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Additions – **bold, underlined** (except headings)

## **MINUTES**

### **SOCIETY OF MODEL AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS LTD.**

(T/A British Model Flying Association)

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at  
College Court, Knighton Road, Leicester LE2 3TQ

Provisional until confirmed at the next Full Council Meeting.

#### **PRESENT**

Chris Moynihan	Chairman
Robin Gowler FSMAE	Vice Chairman
Robin Sleight MBE	Honorary Secretary
Keith Lomax FSMAE	Honorary Treasurer
Jo Halman FSMAE	Competition Secretary
Simon Vaitkevicius	Records Officer
David Varallo	Technical Secretary
Nigel Barker	PRO
Peter Jenkins	East Anglia Area Delegate
Martin Dilly FSMAE	London Area Delegate & RAeC Delegate
John Day	Midland Area Delegate Alt
Neil Cooper	Northern Area Delegate
Tom Jones	North East Area Delegate
David Lloyd-Jones	North West Area Delegate
Duncan McClure	South Midland Area Delegate & PAS Controller
Stuart Willis	South East Area Delegate
Phil Durant	Western Area Delegate
Stuart Simpson	Southern Area Delegate
Peter Disney	South West Area Delegate & RNMAA Representative
Maurice Doyle	Northern Ireland Area Delegate
Mike Woodhouse FSMAE	Free Flight TC Representative
Mervyn Jones	Control Line TC Representative
Clive Needham	R/C SFTC Representative
Chris Allen	Scale TC Representative Alt.
Mike Colling FSMAE	Indoor TC Representative

#### **Visitors**

Jim Wright	Ivinghoe Soaring Association & South Midland Area Chairman
John French	Honorary Member

#### **In Attendance**

Linda Harding	Office Manager / Minute Taker
Dave Phipps	CEO/Power Nats Co-ordinator
Manny Williamson	Development Officer
Andy Symons	Club Support Officer

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> January 2014.
- 5 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 11th January 2014 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 6 To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer to include:
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  - b To receive the following proposals for purchase of Capital Expenditure items:  
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Company van – Cost will not exceed £20,000
- 7 To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer, to include a presentation from the Development Officer on a feasibility study for a 'National Centre'.
- 8 To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.
- 9 To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary to include:
  - a To receive the Affiliated Club List.
  - b To receive dates for Council Meetings in the year 2015.
  - c To discuss and agree the processes for the November elections.
  - d To note the approval by Areas Council of the following Area Chief Examiners:  
David McClean (154364), Northern Ireland Area ACE (Fixed Wing)  
Richard Morris (31333), Mid West Area ACE (Helicopter)
  - e To receive the following proposals:
    - i) That this Council removes the recognition of STUNTCOM as a Specialist Body.**
    - ii) That the final text (as given in italics) of Appendix L section 3.7, of the Council Handbook (dealing with Specialist Bodies) be amended. That section currently says: *The Specialist Body shall forward details of the dates, venues and contact details for any events or competitions it or its sub-organisations intend to hold during the coming year, to both the BMFA Competition Secretary and the compiler of the BMFA Contest and Event Calendar, currently the Technical Secretary, via the BMFA office as soon as they are available.***  
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**(ii) Members: The Royal Aero Club Delegate.**

**Three Fellows of the Society appointed by votes from the Fellows.**

**Two representatives appointed, one each, by Areas Council and Technical Council. *These representatives must be members of their respective Councils and must have full voting rights on that Council.***

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**Additionally that the agenda item for Tech Council (Appendix F) 4<sup>th</sup> section, First Meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> item, be modified to read:**

***Confirm, or (if necessary) appoint, the Tech Council Member to the Awards Committee. Note this appointment is for a three year period unless the Member resigns or ceases to be a Tech Council Member with full voting rights.”***

10 To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.

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

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

12 To receive a report from the Records Officer.

13 To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.

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

- a The receipt of the report of the recent CIAM Meeting.

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- i) From ASRC that the following condition be added to the ruling regarding achievement Scheme testing at commercial flying schools:-**
  - A School examiner may take the role of the second examiner in a 'B' test, providing that the lead examiner is external and appointed by the relevant Area Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator.**
- ii) From ASRC that the ASRC be tasked to prepare and take ownership of, a new Training Guidance publication to replace 'Up and Away'.**
- iii) From ASRC that the attached Multicopter 'A' test be added to the inventory of Achievement Scheme tests.**

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*Agenda Item 15) cont'd/...*

- iv) From North West Area that Wayne Pendleton (040994) is appointed Area Chief Examiner (Fixed Wing) for the North West Area.**
- v) From North East Area that Robert Wasson (036885) is appointed Area Chief Examiner (Fixed Wing) for North East Area.**
- vi) From RAFMAA that Ian Nelson (107312) is appointed Area Chief Examiner (Fixed Wing) for RAFMAA Area. (Paperwork to follow).**

- 16 Adoption of newly commissioned F1D Trophy (Indoor Tech Committee).
- 17 To receive updated briefings and reports from the Technical Committees & the Power Nationals Co-ordinator for all the BMFA National Championships.
- 18 To receive any reports from the following Delegates (reports should be brief, preferably in writing and in advance).
  - a Royal Aero Club (RAeC)
  - b General Aviation Safety Council (GASCo)
  - c Air Prox
  - d Sport + Recreation Alliance (formerly CCPR)
  - e General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)
- 19 To receive any reports from the following Committees (reports should be brief, preferably in writing and in advance):
  - a CAA Team
  - b UK Radio Control Council (UKRCC)
  - c Education Working Group
  - d Flight Challenge
  - e University Challenge
  - f Computer Sub-Committee
  - g Safety Review Committee
  - h Achievement Scheme Review Committee
  - i BMFA News Publishers
  - j BMFA Archivist Report
  - k Club Support Officer

20 Any Other Business.

*Please note: Items for Any Other Business should be handed, or sent, to the Chairman or the Office Manager in writing before the meeting commences.*

21 Date of next meeting.

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**MINUTES**

**921/05/14 (1) Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from the following:  
Peter Halman FSMAE FAI Delegate, Ian Pallister Scale TC Representative, Neil Tricker RAFMAA Delegate, Andrew Potts Mid West Area Delegate.

**922/05/14 (2) Request for permission to be absent.**

There were no requests.

**923/05/14 (3) To verify the voting strength of the meeting.**

There were 24 members eligible to vote.

Before continuing with the agenda the Chairman notified the meeting of the following items for information only:

- i) Council Members will receive a postal ballot form in the forthcoming week to determine the eligibility of the Competition Secretary (having served for 10 or more years in that position) to stand for re-election in accordance with rule 1.8 of the Council Handbook, Issue 6b January 2013.

