

## MINUTES

### SOCIETY OF MODEL AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS LTD.

(T/A British Model Flying Association)

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 11am at  
College Court, Knighton Road, Leicester LE3 3TQ

Provisional until confirmed at the next Full Council Meeting.

#### PRESENT

Chris Moynihan	Chairman
Ian Pallister	Vice-Chairman
Robin Sleight MBE	Honorary Secretary
Keith Lomax FSMAE	Honorary Treasurer
Jo Halman FSMAE	Competition Secretary
David Varallo	Technical Secretary
Simon Vaitkevicius	Records Officer
Peter Halman FSMAE	FAI Delegate
Nigel Barker	PRO
Peter Jenkins	East Anglia Area Delegate
Martin Dilly FSMAE	London Area Delegate & RAeC Delegate
Marian Ainsworth	Midland Area Delegate
Neil Cooper	Northern Area Delegate
Tom Jones	North East Area Delegate
David Lloyd-Jones	North West Area Delegate & N Ireland Area Delegate Alt.
Duncan McClure	South Midland Area Delegate
Stuart Willis	South East Area Delegate
Phil Durant	Western Area Delegate
Andrew Potts	Mid West Area Delegate
Peter Disney	South West Area Delegate & RNMAA Delegate
Neil Tricker	RAFMAA Area Delegate
Mike Woodhouse FSMAE	Free Flight TC Representative
Vernon Hunt	Control Line TC Representative
Clive Needham	R/C SFTC Representative
Allan Weighell FSMAE	Indoor TC Representative Alt
<b><u>In Attendance</u></b>	
Linda Harding	Office Manager / Minutes Secretary
Dave Phipps	CEO
Andy Symons	Club Support Officer

## AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for Absence.
- 2 Request for permission to be absent.
- 3 To formally receive the following delegates:
  - a The RAeC Delegate
  - b The RNMAA Delegate
- 4 To formally receive the Area Delegates to Council.~
- 5 To co-opt Technical Committee Representatives to Council.~
- 6 To verify the voting strength of the meeting.
- 7 To:~
  - a Note names of the Technical Committee Chairmen.
  - b Ratify Alternate FAI Delegate.
  - c Ratify the BMFA Delegates to other organisations.
  - d Ratify Council appointed sub-committees.
  - e Ratify Council appointed posts.
- 8 ASRC:
  - a If necessary, the election of members to fill ASRC vacancies. (Ref: ASRC ToR item (c))
  - b If necessary, the co-option of the ASRC Delegate to Council (if a Council Member is not already a member of the ASRC). (Ref: ASRC ToR item (a))
  - c Election of the Power or Silent Flight Controller. (Ref: ASRC ToR item (h) (ii))
- 9 Adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2014.
- 10 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2014 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 11 To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer.
- 12 International Teams for this year's World and European Championships:
  - a Ratification of Teams (Appended).
  - b Ratification of Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers (where permitted) (Appended).
  - c Receipt of declarations that it does intend to send a team from any Technical Committee that has not yet finalised a proposed team.
- 13 Confirmation of the status of SAA and LMA insurance (Ref General Rule 2.1.6 Entry to Competitions.)

- 14 To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer, to include an update on the National Centre Feasibility Study and to include the following proposal from the Chairman:
  - a That the currently-under-suspension RCPTC be dissolved.
- 15 To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.
- 16 To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary to include the following proposal:
  - a That a new Appendix S be added to the Council Handbook (Appended, in draft for information) dealing with a determination of suitability of the Society for potential election.
- 17 To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.
- 18 To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include:
  - a Receipt and ratification of any late contests for this year's FAI Calendar.
  - b Receipt of this year's BMFA contest fees.
- 19 To receive a report from the Records Officer to include the following Record Claims:
  - a A Goodger, Weatherman 1 (one) – Initial Notification received
  - b P Fox, Weatherman 3 (three) – Initial Notification received
  - c P Eisner, Open Speed – Initial Notification received
  - d A Hebb, F1R (35cm) – Initial Notification received
- 20 To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.
- 21 To receive a report from the FAI Delegate.
- 22 To receive the following proposals:
  - a From London Area that the names of those approved by the Awards Committee for consideration by the RAeC for an RAeC award should not appear on Council agendas or be discussed at Council, but that a form of words such as "The Awards Committee also recommended some nominations for RAeC awards" should be minuted instead.
  - b From North East Area that if any visits to clubs or flying sites are arranged by head office staff on behalf of the BMFA, whether by invitation or otherwise, then the Area Committee concerned should be informed as soon as arrangements are made.
  - c From East Anglia Area that, Areas acting through their committees shall have the responsibility of appointing Area Chief Examiners and Area Chief Instructors. These appointments shall be ratified by the relevant Achievement Scheme Controller but if the Controller has any reservations as to the proposed appointment he/she shall, in the first instance, advise the nominating Area of his/her reservations. If the Area, having considered the Controller's reservations, persists with the appointment, the Controller shall have the option to initiate a deciding vote by the Areas Council on the matter. This vote may be by electronic means if no convenient meeting of the Areas Council is scheduled.

- 23 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)
- 24 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
  - k Club Support Officer

25 Any Other Business.

*Please note: Items for Any Other Business should be sent or handed to the Office Manager in writing before the meeting commences. This will be strictly enforced. Any questions to be asked under AOB that require detailed answers should be previously advised to the Office Manager to allow preparation of replies.*

26 Date of next meeting.

*The Minutes begin below.*

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**MINUTES**

**942/01/15 (1) Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Maurice Doyle Northern Ireland Area Delegate, Stuart Simpson Southern Area Delegate, Robin Gowler FSMAE Scale TC Representative.

**943/01/15 (2) Request for permission to be absent.**

Permission was granted to Mike Colling FSMAE Indoor TC Representative/BMFA Education Working Group Co-ordinator.

