the late Laurie Barr, Fellow which will receive our attention shortly.

I make no apology for again, taking this opportunity to thank all the BMFA staff for their help and guidance, it has been invaluable.

Kath Watson, FSMAE.  
Vice President & Archivist  
6<sup>th</sup> September 2013

**Club Support Officers report. May-Sept 2013**

I attended with the stand, including the new liveried marquee and simulator trailer, the Teesside, Winterton and Elvington shows, the simulator trailer proving very popular wherever it goes. The presence at the shows with the current setup is very striking and professional. The only difficulty being loading space and perhaps more of an issue weight for the stand, equipment and stock, my car I suspect being very close to its maximum loading, if not over. Perhaps we should give consideration to the purchase of a short wheel base transit with tow bar in the not too distant future. I also assisted with the stand at Wings and Wheels, assisted at the Heavy Lift Challenge and along with the Chairman, CEO and Development Officer attended the Waddington airshow with a static display and the simulator trailer as part of an Airports stand, along with the BGA and BMAA.

I also took the "backup" simulator trailer to support the Willy Howe Club open day and to the Sewerby Gala in Bridlington where the club had a static display, the simulator was very well received with long queues all day, almost all being non model flyers, excellent exposure for what we do. Pictures of the new "show presence" are on the BMFA facebook page.

Planning for the 2014 Electric Indoor Masters is well under way with a change of venue to the Metrodome Arena in Barnsley for 2014, a venue which hopefully will add further to the success of the event.

**Club Matters**

Things are relatively quiet on the planning front at the moment, however I carried out site visits for the Reading Club and Hayling Helis, Reading have an application about to be submitted for planning permission and Hayling Helis have a CLU application under consideration at the moment. A number of clubs have sought advice with regards to planning and may be submitting applications over the next few months.

Council may recall the planning application for a dwelling within 200m of the take off point of the Melton and District club site which was rejected after the CEO and myself attended the planning meeting, since then the applicant appealed against the decision, I made representations at the appeal with and on behalf of the club and I am pleased to report that the appeal was rejected.

It seems to have been a summer of club disputes with almost daily calls and emails about one fall out or another, members should always try to remember we do what we do for fun, committees should also remember to make sure that what they do is constitutional!

We have a number of clubs receiving noise complaints at the moment and I have conducted a number of visits and suggested site and operating procedure alterations, usually well received by the clubs. Clubs do need to take any noise complaints very seriously and if they can reach a compromise with the complainer before the complaints are made official through environmental health it is very worthwhile. Noise loses flying sites!

**Website Development**

The CEO and myself are involved with the development of the new website and we are on course for a launch date of 1<sup>st</sup> October for stage 1, I hope council consider what we have developed a marked improvement of our online presence. There is much more dynamic content on the new site, with a number of news feeds that individuals can subscribe to such as club bulletins for example.

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