***Post Meeting Note***

***Subsequent to the meeting the result of the postal ballot confirms that the Competition Secretary is eligible to re-stand for election.***

- ii) The 2015 January Council Meeting will take on a new format with regard to ratification of Team Members, Team Managers and Contest Fees. It was agreed at the Executive Meeting that this would take the form of an abbreviated process in that the items will be included in a block appendix for everyone to see, but will not be individually debated. This will hopefully help to streamline what is usually a very lengthy meeting.

**Action: Comp Sec**

**924/05/14 (4) Adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2014.**

**The Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January had been corrected in line with the new Corrections Procedure and issued as corrected Provisional Minutes. The** Northern Ireland Area Delegate pointed out that he was omitted from the attendees list, which was duly corrected.

**Western Area proposed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2014, including the above correction, be accepted as a true record.**

Seconded by RNMAA Area

Vote: For: 19  
Ags: 0  
Abs: 5

Carried by a majority vote.

**925/05/14 (5) Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2014 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.**

**ACTION / NOTES**

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**- 906/01/14 Hon Treasurer Financial Report, final paragraph, proposal re Areas funding** – The wording of the amended proposal at the January Council Meeting meant that some of the meaning was lost and requires further review to make it clearer. In terms of the spirit of the proposal there is currently one Area outstanding that has not submitted their

**LONDON AREA  
CHAIR/HON  
TREAS**

Cont'd... Area Accounts, which is the London Area.

Matters  
Arising  
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- **Halfway down, Website progress** – North West commented that there are photographs displayed in the gallery on the BMFA Website from 2013 Power Nationals but have no captions as to what they are, which seems a pointless exercise.

Comments and suggestions were noted and will be looked in to by the Website Manager.

**WEBSITE  
MANAGER**

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- **Item h) BMFA News publishers regarding the Editor** – London Area asked **for** the outcome of the meeting held with the Editor, CEO and BMFA News Publisher Kath Watson. The CEO advised that the current Editor Pete Dodd is in post until April 2015 when there will be a further review.

This concluded **M**atters **A**rising.

#### **926/05/14 (6) To Receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer.**

a) **Progress towards the year end Accounts.**

The Accounts Manager has been working very hard getting the accounts prepared. We are approximately 6 weeks after the end of the financial year and the projection is that the Year-End accounts will show a moderate surplus.

Council were provided with a copy of a written report of the current status of the CCTF (Central Team Travel Fund) and the Honorary Treasurer guided the meeting through the information therein.

A note had been included that F3P had not yet declared a team however F3P allocation was to be held in CTTF until a team is approved.

**Post Meeting Note:**

**Apologies are conveyed to GBRCAA and the Competition Secretary who had submitted a proposal to the office on their behalf in time for inclusion on today's agenda for ratification of 2015 F3P Team. Unfortunately due to an oversight the proposal had been omitted from the Agenda.**

**The Electric Indoor Masters competition** has been running for the past 5 years with the agreement that we would support it with central funding to get it started. The past two years have generated a small surplus and going forward it will now operate in the same way as the smaller Nationals events **Championships.**

It will be a stand-alone sub account and the surplus from it will be split, half in to the reserve for that event and half to the CTTF.

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The Honorary Treasurer attended the Old Warden Show with the BMFA Stand.

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Treas  
Rep  
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- b) **To receive the following proposals for purchase of Capital Expenditure items:**  
**Office Photocopier/Printer – Cost will not exceed £15,000**  
**Company Van – Cost will not exceed £20,000**

The CEO provided further details in relation to the above proposals and they were voted on as separate items as follows:

**To receive a proposal from the Honorary Treasurer for the purchase of an Office Photocopier/Printer – cost will not exceed £15,000.**

Seconded by PRO  
Carried unanimously

CEO/HON  
TREAS

**To receive a proposal from the Honorary Treasurer for the purchase of a Company van – cost will not exceed £20,000.**

Seconded by North West Area  
Carried unanimously

CEO/HON  
TREAS

The Honorary Treasurer advised that the final purchase figures for the above two items will show in the accounts as deferred expenditure from last year and the surplus mentioned earlier is after that money has been ring-fenced.

**927/05/14 (7) To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.**

**Chairman**

He attended the Indoor Scale Nationals which was fascinating and very ably run by the CD Andy Sephton. He also attended the RAeC Awards at the RAF Club in London at which the Competition Secretary was represented **re-presented** with the FAI **Aeromodelling** Gold Medal. He has attended several meetings with the CEO on matters arising during the last few months, not least the issue of newly introduced usage limitations at Barkston Heath.

**CEO**

The CEO reported briefly on a recent prosecution by the CAA relating to a model flyer and also a caution issued to another model flyer by the CAA.

Since the last meeting he has attended the Scale Indoor Nationals and the RAeC Awards Ceremony.

The FPV Exemption ~~has been~~ **was** renewed in April with some revised terms from the CAA, which include an increased **aircraft** weight ~~in aircraft~~ and **an** increase in operational height. These were negotiated by the BMFA with the CAA at the annual review meeting last year.

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CEO  
Rep  
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We are experiencing a few ongoing problems with the CAA and on that basis we will be looking to have a meeting with their CEO over the course of next couple of months to raise our concerns.

The insurance profit share rebate that will be returned to us for last year is in the region of ~~£20,000~~ **£28,000**. Insurance claims and insurance arrangements are currently under review with the Insurance Brokers.

Since **the** last meeting we have negotiated a travel insurance scheme for members. Further details will appear in the BMFA News and on the website.

The equipment Scheme we operate with the Insurance Brokers has been subject to some changes. The insurer that provides it been changed from Hiscox to Sports Cover and some of terms of cover have been improved.

Premiums are very reasonable and ~~area~~ **it is** available for individuals and clubs alike. A few clubs have already benefited from the cover.

**The** Free Flight Nationals takes place next weekend and most arrangements are in place. ~~He~~ **The CEO** will be travelling to Cranwell next week to sign a 'Statement of Known Hazards'.

Most people will now be aware of the situation at Barkston Heath ~~in that~~ **where** all casual licences have been revoked with immediate effect. More detailed information appears on the website with regard to the reasons given by the MOD. The major concern was the presence of FOD and some instances of this were displayed on a **the projector** screen. We have however received some useful input from a fairly high level.

~~He~~ **The CEO had** received a call from the RAF Sports Board who are working on behalf of the casual users and it seems likely the current situation will be reversed to some degree, possibly with some renegotiated terms. He will be discussing arrangements for a new licence for the Grantham Club for next year and also some additional use for the BMFA.

An article by Ken Sheppard has been published in one of the modelling magazines blaming the Commanding Officer at Cranwell and urging readers to write to the Commanding Officer. The CEO implored members not to follow that advice as it **could be of detriment** to our case at this moment in time.

The Chairman asked **the** Directors to get the word out as ~~wide~~ **widely** as possible and **to** convey the accuracy of the situation referring people to the notice on the website.