**944/01/15 (3) To formally receive the following delegates:**

Peter Disney, RNMAA

**945/01/15 (4) To formally receive the Area Delegates to Council.**

EAST ANGLIA	Peter Jenkins
LONDON	Martin Dilly FSMAE
MIDLAND	Marian Ainsworth
NORTHERN	Neil Cooper
NORTH EAST	Tom Jones
NORTH WEST	David Lloyd-Jones
SOUTH MIDLAND	Duncan McClure
SOUTH EAST	Stuart Willis
SOUTHERN	Stuart Simpson
WESTERN	Phil Durant
MID WEST	Andrew Potts
SOUTH WEST	Peter Disney
NORTHERN IRELAND	Maurice Doyle
RAFMAA	Neil Tricker

**946/01/15 (5) To co-opt Technical Committee Representatives to Council.**

FREE FLIGHT	Mike Woodhouse FSMAE
CONTROL LINE	Vernon Hunt
R/C SILENT FLIGHT	Clive Needham
SCALE	Robin Gowler FSMAE
INDOOR	Mike Colling FSMAE

Proposed by Chairman  
Seconded by FAI Delegate  
Carried unanimously

**947/01/15 (6) To verify the voting strength of the meeting.**

There were 24 members eligible to vote.

**948/01/15 (7) To note names of the Technical Committee Chairmen, ratify Alternate FAI Delegate, the BMFA Delegates to other organisations, Council appointed sub-committees, Council appointed posts.**

**a)Tech Committee Chairmen**

FREE FLIGHT	Mike Woodhouse FSMAE
CONTROL LINE	Peter Halman FSMAE
R/C SILENT FLIGHT	Jon Edison
SCALE	Ian Pallister
INDOOR	Mark Benns

**b) Ratify Alternate FAI Delegate**

Jo Halman FSMAE

Proposed by Chairman  
Seconded by RAFMAA  
Carried unanimously

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

Royal Aero Club (RAeC)	Martin Dilly FSMAE
GASCO	Robin Gowler FSMAE
Airprox	Development Officer
Sport & Recreation Alliance (formerly CCPR)	Graham Lynn MBE FSMAE
General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)	Development Officer
CAA	Development Officer and CEO
UK Radio Control Council (UKRCC)	Development Officer

Proposed by Chairman  
Seconded by Vice-Chairman  
Carried unanimously

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

BMFA Safety Review Sub Committee

Vice Chairman  
Technical Secretary  
Development Officer  
Club Support Officer  
ESAG (Electrical Safety Advisory Group Bob Smith, Stephen Mettam)  
Specialist from each Tech Committee as required

Proposed by Chairman  
Seconded by S  
Carried Unanimously

Awards Committee

Vice Chairman  
RAeC Delegate  
Allan Weighell FSMAE  
Robin Gowler FSMAE  
Kath Watson FSMAE  
Tech Council Representative, Mike Colling FSMAE  
Areas Council Representative (To be decided by  
Areas Council)

There was some uncertainty surrounding the appointment of the Areas Council Representative which gave rise to discussion. The Vice-Chairman advised that he has started a review of the overall Awards Committee process and as a result of this discussion he will submit a formal proposal to the May Full Council Meeting as to how we constitute the Awards Committee.

\*\*\*\*\* PROPOSAL MAY FULL COUNCIL MEETING \*\*\*\*\*

**ACTION - VICE-CHAIR**

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<u>Education Working Group</u>	Mike Colling FSMAE Area Co-ordinators
<u>BMFA News Publishers</u>	Kath Watson FSMAE Keith Lomax FSMAE
<u>Computer Committee</u>	Dave Phipps – Chief Executive Andy Symons – Club Support Officer Nigel Barker – PRO Neil Cooper – Northern Area Delegate Linda Harding – Office Manager
<u>Areas Council</u>	Members as detailed in the Areas Council Terms of Reference
<u>Technical Council</u>	Members as detailed in the Technical Council Terms of Reference
<u>The Executive</u>	The nine elected Executive Officers Chief Executive

11.20am Vernon Hunt, CLTC Representative joined the meeting.

Voting strength is now 25.

**e) Ratify Council appointed posts**

<u>PAS Controller</u>	Duncan McClure
<u>SF AS Controller</u>	Vacant (Duncan McClure - Pro Tem)
<u>Archivist</u>	Kath Watson FSMAE

Proposed by Chairman  
Seconded by London Area  
Carried unanimously

**949/01/15 (8) ASRC**

- a) **If necessary, the election of members to fill ASRC vacancies.**  
*No election was necessary.*
- b) **If necessary, the co-option of the ASRC Delegate to Council (if a Council Member is not already a member of the ASRC).**  
*It is not necessary to co-opt a Delegate to Council.*

ASRC composition for 2015 as follows:

Existing for 2015	Terry Rounce Dick Whitehead Peter Willis Brian Cooper
Appointed for 2 yrs	Mick Eames John Harris Phil Gutteridge
PAS/SFAS Controller	Duncan McClure

The Honorary Secretary commented that he believes there is logic in appointing a single AS Controller to assume the position of both Power and Silent Flight.

**950/01/15 (9) Adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2014.**

The following corrections were made:

**Page 9**

- **Second paragraph from the bottom, second line** – Replace “of” with “if”.

**Page 13**

- **Third paragraph, last sentence** – Delete “your”.

**Page 18**

- **Record Claim 4)** – Replace “Vintage”, with “Weatherman”.

**Page 19**

- **First paragraph, third line** – Insert “any suggestions” after “had”.

**The Competition Secretary proposed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2014 be accepted as a true record.**

Seconded by Indoor Tech Committee

Vote:           For:   23  
                  Ags:    0  
                  Abs:    2

Carried by a majority vote.



**951/01/15 (10) Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2014 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.**

**ACTION/NOTES**

**Page 6**

- **Final paragraph, FFTC to provide information on future plans to use FFTC contest reserve fund balance of £24,000** - Action placed on FFTC to report back to May Full Council with further information.

**FFTC**

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- **Third paragraph, Hon Sec to provide outcome of Areas Council Meeting to discuss future of Areas** – London Area asked if a report had been provided. The Honorary Secretary commented that he thought he had made it clear at the last Full Council meeting that he sees no imminent issue with the existence of the Areas in their current form and has no plans whatsoever to change the Area structure as it stands.

What he did agree to was to update the “Guide to Areas Constitution” which he will report on later in this meeting.

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- **Third paragraph, Areas invited to make use of the central website to provide a link to their own websites** – There are currently two Areas making use of the facility, Mid-West Area and East Anglia Area. East Anglia Area is very pleased with the outcome. The open invitation to Areas still stands.

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- **Third paragraph, reduced fee for junior 5-year FAI Licence** – The Competition Secretary confirmed that we do not offer the option of a 5-year FAI Licence for juniors the reason being, only juniors aged 13 or below would be able to apply for a 5-year licence which would be too difficult to administer.

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-**Second paragraph, outgoing Vice-Chair to review the level of awards in respect of Awards nominations** – Vice-Chairman commented that his predecessor’s thought process was that there is too big a gap between the ‘Certificate of Merit’, ‘Honorary Membership’ and ‘Fellowship’ awards and was looking to bridge the gap.

To progress this further the Vice-Chair advised that it is his intention to review the whole mechanism of recommending and approving awards and he will submit a formal proposal outlining his recommendations to the Full Council meeting in May.

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**PROPOSAL - MAY FULL COUNCIL MEETING – Review of Awards procedure.**

**VICE-CHAIR/  
OFFICE MGR**

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- **Second paragraph, action ASRC to consider introducing 3-5 year re-tests for Club Examiners** – The PAS Controller commented that until such time that we can establish a national system whereby every Area can organise at least one workshop a year it is unfair to impose any kind of mandatory attendance until we get a system in place. Last year we ran 7 workshops.

Delegates were asked to encourage their Areas to consider holding workshops and hopefully this time next year the PAS Controller will be in a position to report that every Area had held at least one workshop. We can perhaps then start thinking about introducing a mandatory scheme. A 'workshop' guidance document is published on the BMFA website.

This concluded matters arising.

**952/01/15 (11) To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer.**

He attended the funerals of Terry Watson Honorary Member and Chris Bromley Fellow. Both funerals were very well attended.

He attended the AGM and presented the Accounts and Budget along with the Accounts Manager.

Other than that the last few months were taken up with routine business.

**953/01/15 (12) International Teams for this year's World and European Championships.**

- a) **Ratification of Teams.**
- b) **Ratification of Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers (where permitted)**

The comprehensive list of all Championships, Teams, Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers was listed in the Agenda.

The Competition Secretary commented that she had thoroughly checked all proposals and commended the list as appended in the Agenda for ratification en bloc.

**The Competition Secretary commended the ratification of Teams, Team Managers, Assistant Team Managers (where permitted) and receipt of declarations that it does intend to send a team from any Technical Committee that has not yet finalised a proposed team.**

Seconded by Silent Flight TC  
Carried unanimously.

**954/01/15 (13) Confirmation of the status of SAA and LMA insurance.**

The CEO confirmed that the insurance arrangements for the SAA and LMA for 2015 are entirely acceptable and would be accepted by those SAA/LMA members entering BMFA contests and events.

**955/01/15 (14) To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.**

**CEO**

Since the last meeting the annual review has taken place with the CAA. One of the topical areas of discussion was the media attention on drones. The CAA has produced an awareness leaflet to point out the legal responsibilities to potential purchasers of these items. (Copies of the leaflet were handed out).

Unfortunately the leaflets do not refer people to the BMFA or other model flying associations where they could obtain much more information. This will be taken up with the CAA.

There is much media interest in drones and quite a lot of office resource has been spent defending queries from the media and the public.

We are currently working in conjunction with the British Airline Pilots Association who have some concerns over drone operations in the vicinity of airports. We have also fed in to a Committee in the House of Lords who are reviewing the use of drones for both commercial and civilian use.

There were a few other points of interests arising from the meeting with the CAA; The ANO was last reviewed in 2009 and is subject to a full review during the course of this year. Grant Shapps Chairman of the Conservative Party is also promoting a drive to reduce red tape and bureaucracy which will hopefully result in a simplified ANO.

The CAA has also asked for a complete review of CAP658. We have very little time to do this and they want it completed by the end of February. We are convening a meeting with other model flying associations to review the current document line by line. Any comments are welcomed.

UKRCC in its current form has been disbanded and is being taken directly under the control of the BMFA. It will be administered and led by the BMFA.

The online club portal went live at the start of December. The overall the response is very positive. Over half of our clubs have registered to use the system. There have been a few snagging issues but mostly of a fairly trivial nature.

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CEO Rep  
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Membership is just under 20,000 paid members which is just under 7,000 up on the same week last year. A large part of this is due to the increased efficiency that the online club portal gives us. The CEO recorded his thanks to Andy Symons and all the other staff for making it happen.

Insurance arrangements for 2015 are the same as for 2014. The sponsorship has also been agreed for 2015 and 2016 and will remain on the same terms as the previous three years i.e £25,000 per year.

The insurers are backing a legal battle on behalf of one of our clubs which potentially could incur legal costs of around £250,000. They have however said they will not factor this into our profit share arrangements.

Andy Symons was congratulated on obtaining his Diploma in Acoustics and Noise Control.

We have introduced an optional insurance cover called Data Development and Demonstration. It covers flights not strictly sport and recreation but the pilot is not receiving any financial benefit. This replaces the existing commercial traders scheme (RCMT). There is an additional premium of £75 for this cover and details can be found on our website [www.bmfa.org](http://www.bmfa.org)

The LAA Trust organises an annual Youth in Aviation conference which we have supported over a number of years. At fairly late notice their sponsor, Boeing have pulled out. To ensure the event continues we have agreed to help finance it in the region of £300-£400 which will come out of our Education budget.

There has been an issue with the licence arrangements for Middle Wallop which has been declined at a local level due to increased security concerns at MOD establishments. It seems to only be affecting Middle Wallop at this stage. Other licences applied for have been issued as normal.

We have a fleet of freebies (a sample was passed around) which is an indoor slow flying foam aircraft. The plan is to take them to exhibitions and shows for people to have a go at flying. They were kindly put together by members of the Coventry club in return for a favour we did for them.

We have been working to establish a BMFA Trust, a charitable organisation principally to provide something for people to make bequests to. We will have very clearly defined objectives. We are moving ahead with this and will be looking for a couple of 'Fellows' to join the initial board of trustees. There will be a further report at the May Full Council Meeting.

**CEO**

The new computer server has been installed and is up and running.

Andy Symons was congratulated on his marriage to Siobhan in November 2014.

## **Chairman**

His actions since the last Council Meeting have regrettably involved attending the funerals of Terry Watson Honorary Member, Keith Miller Fellow and unfortunately, although en route to the funeral of Chris Bromley Fellow, did not make it due to motorway closures.