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It was suggested a flyer **that a printed notice** should be handed out at the Free Flight Nationals, providing flyers with a statement of the current situation.

CEO



CEO  
Rep  
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The Chairman asked the Club Support Officer to provide the result of the National Flying Site and Heritage Centre Survey which was extended to the end of March. **The Club Support Officer advised that figures will be published on the website but there were approximately 500 extra responses and the percentages are more or less exactly the same as the results of the previous survey.**

A presentation by Manny Williamson Development Officer **gave a presentation** entitled 'BMFA National Centre' followed. The document is an abbreviated version of a much larger paper he had produced for review by the Executive Committee outlining proposed work for the year ahead to determine whether a 'BMFA National Centre' is a viable proposition or not. Delegates were provided with a copy of the document and it will also appear on the website for all members to see.

It will also be sent to the modelling press and will be published in the BMFA News. If anyone hears of any rumour mongering they should refer members to the document which will appear in the various outlets mentioned.

CEO/DEV  
OFFICER

The meeting was advised that our insurance brokers, Doodsons, are covering the budgeted costs to be incurred in completing the feasibility study.

The Development Officer was congratulated on his efforts.

**Post Meeting Note from the Chairman:**

***The Development Officer and CEO ('the Study Team') will now progress the feasibility study.***

***They have the authority to request input, on an ad hoc basis, from any member of the BMFA Executive Committee, Full Council, the BMFA membership, or any external resource deemed appropriately skilled or knowledgeable to aid the study, mindful of the overall budget allocated to the study.***

***A Study Project Plan will be prepared for mid-June, and progress reports produced every three months thereafter, all of which will be copied for information to Council Members.***

***A final feasibility study report will be completed in time for a presentation at the Council Meeting in May 2015.***

**928/05/14 (8) To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.**

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One of his final duties as Chairman of the BMFA was to make a visit recently, in the company of the CEO, to Chris Bromley Fellow to present a gift to him in recognition of 25 yrs **years of** service to the Association in his role as Technical Secretary.

Vice-  
Chair  
Rep  
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The Vice-Chairman had intended to attend the funeral of Lady Chacksfield, wife of the late Sir Bernard Chacksfield President of the Association for 30 years, but was unable **to do so** due to ill health. However his wife Poppy did attend as did Graham Lynn MBE, Fellow. Their attendance was very much appreciated by the family of Lady Chacksfield.

Kath Watson Fellow and Vice President has been elected to serve on the Awards Committee for the next 3 years.

He attended the RAeC Awards Ceremony which was very successful and at which the Competition Secretary was represented with the FAI **Aeromodelling** Gold Medal. He attended the Scale Indoor Nationals which was a highly successful event.

He reminded the meeting that the annual Awards notice will appear in the next issue of BMFA News and ~~impled~~ **requested** delegates to make their Areas/Clubs aware that it is time to start ~~the thought process for~~ **thinking about** nominations of people **whom** they think are worthy ~~or~~ **of** recognition.

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The deadline for nominations is 1<sup>st</sup> August, except for 'Pilot of the Year' award which is extended to the beginning of October. This is because some of the ~~International competitions~~ **FAI Championships** are not held until late August/September. This means it will require an email vote of this Council for acceptance of the name that will be put forward by the Awards Committee.

### **929/05/14 (9) To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary.**

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#### **WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX A)**

He had received ~~many inputs~~ **much feedback** from Areas in response to the paper ~~back~~ **presented** in January asking if Areas serve any effective purpose. It is clear Areas believe they are serving a real purpose but at the same time some Area meetings are very poorly attended. What we would like to do is make the Areas more effective by keeping the existing structure. He provided a power point presentation indicating the current situation and also what we would like to see happen in the future.

This was also supported by a paper written by Duncan McClure, South Midland Area Delegate, copies of which were circulated and which will appear as an article in BMFA News.

The Honorary Secretary advised that he believes the need to hold an Areas Council Meeting is now warranted as there is a genuine set of topics ~~that could~~ **to** be discussed in how to get best practice across all **the** Areas and ~~get~~ **the best way to get** feedback to Council. To that end he intends to call a meeting for Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2014.

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He would like inputs from each Area on four things they think would represent Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats to this Organisation. The responses will be covered in more detail at the Areas Council Meeting in August.

ALL AREAS

It is clear **that** the Executive accepts that the Areas have a real role to play in the Organisation and **in** ensuring democracy but it is up to us all to make it work better and give best practice across all the Areas and ~~give~~ **with** better support of the Areas via the Clubs.

North West commented that their meetings are already scheduled in line with Council Meetings and it would mean they have to hold an additional meeting which will incur extra costs.

South Midland Area read out a proposal that was previously passed at this Council which said:

“This Council agrees to meetings of Areas Council no longer being formerly 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 months notice of the intended date of this meeting shall be provided”.

General consensus was there was sufficient time for Areas to call a meeting to discuss the various topics which will be published in the Area Council Agenda, prior to the Area Council Meeting.

The Honorary Secretary continued with his general report: He has been appointed to coordinate the Silent Flight Nationals at Cranwell. In the current BMFA News there is ~~an advert~~ **a notice** which explains the mechanism for entries.

Additionally he will also be the coordinator for BARCS Radio Glide and the International Inter Glide both of which will contribute the best part of £200-~~£~~300 each to the ~~requisite~~ **SFTC** Team Travel Fund.

He attended a mini UAV conference **hosted** essentially by the operators of ~~quad rotors~~ **multi-rotors** being used for local surveillance. The CAA laid down the law to them in terms of their limits of their operation which are essentially those that did exist for FPV type flying. The CAA also ~~spelt~~ **spelled** out to them that the BMFA Achievement Scheme was a model **that** they should work to. ~~and that they were~~ **The CAA said that it was** very relaxed with the relationship ~~they~~ **it** had with BMFA in terms of general liaison and BMFA policing in terms of model flying.

That concluded the Honorary Secretary's general report. The meeting continued with the standard agenda items covered under the Honorary Secretary's report, including various proposals.

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Sec  
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a) To receive the Affiliated Club List.  
The Honorary Secretary commended the Affiliated Club List to the meeting and this was duly accepted.

b) To receive dates for Council Meetings in the year 2015.  
The list was duly accepted.

c) To discuss and agree the processes for the November elections.  
It is intended the process will continue as over the last few years with a one-man one-vote system.

d) To note the approval by Areas Council of the following Area Chief Examiners:

e) David McClean (154364) Northern Ireland Area ACE (Fixed Wing)

Richard Morris (31333) Mid West Area ACE (Helicopter)

Since these were voted on by Areas Council a further request has been received to appoint Helicopter ACE for Cornwall Area.

The Honorary Secretary asked permission of the Chairman to accept the application for consideration today.

This was unanimously agreed by Council and the proposal will be included under Agenda Item 15, proposals for ACE's.