He attended the AGM and annual dinner. He thought the whole process was very successful. Unfortunately however, during the presentation ceremony we were subjected to unacceptable and disruptive behaviour from certain members of the Control Line fraternity. Those responsible will be receiving a letter of disquiet from the Chairman.

**CHAIR**

North East raised an issue with regard to a comment by the Club Support Officer in an email to his Area which he was not copied in on, in relation to the North East Area Report written by the Area Delegate and a particular comment which the Club Support Officer took exception to. The Club Support Officer apologised for not including him in the email to the Area.

- a) **Proposal from the Chairman that the currently-under-suspension RCPTC be dissolved.**

Seconded by Competition Secretary  
Carried unanimously

London Area commented that there are no listings to cover R/C power on the technical committee section on the website – Comp Sec and Webmaster to look at the feasibility of listings on the website.

**COMP SEC/  
WEBMASTER**

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## **National Centre feasibility study update (APPENDIX A)**

The CEO gave a brief outline on the progress of the National Centre feasibility study.

## **955/01/15 (15) To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.**

He attended the prize giving dinner immediately after his appointment at the AGM partly to evaluate his future role as master of ceremonies. He has one or two ideas with respect to the awards process and citations and how they are read out etc. He had an introductory meeting with the previous Chairman of the Awards Committee and has started a review of the awards process.

## **956/01/15 (16) To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary.**

- a) **Proposal from the Honorary Secretary that a new Appendix S be added to the Council Handbook dealing with a determination of suitability of Directors of the Society for potential election.**

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Hon Sec  
Rep  
Cont'd/...

The Honorary Secretary withdrew the above proposal.

He has created a draft update of the 'Guide to Areas Constitution'. He is still awaiting various input requested. As soon as he receives this he will progress it and hopefully have it ready for early February.

The 'Guide to Areas Constitution' will go on the website along with the Areas Constitution document itself. It has been agreed that various other documents such as the Society Articles of Association will be published on the website but it will not include the Council Handbook.

He is currently working on updating the Council Handbook which will incorporate and minor changes which emanated from the 2014 meetings and anything coming out of today's meeting. It should be available for issue by the end of the month.

The office has received an application from Blackstone Model Flying Club for affiliation. The CEO explained that it was ultimately in the gift of Council as to whether a Club was accepted for affiliation or not and as such he had placed the application on hold pending consideration and decision of this Council. Council gave due consideration to the following proposal and voted accordingly.

**That the request for BMFA affiliation for the Blackstone Model Flyers be declined**

Seconded by Northern Area

For	20
Ags	0
Abs	5

Carried by a majority vote.

The Honorary Secretary commented that he is conscious of the fact that as Areas Council Meetings are now held on an ad hoc basis certain actions arising from the 2014 meeting could fall by the wayside and he does not want to call another Areas Council Meeting just for the sake of pursuing actions.

Therefore a list of actions from that meeting will be appended to these minutes for information. The PRO will be contacting the various Area Delegates to try and follow up on the status of these actions.

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**Actions from Areas Council (APPENDIX B)**

He attended the CAA annual meeting. He attended the funeral of Keith Miller Fellow.

There is a Chief Examiner application from Northern Ireland Area. Hopefully the proposal from East Anglia Area which follows later will be approved today and if so the responsibility for accepting this will fall on the PAS Controller. If not it will require an Area Council member vote.

**CLUB  
SUPPORT  
OFFICER /  
OFFICE**

**957/01/15 (17) To receive a report from the Technical Secretary**

**\*\*\*\*\* WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX C)**

**958/01/15 (18) To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include the following:**

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

There are none.

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

**\*\*\*\*\* 2015 BMFA CONTEST FEES (APPENDIX D)**

The Competition Secretary had attended the funerals of both Chris Bromley and Terry Watson.

She reported that she had been appointed the F3P Indoor Aerobatics Team Manager for the World Championships in March 2015. One team member declined his place and so she is taking a 2-man team. The Competition Secretary reminded Council that she ratified the F3P team between Council Meetings last year.

The new procedures are in place for the proposal of teams and the submission of BMFA contest entry fees for this meeting. The new systems have worked very well and the Technical Committees and RCP Specialist Bodies have responded superbly and she recorded her thanks to them.

She is pleased to have been invited by the Records Officer to be a member of his new "BMFA Trophies Working Group".

The Competition Secretary is in the process of updating the Team Manager Guidelines and other British Teams documentation for the 2015 teams.

She informed Council that she has generated a BMFA application form for FAI Licences in respect of EU citizens resident in the UK which will be placed on the FAI page of the BMFA website alongside the standard FAI Licence application forms.

Finally, she was very pleased to report that the Free Flight Technical Committee had decided to include in their 2015 rule book specific rules for a single team selection competition for Free Flight Juniors. As the Free Flight Nationals, currently held each May, will be that single team selection competition, then we will be able to send a GBR Junior team to the 2015 Championships in Romania in August.

**959/01/15 (19) To receive a report from the Records Officer.**

The Records Officer commended the following Record Claims to be ratified en bloc:

- a) A Goodger (87541) Weatherman Class I, 27/9/14, Old Warden – 57.95 mph.
- b) P Fox (161949) Weatherman Class III, 28/9/14, Old Warden – 110.23 mph.
- c) P Eisner (57093), C/L Open Speed, 24/8/14 British Nationals -201.8 mph
- d) A Hebb (35650), F1R (35cm), 22-10-14 Brabazon Hangar, Filton – 27 mins 24 secs.

**RECORDS  
OFFICER /  
OFFICE**

Seconded by PRO  
Carried unanimously

The Records Officer attended the dinner and prize giving and recorded his thanks to the team of helpers who assisted him with his duties.

Out of the 140 trophies officially adopted, twenty were not allocated to any one person in 2014, and of that twenty, seven are not being perpetually given out. He is addressing this and hopefully in 2015 two of the seven not perpetually given out will be reallocated.

We also have a possible four new trophies for Silent Flight. Two for F5J, one for F5B, one for F5K. He is working with Silent Flight TC on that at the moment.

There are two trophies in need of repair, one of them actually is crumbling and is in need of replacement of either a replica or a glass trophy. He is working with the office on this.

The Jack Marsh Trophy is also in need of further repair.

We will be reviewing the state of the trophy boxes and arrange repair/replacement as required.

He is currently updating the Record Book. He will be setting up a Trophies Working Group. This will be at little cost to the Association as it will initially be a 'virtual' group. Anyone interested should contact the Records Officer. It will involve a review of the allocation of trophies and what the trophy is awarded for.

The following proposal was omitted from the Agenda.

**The Records Officer proposed that the DEAC Cup (formally used as a BMFA Award for Sport 40 Class A) be reassigned as the BMFA Nationals Cup for F3T.**

**RECORDS  
OFFICER/  
OFFICE**

Seconded by Competition Secretary  
Carried unanimously

Indoor requested reassignment of the Sparkletts Trophy. They were asked to submit a proposal to Full Council.

**INDOOR TC**



**960/01/15 (20) To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.**

It came as a surprise to him that he would be here today as he had submitted his resignation to the Executive however they duly persuaded him to withdraw it.

He attended the AGM. He has had discussions with Jim Wright with regard to the National Centre Study to keep abreast of the situation and to ensure he is doing everything he can to support the venture.

He handed round some car stickers.

He will be attending the EIM in Barnsley.

**961/01/15 (21) To receive a report from the FAI Delegate.**

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**WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX E)**

The FAI Delegate highlighted what is included in his report that if you have an FAI Licence you will need to go on to the FAI website and get your own five digit FAI ID number. It is very simple to do but if anyone would like assistance he can show them during lunch recess.

*\*\*Post Meeting Note\*\**

*FAI Licences can be checked and the five digit FAI ID number obtained at [www.fai.org/about-fai/fai-sporting-licences](http://www.fai.org/about-fai/fai-sporting-licences)*

There will be some changes to how the model specification figures are written out on your models and how your specification card is completed. The changes will be finalised with a proposal to change the ABR at this year's Plenary Meeting.

Something that is being discussed by Bureau is what we call the aircraft we fly. They are looking to have different names for the different categories of what we do. He will contact the Technical Committees to get some ideas how they think their aircraft should be classed.

**FAI DELEGATE**

**962/01/15 (22) To receive the following proposals:**

- a) **From London Area that the names of those approved by the Awards Committee for consideration by the RAeC for an RAeC award should not appear on Council agendas or be discussed at Council, but that a form of words such as "The Awards Committee also recommended some nominations for RAeC awards" should be submitted instead.**

Seconded by North West Area

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The Chairman of the Awards Committee advised that it is his intention to review the whole process of the Awards procedure as currently constituted.

London  
Area  
Proposal  
Cont'd/...

London Area withdrew the proposal following discussion which aired views that both unsuccessful and successful nominees should receive notification from the Chairman of the Awards Committee.

In the case of Council recommendations for RAeC and FAI awards, again the nominee should receive notification of Council's recommendation explaining that they should be proud of this but we cannot guarantee they will get the award.

North West Area also commented that he believes the nominator should receive notification of whether their nomination was successful or not which the Chairman of the Awards Committee concurred with and advised that it will be discussed in the review of the whole process as previously mentioned.

The PRO and Competition Secretary took exception to the sentence in the proposal reasons "It has recently been clearly shown that the discretion of Council members and even of the Executive itself cannot unfortunately be guaranteed or now even expected". They believe it indicates the Executive leak information.

- b) From North East Area that if any visits to clubs or flying sites are arranged by head office staff on behalf of the BMFA, whether by invitation or otherwise, then the Area Committee concerned should be informed as soon as arrangements are made.**

Seconded by North West Area

The CEO commented that he agreed in principle that in a lot of instances the Area should be informed. However there are some matters that we deal with which are of an extremely sensitive nature where their club committees do not even want their club members to know about it. The last thing they would want us to do is put it in the public domain. It was suggested the wording should include "where it is appropriate to do so".

The Club Support Officer agrees the Areas should be informed, but it has to be subject to clubs wishes.

South Midland Area suggested it should be at the clubs discretion and should be the clubs responsibility to contact the Area.

East Anglia commented that Areas have to take some responsibility for getting out and making themselves known to clubs. There is room for improvement on all sides, a lot more can be achieved by communicating better.

Hon Sec proposed inserting the words "wherever appropriate".

Seconded by FAI Delegate

Vote: For: 24  
Ags: 1  
Abs: 0

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Carried by a majority vote.

NE Area  
Proposal  
Cont'd/...

The substantive proposal now reads:

**From North East Area that if any visits to clubs or flying sites are arranged by head office staff on behalf of the BMFA, whether by invitation or otherwise, then the Area Committee concerned should be informed wherever appropriate as soon as arrangements are made.**

Vote: For: 21  
Ags: 1  
Abs: 3

OFFICE

Carried by a majority vote.

- c) **From East Anglia Area that, Areas acting through their committees shall have the responsibility of appointing Area Chief Examiners and Area Chief Instructors. These appointments shall be ratified by the relevant Achievement Scheme Controller but if the Controller has any reservations as to the proposed appointment he/she shall, in the first instance, advise the nominating Area of his/her reservations. If the Area, having considered the Controller's reservations, persists with the appointment, the Controller shall have the option to initiate a deciding vote by areas Council on the matter. This vote may be by electronic means if no convenient meeting of the Areas Council is scheduled.**

Comp Sec pointed out that we are not gender specific and we should delete "her" and "she". This was accepted as a drafting amendment.

Seconded by South East Area

Vote: For: 21  
Ags: 0  
Abs: 4

ASRC /  
PAS /  
CONTROLLER/  
OFFICE

Carried by a majority vote

**963/01/15 (23) To receive any report from the following Delegates**

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

Duncan McClure was congratulated on his appointment as Vice-Chair of the RAeC.

A Seminar on Promotion and Marketing of Airports is being held at Blackbushe on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

- b) **General Aviation Safety Council (GASCo)**  
Nothing to report.
- c) **Air Prox** – Nothing to report.
- d) **Sport + Recreation Alliance (formerly CCPR)**  
Nothing to report.
- e) **General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)** – Nothing to report.