To receive the following proposals:

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OFFICE MGR

Seconded by PRO  
Carried unanimously

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Seconded by Competition Secretary  
Carried unanimously

Hon Sec  
Proposal  
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Additionally that the agenda item for Technical Council (Appendix F) 4<sup>th</sup> section, First Meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> item, be modified to read:

*“Confirm, or (if necessary) appoint, the Technical Council Member to the Awards Committee. Note this appointment is for a three year period unless the Member resigns or ceases to be a Technical Council Member with full voting rights.”*

The above proposal includes a minor editing spelling change from “Tech” to “Technical”.

Seconded by Competition Secretary  
Carried unanimously

#### **930/05/14 (10) To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.**

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#### **WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX A)**

The Competition Secretary commented that she feels the new Technical Secretary is doing very well under extraordinary difficult circumstances.

Western Area asked when the Members Handbook would be ready. The CEO advised that the plan is to send it out with the BMFA News magazine in December this year.

**931/05/14 (11) To receive a report from the Competition Secretary.**

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

None received so far. The Competition Secretary reminded delegates that the deadline ~~to get them to~~ **for receipt of these by** the FAI is 15<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

Since the January Council meeting the Competition Secretary has been preparing for, and attending, the FAI CIAM Bureau & Plenary Meetings in Lausanne, Switzerland. The post-meeting work is almost finished and since retiring after nine years from the post of CIAM Technical Secretary at that meeting, she hopes to have more time to concentrate on BMFA Competition Secretary duties.

As you know the BMFA hosts a number of FAI World Cup competitions. The FF Stonehenge cup was to be held on Salisbury Plain and the Army withdrew permission at extremely short notice.

The FFTC must be commended in the way they responded to this disaster and handled the notification to those who had entered including the overseas competitors.

The F1D Indoor Duration Team Manager that Council ratified at the January Council Meeting withdrew his services two weeks later despite the fact that the Championships were scheduled for March. Allan Weighell, Indoor TC stepped into the breach, had to organise everything from scratch and did a fine job as Team Manager. Despite their high hopes, the F1D team were not medal winners this year but I know they are aiming high for 2015.

As mentioned earlier, notification is awaited from GBRCAA on the details of the F3P (Indoor Aerobatics) team for ratification. It was scheduled for this meeting but is now delayed.

Finally, she reported being delighted to attend the RAeC Awards evening at the RAF Club, London, to be presented with the FAI Aeromodelling Gold medal by Air Chief Marshall, Sir John Allison KCB, CBE.

**932/05/14 (12) To receive a report from the Records Officer.**

Includes Agenda Item 16) Adoption of newly commissioned trophy for Indoor.

It was hoped the Trophy would be available for the meeting today however there has been a delay and therefore it is proposed to include the adoption of the Trophy at the September Council Meeting.

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He **The Records Officer** made an appeal to Delegates as there seems to be a lack of record attempts and he would like to see a few more attempts over the Summer period.

**REC OFFICER**

Rec Off He reported last September **that** we were going to try  
Rep reporting of data electronically at the **Power** Nationals. We  
Cont'd/.. will be trialling this for Scale, Helicopter and Fun Fly and he  
will be getting in touch with the relevant people at the **Power**  
Nationals **event**.

The latest 2014 version of the Records List 2b will be  
uploaded to the website next week.

**933/05/14 (13) To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.**

He is delighted **that** the proposal was accepted earlier in the  
meeting to purchase a company van. It will make a huge  
difference for our profile in the **Areas** and ease the life of  
people in the office.

He is equally delighted with the way we are moving  
developments forward for the future of the BMFA.

He will be attending the Free Flight Nationals next weekend.

**934/05/14 (14) To receive a report from the FAI Delegate to include:**

- a) Receipt of the report of the CIAM Plenary Meeting.

\*\*\*\*\* **WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX B)** Including Voting Results  
Table.

**935/05/14 (15) To receive the following proposals:**

Proposals i) ii) iv) v) vi) vii) were fairly straightforward and  
voted on as below.

**i) From ASRC that the following condition be added to the  
ruling regarding achievement Scheme testing at  
commercial flying schools:-**

- **A School examiner may take the role of the second  
examiner in a 'B' test, providing that the lead  
examiner is external and appointed by the relevant  
Area Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator.**

Seconded by PRO

Vote: For: 23

Abs: 1

Ags: 0

Carried by majority vote.

**ii) From ASRC that the ASRC be tasked to prepare and  
take ownership of, a new Training Guidance publication  
to replace 'Up and Away'.**

Seconded by London Area

Vote: For: 23

Abs: 1

Ags: 0

Cont'd/.. Carried by majority vote.

Vice-Chairman will be writing to John Long FSMAE original author of 'Up and Away' manual to seek copyright approval.

**VICE-CHAIR**

**iv) From North West Area that Wayne Pendleton (040994) is appointed Area Chief Examiner (Fixed Wing) for the North West Area.**

Seconded by Northern Area

Vote: For: 23

Abs: 1

Ags: 0

Carried by a majority vote.

**v) From North East Area that Robert Wasson (036885) is appointed Area Chief Examiner and Area Chief Instructor (Fixed Wing) for the North East Area.**

Seconded by North East Area

Vote: For: 23

Abs: 1

Ags: 0

Carried by a majority vote.

**vi) From RAFMAA Area that Ian Nelson (107312) is appointed Area Chief Examiner (Fixed Wing) for RAFMAA Area.**

Seconded by RNMAA

Vote: For: 23

Abs: 1

Ags: 0

Carried by a majority vote.

vii) Additional proposal submitted to the meeting today and agreed by Council for consideration today.

**From SW Area – Cornwall that Mark Milne (140061) is appointed Area Chief Examiner (Helicopter) for SW Area – Cornwall.**

The candidates' CV was read out to the meeting.

Seconded by PRO

Vote: For: 23

Abs: 1

Ags: 0

Carried by a majority vote.

PAS Controller thanked Council for agreeing to accept the late request from South West Area for the appointment of ACE Mark Milne.

**iii) Proposal from ASRC that the Multicopter 'A' test be added to the inventory of Achievement Scheme tests.**

The Chairman commented that he hoped Council would consider accepting the proposal today as there is an urgent need for the test. However if it is not deemed straightforward then it would have to be deferred.



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Concerns were raised by North West Area and South East Area therefore the Chairman deferred discussion to the Area Council Meeting in August.

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Club Support Officer requested that those Areas with concerns should email their concerns as soon as possible both to himself [andy@bmfa.org](mailto:andy@bmfa.org) and the PAS Controller [duncanmclure@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:duncanmclure@hotmail.co.uk) so that ASRC can have a proposal ready if changes are required in readiness for discussion and consideration at the Area Council Meeting.

**AREAS WHO  
HAVE  
CONCERNS**

The Chairman believes there is a need for a specialist multi-rotor group and would like the Technical Secretary to look at this. Club Support Officer advised that he believes the FPV Group who are an informally appointed sub-group for the BMFA would be best to deal with these matters.

The Club Support Officer and the Technical Secretary will liaise outside of the meeting on this matter to look at a way forward.

**TECH SEC/CLUB  
SUPPORT  
OFFICER**

***Three members of Council left at 3.30pm. Voting members now 21.***

**936/05/14 (16) Adoption of newly commissioned F1D Trophy (Indoor Tech Committee)**

Covered earlier – Records Officer Report.

**937/05/14 (17) To receive updated briefings and reports from the Technical Committees & the Power Nationals Co-ordinator for all the BMFA National Championships.**

**Power Nationals Co-ordinator**

The focus over recent weeks has been trying to secure the use of Barkston Heath for the various ~~Nationals~~ **National Championships**, which we have done.

At a recent meeting at Cranwell the admin orders were put in place for Free Flight, Power and Silent Flight Nationals.

We are under close scrutiny by the contractors at Cranwell and they are interfering in a wider range of areas than they would have done in the past. Unfortunately it is probably a sign of things to come.

**Control Line Co-ordinator** – Everything is proceeding on course **and proceeding well.**

**Indoor Duration** – Everything is going fine. The event will cover three days Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2014 at Baulby Salt Mine in the sports hall. Spectators will only be allowed through the gate if car registration details are provided by email to Allan Weighell in advance.

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**Free Flight** – Hopefully the weather will be kind next weekend. Phil Ball has taken over as co-ordinator. Everything is in place.

**Silent Flight** – Robin Sleight Silent Flight Nationals Co-ordinator attended the meeting at Cranwell with the CEO. There will be a slight change to the admin order required to include a fourth scheduled event for the Sunday. The **advert notice** for the Silent Flights Nationals appears in the current BMFA News issue. An email address has been set up for entries. Cranwell is a much more secure site than Barkston therefore pre-registration of full name, address and car registration for competitors and spectators alike is required.

**Scale Indoor Nats 2014 – written report by Andy Sephton  
Scale Tech Committee PRO:**

Given the numbers attending the Scale Indoor Nats **Nationals** last year, it was clear that we had to either extend the time available or cut the entry. The latter route was not acceptable, so an increase in time became the best option and a two-day event was planned.

Increased costs meant that even more entries would be needed, so with the perceived interest in Scale Indoor RC, two RC events were included in the two day program.

**Consultation produced few dissenters, so the game was on...until three weeks before the competition when entry levels were at an all time low. To contain costs, something had to be done and in the end cancelling the RC events and going back to a one-day event was the only option. Following the decision, entry levels improved and confirmation was obtained that for the most part, free-flyers don't like RC or a two-day event.**

40 competitors produced 80 competition entries compared to 50 competitors and 84 entries last year. A penalty had to be paid for late cancellation of the Saturday booking, but nevertheless a small surplus was made over the day.

Kit Scale and Peanut scale remain the most popular events with 25 and 20 entries respectively. There were 15 entries in Open Rubber, 8 in CO2/Electric and 5 in Pistachio. **& 8** entered the new glider event which was considered a success.

Nottingham is not available to us next year due to building work on the site. Negotiations are on-going to use Wolverhampton University Sports Hall, a venue that was successfully trialed for a smaller competition in 2013.

A separate Scale Indoor RC Nats is now planned for October this year. The venue is still being negotiated and will be declared when negotiations are complete.

**938/05/14 (18) To receive any reports from the following Delegates:**

- a) **RAeC**  
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**WRITTEN REPORT APRIL 2014 (APPENDIX C)**  
The first paragraph in his the RAeC Delegate's report referred to the recent RAeC Council Meeting and AGM. He especially wanted to emphasise what the RAeC Chairman's commented on at that meeting; that he is very grateful for the work the BMFA office, especially Dave Phipps, has put in over the year which made for a very smooth efficient operation.
- The RAeC Trust provides bursaries for young people under 21 to expand their air sport skills. There were no applicants from the BMFA this year. He believes it is imperative that we encourage our members to apply.
- b) **GASCo – He The GASCo Delegate** was unable to attend the last meeting as he was in hospital however he spoke to the GASCo CEO subsequent to the meeting on the telephone and established there were no problems raised relating to model flying.
- c) **AIR PROX** – Nothing to report.
- d) **Sport + Recreation Alliance** – Nothing to report.
- e) **GAAC** – Nothing to report.

**939/05/14 (19) To receive any reports from the following Committees:**

- a) **CAA Team** – Nothing further to report.
- b) **UKRCC** – No report.
- c) **e) Education Working Group/ Flight Challenge/ University Challenge**

Education Working Group The Delegate reported on a few items from the recent CIAM Plenary Meeting.

The AMA-Aerolab program that has been adapted in Germany is a rubber powered round the pole speed event. It sounds really interesting and he has asked for more details to see if it could be an addition to the BMFA Education Programme.

Sweden have been encouraging catapult gliders which again is something he is looking at.

A chance conversation with Bob Brown (USA) revealed that they have a new website called amaflightschool.org. This is a 'How Do I' site that is useful for beginners of all ages. He believes the BMFA should examine the site to see if we should produce something similar. Bob **Brown** is convinced that the production of this site has helped the AMA to

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increase its membership. The Club Support Officer has had a look at the website and it is something we need to take on board and develop to our own requirements.

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Flight Challenge is not really working that well.

University Challenge is coming together very well and should be a great success this year. There are in the region of 40 teams including 2 teams from Germany and 2 teams from China.

- d) **Computer sub-committee** – We have a new email system in place which removed the immediate requirement to replace and upgrade to the server. The CEO advised that he will however look to bring a proposal for that to the September meeting.

We have been working on the Club Management portal for the website. A couple of representatives from each Club will be able to have a log-in to the website and administer their membership, all in a very simple way. It should be ready to start testing within the next few weeks.

The other facility it provides is to check whether a member is current or not.

- e) **Safety Review Committee** – Incidents this year are normal for this time of the year.

The South Midland Area commented that he had been asked to raise at this meeting that at their recent Area meeting a member brought up the fact that there seem to be a significant number of 'park flyers' that fly in the local parks without insurance and should we do something about getting them to join the BMFA.

It was pointed out that we have gone down this route in the past and we have provided leaflets to model shops to be included in the model boxes. If anyone has any other ideas we would welcome them.

- f) **ASRC**  
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**WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX D)**

- g) **BMFA News Publishers** – Correspondence had been received soon after the new Editor took position complaining about readability. As a result the font size has been increased however to get the same amount of content it requires more pages. This requires a slight change in the way contributors are paid. The intent is that they will receive the same amount of money for the same amount of content but it will take up more pages.