**964/01/15 (24) To receive any reports from the following Committees.**

- a) **CAA Team**  
A meeting has been arranged at the beginning of February with their CEO, specifically to discuss the issue of multi rotors and drones.
- b) **UKRCC** – Has been disbanded in its current form and will be dealt with directly by the BMFA.
- c),d,) **Education Working Group/Flight Challenge/ WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX G)**  
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- e) **University Challenge** – A change has been introduced this year, they are all electric classes and with an extra competition thrown in. Entries are coming in thick and fast.
- f) **Computer Sub-Committee** – Covered earlier in the meeting.
- g) **Safety Review Committee** – Nothing to report.
- h) **Achievement Scheme Review Committee WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX H)**  
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- i) **BMFA News Publishers-** Nothing to report.  
On an AOB related topic North East enquired if there is any framework that we set out such as what space is available for Area use.  
It was pointed out that if Areas do want to submit something and it is of interest the Editor will include it if sufficient space is available.  
North East advised that they submitted an article which was sent within the deadline and which was re-sent as it did not appear and there was no response from the Editor on either occasion.  
The CEO said he would look in to it. **CEO**  
The CEO commented that the Editor receives an enormous amount of content which makes it very difficult to prioritise.
- j) **BMFA Archivist WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX I)**  
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- k) **Club Support Officer**  
He reported earlier in the meeting regarding an ongoing court case in support of one of our affiliated clubs.  
He is currently reviewing the website and will be tweaking certain areas. He is looking in to an alternative option for classified ads in as much as incorporating it into our main website.

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Club  
Support  
Officer  
Rep  
Cont'd/...

Electric Indoor Masters is being held on 7/8 February 2015.

He attended the AGM and the funerals of Chris Bromley and Terry Watson.

He is still dealing with a lot of internal club disputes, usually very petty and very frustrating.

With regard to the website the PRO commented that although it is a good facility to have extensive permissions it would be useful to be able to audit them. The Club Support Officer/Webmaster advised that this will be covered in his review of the website.

WEBMASTER

### **965/01/15 (25) Any Other Business**

There were two items from East Anglia Area:

1) Has the BMFA approached the CAA, or other government department, about the need to persuade the model trade to include information with products about the existence of the BMFA, insurance, clubs, flying training etc. In the current climate of multi-copter sales over Christmas, and the number of illegal flights referred to by a Metropolitan Police spokesman (flights over the London Eye for example) as well as the increased threat of terrorist violence, would this be a good time to do so?

East Anglia said this was slightly impacted by the presentation of the leaflet generated by the CAA which the CEO provided copies of earlier in the meeting.

At the last East Anglia Area meeting concern was expressed whether the BMFA is doing enough to try and get information into model boxes. He explained it was raised at the AGM and that the response was that the BMFA has no legal ability to enforce anything on the commercial world.

The CEO commented that the BMFA has been proactive given the resources we have. We have given an enormous amount of resource to dealing with particular issues and continue to do so. He made mention earlier that we fed in to a House of Lords review on this subject along with the CAA, BAPA and some of the industry bodies and that it is an ongoing process.

We have a meeting with Andrew Haines Chief Executive of the CAA at the beginning of February on this very topic. We are in discussion with lots of people including the county terrorism branch and it is difficult to see what else we could be doing but we are open to suggestions.

East Anglia said they have no other specific suggestions. However it would be useful to either publish what has been reported today on the website or provide Areas with something for them to disseminate to clubs to show that the BMFA are on the being proactive.

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AOB  
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2) Could the Honorary Secretary update Council with where he has got in getting Sport England (et al) to confirm that aeromodelling is a recognised Sport.

The Honorary Secretary advised that he hasn't looked in to it further as yet. He will in time follow up and report on it. It will prove quite time consuming trying to locate the correct personnel to deal with this and get it documented.

*\*\*Post Meeting Note\*\**

*The CEO confirmed that the Sport England Website does list model flying as a recognised sport with the BMFA noted as the Governing Body.*

**966/01/15 (26) Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting was confirmed as **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2015**, at College Court Conference Centre, Knighton Road, Leicester, starting at 11am.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 4.30pm.

National Centre feasibility study update  
January 2015

Work on the feasibility study is gathering pace and we have now produced a “one page summary” of the project to use as the initial contact for landowners, land agents and potential funders, this document is currently being distributed through a number of channels and there are to date two promising leads to investigate further with a formal site visit and survey the proposed next step.

Further discussions with the funding consultants have indicated that in order to fully explore the full range of funding sources, a potential site needs to be identified as an initial “hook” on which to hang outline applications. On this basis the identifying of potential locations is the primary focus of the current work, however, other aspects are being progressed alongside this activity.

We are currently applying the selection grid criteria to four potential sites in order to evaluate relevance of the criteria we have used, once relevance has been established then we have a significant (and growing) list of potential sites to apply the grid to.

Mark Bennis is currently refining a potential building specification in order that it can be passed on to the appointed quantity surveyors for an initial building cost estimate, whilst a bespoke building is not the only option being explored we are keen to have this information available as a favoured outcome.

The BMFA Honorary Treasurer has provided a basic overview of the current BMFA financial position in order to assess the potential input to the project should it progress further, I will be asking the Hon Treasurer for a more formal summary as we proceed further with the study.

The project continues to receive a mixed reaction from the membership; however, the concept does seem to be slowly gaining momentum and acceptance. Going forward the PR element of the study and project will play a significant role in how it is perceived by the membership and one of the targets must be to get past the “it won’t directly benefit me, therefore I am not interested” mentality.

A significant aim for the PR must be to engage members in the long term benefits of a National Centre in terms of longevity, credibility and an enduring national identity for the BMFA and model flying in the UK.

There is no doubt that the dream of a National Centre for model flying is fraught with problems and challenges, and clearly the “chicken and egg” nature of many of the areas to be addressed makes any move forward problematic, however none of the problems are likely to be insurmountable with sufficient vision and the desire for progress.

The aim remains to report the findings of the study to the May meeting of the Full Council as referred in the initial timeline, currently this appears to be a valid target, however there is no doubt that the variables of dealing with external agencies over the coming months combined with the comprehensive information required on which to base any decision means that there is the potential for an incomplete study at the designated date (this is of course known as “hedging your bets” or the “managing of expectation”)

Both Jim Wright and Mark Bennis continue to support and work with me on this project with significant enthusiasm and dedication, I am expecting the workload and time dedicated to the survey to increase over the coming months as potential sites are identified and explored.