- h) **Archivist Report**  
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**WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX E)**

i) **Club Support Officer**  
\*\*\*\*\* **WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX F)**

The Electric Indoor Masters was the best yet. Not least due to the new venue which was excellent. The Club Support Officer commented that it might be suitable for Scale Indoor flying and was worth a look at.

He had received a suggestion recently that perhaps we should be looking at whether the EIM event should be classed as an Aerobatic Indoor Nationals.

He has been dealing with the usual amount of disputes in clubs which are generally very trivial. On the Planning side there was a recent success for the Hayling Heli Club who fly at an SSI on Hayling Island. Meetings were arranged with Natural England and hopefully ~~they~~ **the club** will soon receive the necessary approval from them.

Some Councils are charging Clubs ~~for~~ **at** non-domestic rates. Clubs can apply for discretionary rate relief if they do receive a demand to pay. They can also register for Community Amateur Sports Club status (CASC) which gives an automatic 80% cut in non domestic rates and relief can be applied for the remainder. Clubs will need to ensure **that** their constitution meets the requirements for CASC status. **However**, if it broadly follows the BMFA example constitution **then** it should do **so**.

Contest and Events Calendar has proved to work brilliantly. It was pointed out that any changes required to event submissions they can only be done by the admin team. A note to this effect will be included on the website.

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A recent addition to the website is a Results Archive and, for now, any **historical as well as current** results should be sent to [andy@bmfa.org](mailto:andy@bmfa.org)

A notice about the situation at Barkston Heath was placed on the Facebook Newsfeed on the website which had 5,500 views. This is testament that the newsfeed is very useful.

He reminded Delegates that Clubs should subscribe to the Club Bulletin on the website and they will automatically receive a notification when Bulletins are released.

There was a request for a glossary of abbreviations on the Affiliated Club List. The Office Manager will look in to it.

**OFFICE MGR**

**940/05/14 (20) Any Other Business.**

There was none.

**941/05/14 (21) Date and venue of next meeting.**

**The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 11am, to be held at College Court, Knighton Road, Leicester.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 16.25pm.

## Technical Secretary's Report to Full Council – 17/05/2014

Since last Full Council Meeting all the Rule Books have been updated and released.

However there are still some minor inconsistencies to be dealt with possibly by the issue of one page addenda rather than a reprint of the books. This is still on-going..

My first Technical Council Meeting was successfully survived. Amongst the approvals at that meeting were some changes to the General Rules that need approval of Full Council. Unfortunately due to my inexperience and mis-understanding of the system, I missed the deadline for the Agenda for this meeting. The changes are generally minor and are mainly to bring the rules into consistency with what actually happens. They will therefore be presented at September's Full Council.

Agreement was also reached to the renumbering of the Contest Rules in a more consistent and logical manner. This is now underway.

For the future I am hoping to review the Member's Handbook in collaboration with various members of Council and staff.

David Varallo  
BMFA Technical Secretary.

## FAI Delegate's Report on the 2014 CIAM Plenary Meeting

The 2014 Plenary meeting took place in the Hotel Movenpick in Lausanne on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> April and it was attended by 39 voting delegates 5 of whom carried a proxy vote, plus a number of other non voting technical experts. The BMFA delegation consisted of me as Delegate plus Graham Kennedy (Scale), Mike Procter (F5 Electric flight), Trevor Grey (Free Flight), John Jackham (Space Models) and Mike Colling (Education). Jo Halman attended as CIAM Technical Secretary and Ian Keynes as F1 Sub Committee Chairman. I would like to thank all of the members of the BMFA delegation for there hard work and support before during and after the meeting with special thanks to Mike Colling for helping to record the voting during the Plenary meeting.

The Plenary meeting began in the afternoon of the 11<sup>th</sup> following the Technical Meetings which had taken place during that morning.

The open forum this year consisted of a presentation by Jeti and Weatronics who explained what telemetry and semi automated systems their radios supported. They discussed if and how it might be possible to control the use of this type of equipment in competition models.

The CIAM Plenary again used an electronic voting system for the secret ballots for the CIAM awards, elections and for the awarding of Championships it worked extremely well and saves a lot of time.

Mr Antonius Papadopoulos was re elected as the CIAM President. Bruno Delor (France) was elected as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Narve Jenson (Norway) as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Andras Ree (Hungary) remains 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President and Treasurer. Jo Halman declined her nomination as Technical Secretary; the post is now filled by Kevin Dodd (Australia). Massimo Semoli (Italy) remains as Secretary.

There were three changes to the Sub Committee Chairmen Graham Kennedy is the new F4 Scale Chairman, Johannes Eissing is the new chairman of Aerostats and I am now F2 Control line Chairman, all of the other incumbents being re elected.

The CIAM scholarship for 2014 was awarded to Oskar Findahl (Sweden). Again I regret that there were no nominations from the UK for the 2014 award.

There were eight scheduled Technical Meetings, (F1 Free Flight, F2 Control Line, F3 Soaring, F4 Scale, F5 Electric, Flight F6 Promotional Classes, Space Models and Education) there were no interim meetings.

The BMFA delegation attended six of the Technical Meetings. F1 Free Flight, F2 Control Line, F3 Soaring, F4 Scale, F5 Electric Flight, Space Models and Education. Our delegation did an excellent job in presenting the UK proposals and views to the Technical Meetings and achieving most of our goals.

A report on the Education meeting by Mike Colling is attached.

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

A new working group is to be formed to control UAS's which are used for sport and recreation, NAC's are invited to nominate experts to be part of this working group. When it has been established what activities can be controlled then a new sub committee will be formed to look after UAS's.

There has been some progress towards reducing the number of Championship which are held, the new regulations encourage combined Championships to be organised.

The proposal from Norway to remove accommodation costs from the maximum entry fee structure was referred to the CIAM Bureau which is required to produce a more complete proposal to cover all classes.

The revised plan for noise reduction in F2C was approved, the responsibility to produce a viable alternative to the silencer is now firmly on the F2C competitors.

The 2017 F3P World Championships was awarded early to France to ensure that they could secure the venue.

Full details of the Sporting Code amendments may be seen when the Minutes of the Plenary are published in due course.