**Manny Williamson**  
Development Officer

### **Actions from Areas Council**

What should be done, if anything, about re-validating Club Examiners and what to do about registered Club Examiners who no longer are members of their club of registration which might require a change to the procedure. ASRC were tasked to look at this at some point in the future. **Action ASRC**

The Multirotor 'A' and 'B' tests be added to the inventory of Achievement Scheme Tests. A notice informing of the inception of the new scheme and availability of the relevant forms will be placed on the website within the next week.

**Action on these Club Support Officer**

Chairman to write to Sports Council to get clearance and details of all their subsidiary bodies and then follow up with such bodies making the point that model flying is registered with the Sports Council as a "Sport". Thus these subsidiary bodies should also note that registration and support model flying as may be relevant. To map Wales to this it may be required to create a virtual Welsh Association. **Action Hon Secretary**

Duncan McClure South Midland Area Delegate to create for the BMFA News a short article on the BMFA organisation **Action Duncan McClure**

Areas if they have comments on the bullet points in the draft copy of this document should let him have them as soon as possible. **Action Areas**

Chairman to create Terms of Reference/Objectives for Areas. **Action Hon Secretary**

Areas to create and maintain SWOT analyses for themselves **Action Areas**

Areas Chairman to maintain a BMFA level SWOT **Action Hon Secretary**

In Head Office staff responding direct to Clubs in writing (rather than the usual phone calls) better efforts should be made to copy the topic to the relevant Area unless the Club in question requests that this not be done. **Action CEO**

Web site access exclusive to registered Area representatives – this could provide forum and voting facilities. **Action Club Support Officer**

Much more use should be made of Facebook **Action PRO**

Add data on clubs on the website to show which BMFA Area is relevant to them.

**Action Club Support Officer**

East Anglia advised that they regularly have use of RAF Sculthorpe near Fakenham which is an excellent site and would probably be suitable as a National Flying Site/National Centre.

**Action Development Officer/PRO to note**



## Report by Technical Secretary as at 6/1/15

Since my last report I have had a meeting with Dave Phipps, Manny Williamson and Andy Symons to discuss the Members Handbook resulting in a generally agreed outline of the revised document.

I have made a start on revising the opening chapters but am not yet satisfied with them. I shall return to this task as soon as the current updating of the rule books is complete.

I have spent some time debugging the trophy database system and the latest copy of the software has now been passed to the Records Officer.

The deadline for this year's rule changes is the 11/1/15 and so far updates have been received from the Freeflight (Outdoor and Indoor), Control Line, and Silent Flight Technical Committees and the GBR/CAA Specialist Body. These updates have all been incorporated and the updated rules are now back with the TCs/SB for final agreement. The Silent Flight rule book has also been renumbered in a more logical fashion which will make for easier updating and the addition of new sections in the future if required. All as outlined to the Technical Council Meeting back in March 2014.

There may yet be rule updates from Scale, Rocketry and the other R/C Power Specialist Bodies as there is still a few days before the deadline cut-off.

David Varallo  
BMFA Technical Secretary.

## 2015 BMFA Contest Fees

<b>FREE FLIGHT</b>		
<b>Centralised</b>		
Per Class	£5	Day ticket covering all classes
<b>Area Centralised</b>		
Per Class	£5	Day ticket covering all classes
Site Access Charge	x	Set by area
Season Tickets	£40	Covers all events except Nationals and Area Centralised site access
Team Selection	£10	
Juniors	Free	
<b>Nationals</b>		
Airfield Pass	£10	Covers 3 days; alternative £5 per day
1st Class	£10	Championship classes
1st Class	£5	Non-Championship classes
Subsequent Classes	£10	Championship classes
Subsequent Classes	£5	Non-Championship classes
Unlimited Classes	£45	
On field entry	+ 50%	
<b>F1E</b>	x	Same as Area Centralised
<b>Space Modelling</b>	x	Site charge only, including team trials
<b>SPACE MODELLING</b>		
<b>Centralised &amp; Nationals</b>		
Per Class	£0	Site charge only, depending on the venue, including team trials
<b>INDOOR</b>		
<i>Caveat</i>		
<i>Entry fees &amp; classes are subject to varying venue costs</i>		
Senior Entry Fees	£20	Per day if the venue is the Brabazon hangar
Juniors Entry Fees	£10	Per day if the venue is the Brabazon hangar
F1D Team Trials	£25	Per day
F1D Team Trials Juniors	£10	Per day
Season Tickets		None
<b>Nationals</b>		
<b>Pre-Entry</b>		
Senior	£10	Per day plus class entry fee.
Senior	£2	Per class
Junior	£5	Per day
Junior	Free	Per class
<b>Entry on the Day</b>		
Senior	£10	Per day plus class entry fee.
Senior	£3	Per class
Junior	£5	Per day
Junior	Free	Per class
<i>Note:</i>	£20	<i>Per day (duration &amp; scale classes) if the venue is the Velodrome</i>
<b>CONTROL LINE</b>		
Centralised	£20	All classes except Team Race
Centralised Team Race (i)	£20	Per day, regardless of the number of classes
Centralised Team Race (ii)	£20	Per class when any pilot/pitman of one team also competes as part of a different team
Team Selection	n/a	Included in the Centralised competitions
Non-competitors	£5	Site fee for all non-competitors except spouses
Juniors	£10	
Season Tickets	n/a	
<b>Nationals</b>		
All classes		Information to be supplied after the CL Nationals Planning Meeting on 21st February 2015
Juniors all classes		February 2015

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<b>AEROBATICS</b>		
Centralised	£26	
Team Selection F3A	£26	
Team Selection F3P	£20	
Juniors	£20	
Season Tickets	n/a	
<b>Nationals</b>		
All classes	£30	
Junior all classes	£30	

<b>HELICOPTER</b>		
Centralised	£10	
Team Selection F3C	£10	
Team Selection F3N	£10	
Juniors	£10	
Season Tickets	n/a	
<b>Nationals</b>		
All classes	£20	
Junior all classes	£20	

<b>PYLON</b>		
Centralised	£25	Reduction or increase on this fee depending on venue
Team Selection F3D	n/a	No Championship in 2016
Team Selection F5D	n/a	
Juniors	Free	
Season Tickets	n/a	
<b>Nationals</b>		
All classes	£25	
Junior all classes	Free	