Peter Halman  
CIAM Delegate  
21<sup>st</sup> April 2014



2014 CIAM PLENARY MEETING VOTING RECORD			
ITEM NO	SUBJECT	VOTING	
<b>13</b>	<b>NOMINATIONS FOR FAI-CIAM AWARDS</b>		GBR
<b>13.1</b>	<b>Alphonse Penaud Diploma</b>		
	Christopher CALLOW (Australia)		1
	Zoran KATANIC (Serbia)		4
	Ivan TREGER (Slovak Republic)		2
	Dimche VELKOSKI (FYR of Macedonia)		3
<b>13.2</b>	<b>Andrei Tupolev Diploma</b>		
	No Candidates		
<b>13.3</b>	<b>Antonov Diploma</b>		
	Milan JELINEK (Slovak Republic)		
<b>13.4</b>	<b>Frank Ehling Diploma</b>		
	Nikola BOROVIAC (Serbia)		2
	Bogdan WIERZBA (Poland)		1
<b>13.5</b>	<b>Andrei Tupolev Medal</b>		
	Emil BROBERG (Sweden)		
<b>13.6</b>	<b>FAI Aeromodelling Gold Medal</b>		
	Pierre PIGNOT (France)		3
	Emanuel SANTOS FERNANDES (Portugal)		2
	Bengt-Olof Samuelsson (Sweden)		4
	Miroslav SULC (Slovak Republic)		1
	Bogdan WIERZBA (Poland)		5
<b>15</b>	<b>PROPOSALS</b>	Code	GBR
<b>15.1</b>	<b>ABR Section 4A</b>		
a)	Add new sub committee for UAS (UAV)	SWE	N
b)	Timetable for Proposals to CIAM Plenary	BUR	Y
c)	A.10 Championship Organiser Bond	BUR	Y
d)	A.11 Sanction Fees	BUR	Y
<b>15.2</b>	<b>Volume ABR, Section 4B</b>		
a)	B.3.5 amend 2nd paragraph (clarify position of reigning champion)	BEL	N
b)	B.3.6 Team Manager (add ATM to electric flight teams)	F5 SC	N
c)	B.6 Organisation Specific to World & Continental Championships	BUR	Y
d)	B.6.1 (change who can vote on championship bids)	F1 SC	N
e)	B.7.1 Information	BUR	Y
f)	B.7.2 Entry Fees	BUR	Y
g)	B.7.4 Additional Fees	BUR	Y
h)	B.7.4 Additional Fees	NOR	N
i)	B.9.1	F1 SC	N
j)	B.13.6	F1 SC	N
k)	B.15.1 Interruption of the Contest	FRA	N
l)	B.16.2 National Team Classification	BUR	Y
m)	B.16.2 National Team Classification	BEL	N
n)	B.17.6 Identification Marks	AUT	N
o)	Annex B.4 FAI Perpetual Aeromodelling Trophies	BUR	Y

Voting preferences for Alphonse Penaud, Frank Ehling &amp; Gold Medal

## Report on 2014 CIAM Plenary Meeting.

My travel to Geneva using EasyJet was, as in previous years, cost effective and the accommodation at the Aulac Hotel as good as ever.

As a member of the Education Committee, my main role was to support the Chairman and ensure that there was good representation at the Education Meeting.

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

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

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

Item 1. I was particularly concerned about this issue with my involvement with indoor duration.

Item 4. The AMA-Aerolab program that has been adapted in Germany is a rubber powered round the pole speed event that sounds most interesting. I have asked for more details to see if it could be an addition to the BMFA Education program.

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

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

### Comments on the Plenary meeting.

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

I attended the first part of the Free Flight Technical Meeting to put the BMFA Indoor Duration Technical Committees views on the change to the F1D models overall weight and motor weight. Although I was listened to and there was a long debate, I was not able to change their opinion and a vote at the meeting was 7 for and 3 against. At the Full Plenary meeting the vote was 22 for and 6 against.

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

### Information obtained outside the meeting.

A chance conversation with Bob Brown (USA) revealed that they have a new web site called amaflightschool.org This is an 'How Do I' site that is useful for beginners of all ages. I think that the BMFA should examine the site to see if we should produce a similar site. Bob is convinced that the production of this site has helped the AMA increase membership.

Mike Colling, Fellow  
BMFA Education Working Group.

## ROYAL AERO CLUB DELEGATE'S REPORT – April 2014

I attended the RAeC Awards Committee and Council meetings on April 9th and the following points may be of BMFA interest.

1) The Council meeting was preceded by the AGM. In his report the chairman thanked the BMFA staff and particularly Dave Phipps for their work for the RAeC. He also stressed the importance of initiatives like Youth in Aviation and the urgent need to encourage the involvement of younger people both in airsport and in the running of organizations like the RAeC (and the same, of course, applies to the BMFA). He also referred to Aerobility, the disabled peoples' aviation group, and the positive effect this has on the public perception of airsport. Again, this is something the BMFA could do more to encourage. There were no nominations for RAeC vice-chairman; candidates need not come from among current RAeC Council members and associations are urged to find possible nominees from their own organisations.

2) At the subsequent Council meeting the arrangements for the 2014 RAeC Awards Evening were outlined. This will be on May 13<sup>th</sup> at the RAF Club in Piccadilly, with HRH The Duke of York presenting the awards. The intention is for Breitling, the sponsors, to have more of a presence and also to make the presentations less drawn out. Once more, the latter may be something the BMFA might usefully consider for its dinner and prizegiving.

3) The vital work of Europe Air Sports in negotiations with the European Aviation Safety Agency to preserve airspace access and oppose unnecessary regulation can only continue with sufficient funding from airspace users. This, of course, includes model flyers. To minimize the inevitable subscription increases from member associations, we are urged to encourage people to become individual RAeC members, and associations are asked to consider what they might be able to offer. How about copies of BMFA News? Free admission to BMFA events?

4) The work that the NAFDAS volunteers are doing to preserve documents related to the history of aviation in the UK and the RAeC continues, centred on the RAF Museum. The BMFA offers them tickets to the Power Nats by way of recompense.

5) A lunch with HRH the Duke of York at Buckingham Palace has been organized to raise funds for the RAeC Trust. It is limited to 16 guests and tickets are £2,500 each. At the time of writing there are only five places left but unfortunately I seem to have another engagement on that day...

6) The RAeC Trust last year awarded 37 bursaries to people under 21 but only one application was received from a BMFA member. The relevant application form is here: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GZLKqJ4uIQe3F4nFN0WvGKeXuDGvd\\_J0CaTHIEuyvO8/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GZLKqJ4uIQe3F4nFN0WvGKeXuDGvd_J0CaTHIEuyvO8/edit). The aim is to let people progress from their present level of performance, and can cover training and/or equipment.

7) Europe Air Sports made a well-received presentation to EASA on the effectiveness of airports associations to self-regulate, as the BMFA does.

8) Farnborough and Southend airports are proposing to very greatly extend their controlled airspace; in the case of Farnborough this would cover 2,000 sq. kms. The RAeC in partnership with the GA Alliance is co-ordinating efforts to oppose this extension which would, of course, potentially affect model flying as well as GA.

9) The RAeC is funding a programme manager (in partnership with the CAA) to oversee changes to Future Airspace Strategy over the next two years.

Martin Dilly  
RAeC Delegate

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**Achievement Scheme Review Committee  
Report to Full Council Meeting  
17<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

The ASRC has met once so far this year in March and another meeting is scheduled for July.

All achievement scheme documentation, notably the various test guidance documents, have been reviewed and amended where appropriate. These have been agreed and published on the web site as the 2014 editions.

The RC PAS Controller has also reviewed and where appropriate, amended a number of standard forms and letters issued by the office.

A new member, Brian Cooper, has been appointed to the ASRC this year as part of the biennial election process.

Duncan McClure continues in the role of RC PAS Controller, as does Robert Mahoney in 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 RC PASC and the ASRC, notable items of which have included:-

- Responses to a small number of 'complaints' regarding the new examiner requirements for Achievement Scheme tests conducted at commercial flying schools. Interestingly, several responses contained similarities in terms of both content and style and evidence suggests that possibly a single source (flying school) may have stimulated the bulk of this correspondence.  
**Please note - a proposal to clarify the examiner requirements for 'B' tests at commercial schools is included in the agenda for today's meeting.**
- A request for re-instatement of Club Examiner status (without a re-test) following a lapse in membership
- A request for re-instatement of FW 'A' & 'B' certificate status following extended lapse in membership and loss of original documentation

The ASRC have identified that there would be benefit in preparing a guidance document to replace the existing 'Up and Away' training manual. Whilst much of the material in 'Up and Away' remains relevant, there are sections that are obviously dated and require revision. The ASRC would like to be tasked to prepare a new training guidance document and also to take ownership of the document to ensure it is maintained and updated as required in the future. **A proposal that the ASRC prepares and takes ownership of a new training manual is included in the agenda for today's meeting.**

The ASRC noted the successful establishment of the Gas Turbine (Jet) 'C' certificate.

As a result of the increase in availability and interest in multirotor aircraft, the ASRC has sought input from a number of informed sources to prepare a draft 'A' test schedule for this type of aircraft. **A proposal for the introduction of a multirotor 'A' certificate is included in the agenda for today's meeting.** A draft multirotor 'B' certificate will be discussed at the next ASRC meeting, which is scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> July. The intention is to prepare a proposal for a multirotor 'B' test for consideration at the September Full Council meeting.

A new guidance document on how to organise and run Examiner Workshops has been published on the BMFA web site. This has been produced by the RCPASC to support the initiative, launched last year, to stimulate a national programme of workshops organised by Areas. Consistency between examiners is important to the credibility of the Achievement Scheme and Examiner Workshops provide a mechanism to improve consistency, stimulate interest and simultaneously promote the scheme.

Duncan R McClure  
RC Power Achievement Scheme Controller & ASRC representative to Council  
12<sup>th</sup> May 2014

**ARCHIVISTS REPORT TO THE FULL COULCIL MEETING**

Eric Clark, Terry and I continue to attend Chacksfield House on most Monday mornings to record and store the BMFA archives. The latest project to identify, record and store the large collection of photographs we have is still in progress.

We are kept very busy there and still have a considerable amount of material to archive however, very soon we are going to run out of space and Council really does need to take this important subject nearer the top of the list of priorities.

Terry and I were at the Old Warden event two weeks ago, and had a lot of members interested in the archives and the BMFA's forward plan for them, I think it is reasonable to say that I had no answers for them, other than to say that I just continue to record and store them.

Kath Watson, FSMAE.  
Vice President & Archivist  
May 2014

Club Support Officers Report. 17/5/2014

Electric Indoor Masters

I co-ordinated the Electric Indoor Masters, assisted by the Development Officer which took place in February at a new venue, the Metrodome Arena in Barnsley. The new venue contributing to the best EIM yet, with many international competitors taking part in an event that has become a firm favourite with indoor aerobatic fliers, feedback being extremely positive and the venue is already booked for February 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 2015. My thanks to the centre staff, Manny and Gemma in the office, and all who assisted at the event, special thanks to Linda Harding, Andy Whitehead and Matt and Ashley Hoyland (GBRCAA) for their efforts. This year, despite losing one of the bigger sponsors, we have made a reasonable surplus on the event after we carried out some cost cutting. Competitor entry fees for the event are reasonably high and I would hope the surplus could be used to at least ensure no increase next year.

Club Support and Flying Site Issues

One of my roles is to provide comment to councils when they are reviewing model aircraft flying byelaws for their recreation grounds and open spaces, I am currently in correspondence with a parish council who have a recreation ground that would potentially be suitable for lightweight model aircraft flying, say sub 1kg, electric and silent flight models (I hesitate to use the term "Park Flyer") and it would be useful if we had an official BMFA designation for these that I could suggest to the councils as suitable in some of the smaller recreation grounds.

There are a number of ongoing planning applications, one notable success is the awarding of a Certificate of Lawful Use and Development to Hayling Helis, in spite of strong objections from Natural England, RSPB and local conservation groups. Hayling Helis site is designated as an SSSI however and potentially need further approval from Natural England, however I attended a meeting with a representative from the club and Natural England and once the Natural England representative was educated about the clubs activities she seemed very positive and I am hopeful that the approval will soon be forthcoming, an approval that will hopefully set a precedent.

I have had further contact with Natural England in relation to a club who were informed by their landowner that they could no longer use their slope soaring site as the farmer receives a substantial grant as part of a land stewardship agreement with Natural England and he claims he is concerned that the grant will be lost if the club disturb wildlife or damage the area, neither of which the club or myself consider likely. The club has negotiated flying outside of the bird nesting season however as they have been operating for over 40 years without any issues this is still less than satisfactory. The land is open access land designated by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, which gives an individual rights of access for "open air recreation" subject to certain restrictions, model aircraft flying is not mentioned in the act at all but as a lawful "open air recreation" it is our position that it can be conducted on open access land without the landowners permission. It would however be better if agreement can be reached with the landowner and negotiations are ongoing.

Another issue that has arisen recently relates to model flying clubs and non-domestic rates, councils do not have any consistency on this matter and the majority of clubs are not required to pay them, however in a small number of cases they are having to. Clubs can apply for discretionary rate relief if they receive a demand to pay, they can also register for Community Amateur Sports club status (CASC) which gives an automatic 80% cut in non domestic rates and relief can be applied for the remainder. Clubs will need to ensure their constitution meets the requirements for CASC status however, if it broadly follows the BMFA example constitution it should do.

As normal there are a small number of ongoing disputes within clubs, usually trivial matters that get out of hand but they do highlight the need for a good club constitution.

Website

The website is under constant review and I have been adding pages and functionality quite regularly, such as the recently added results archive which should build into a useful database for contest results, assuming of course results are sent to upload. The Power Nationals website which was kindly created and maintained by Nigel Hancock of Grass-media free of charge is now fully incorporated into the main website and either accessible through the menu structure or directly via [www.bmfa-nats.org](http://www.bmfa-nats.org) Many thanks for Nigel's work over the past few years.

The online Contest and Events calendar is working extremely well and very little time is spent on maintaining the calendar.

It is worth reminding your areas and clubs that club bulletins are now only published to the website however individuals can subscribe to the club bulletin news feed to receive notification when they are published.

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