<b>SILENT FLIGHT</b>		
All "F" classes	£10	CD has discretion to adjust fees to provide additional income as in 2014
100s	£7	
eSoaring Open	£7	
eSoaring 2m	£7	
Juniors	Free	
Team Selection		As "F Classes"
Team Selection Juniors	Free	
Season Tickets	n/a	
<b>Nationals</b>		
All "F" classes	£15	
100s	£12	
eSoaring Open	£12	
eSoaring 2m	£12	
Juniors	Free	

<b>SCALE</b>		
<b>Centralised</b>		
RC	£15	
RC Season Ticket	£70	
CL	£11	
FF	£3	
Indoor	£15	
Team Trials F4C, F4H	£20	
Juniors in any class	Free	

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<b>Power Nationals</b>		
RC	£30	
Helicopter	£20	
CL	£16	
FF	£12	
Juniors in any class	Free	
<b>Indoor Nationals</b>		
Per class	£ 3.50	RC or FF
Registration fee	£ 16.50	RC or FF
Juniors in any class	Free	

<b>IMAC</b>		
<b>Nationals</b>		
Seniors	£30	All classes
Juniors	£15	All classes

<b>FUN FLY</b>		
<b>Nationals</b>		
Seniors	£20	
Juniors	Free	

FAI Delegate Report January 2015 Council Meeting.

The October Technical Council meeting reviewed a number of rule change proposals which were subsequently submitted to the FAI for consideration at the 2015 Plenary meeting. I would like to remind all Technical Committees and Radio Control Specialist Bodies that they must submit FAI rule changes to the BMFA office in time for them to be included in the agenda.

I am proposing that Jo Halman be appointed as the alternate FAI delegate for 2015. She is by far the best qualified person for the job.

The 2015 Plenary meeting will have scheduled technical meetings for F1 F3 Soaring F3 Aerobatics F3 Helicopter and F3 Pylon Racing, plus the annual Education Meeting. I will advise the Technical Committee and R/C Specialist Body secretaries as soon as the agenda is published. I would like to remind all Technical Committees that I am keen to have representatives at all of these Technical Meetings. If representatives do not attend them we minimise our chances of getting good rule changes.

I attended the meeting of the CIAM Bureau which took place in Lausanne on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December 2014. I attended the meeting in position of F2 Subcommittee Chairman, I presented my final draft of the Championship cost calculator and the cost escalator to the Bureau, I am now working on combining the UK proposal on a revised entry fee with similar ones from Norway and the F3 Helicopter subcommittee with a view to producing a Bureau proposal on the subject.

The FAI Licence data base is fully functioning with effect from Jan 1st 2015, all licence holders will be automatically issued with a 5 digit ID number this is the only number which will be valid. For the future this number will be recorded on your FAI model processing sticker. I recommend that all holders of FAI licences should log onto the FAI licence data base and note this number.

After the 2014 Plenary meeting a working group was set up to review CIAM policy on UAV/UAS aircraft, it was agreed at Bureau that the CIAM policy is that these aircraft will be known as Multi Rotor Aircraft, the terms UAV/UAS and Drone would not be used because they all refer to commercial or military aircraft. Some of the planned activities for these aircraft will include limited use of autonomous flight which will require some modification to CAP 658.

The 2015 World Air Games are planned to include model flying in the classes F2D Control Line Combat, F3T Pylon Racing and F3P Aero musicals. The games will take place in Dubai in early December 2015.

Peter Halman

FAI Delegate 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015

**ROYAL AERO CLUB DELEGATE'S REPORT – October 2014**

I attended the RAeC Council meeting on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. Although there were few items of immediate BMFA relevance the following may be of interest.

1) Duncan McClure has been appointed one of two RAeC vice-chairmen. He joins Roger Hopkinson of the LAA, who also has a model flying background. With model flyers now filling the posts of vice-chairman, general secretary, Awards Committee chairman and the BMFA's Council member, our sport would appear to be in good hands with the RAeC and this reflects the high regard in which the BMFA and its services are held by RAeC Council.

2) The 2014 Awards Eveing at the Royal Air Force Club is expected to have made a surplus of around £1200. The 2015 event will take place on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

3) On the FAI front, the RAeC delegate was briefed before attending the General Conference in Thailand in mid-October. The FAI executive appears at present to see itself as controlling, rather than supporting, the airsport commissions (in our case the CIAM) and the aim is to reverse this. The appointment of a new secretary-general and a new sports director has led to a definite improvement in the way FAI services are managed. However, there is still a tendency for the FAI to take on more activities than it can effectively handle, for example the World Air Games.

4) A proposal that the current General Aviation Alliance should become a part of the RAeC was approved, subject to the approval of the GAA's own AGM.in November. It would then take on the responsibilities of the existing RAeC Parliamentary Committee which it would replace..

5) An RAeC seminar on the promotion and marketing of airspots is planned, probably early in the New Year. The opportunity to learn from other RAeC associations that have a far more effective programme than ours is clearly one which we need to grasp.

Martin Dilly  
RAeC Delegate

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## Education Working Group Report BMFA Council 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2015

As you know I have sent my request for permission to be absent as I am on the BMFA Education Stand at the Association of Science Education's annual meeting, this year held at the University of Reading. In past years this venue has been good as regarding interest in the BMFA Education Programme. This year we will be promoting the 'University and Schools Challenges' with particular emphasis on 'Payload Challenge 1 Distance'. Reports are that entries are coming in well.

At last years University Challenge I was asked a question about the venues of earlier Challenges and realised that I could not remember. So I decided to commit to paper the history of the Education Programme, it is a slow job as it is 25 years since the Education Programme started. Looking at the last issue of the BMFA news we have come along way with four articles relating to education and the promotion of model flying - 25 years ago there was nothing in the Magazine.

A good report on last years University Challenge is in the BMFA News and is well worth a read.

As we are at the beginning of a new year it may be of interest to look back over the last 12 months at the BMFA's Education Programme in terms of kits sold. I can only look at kits produced by Sky Hi Products but it should give an indication of the Education Programme's success. Total production of Education kits produced by Sky Hi Products has reached 282,430 of which 140,480 are BMFA Darts. 6,722 kits were produced in 2014, this was a decrease of 2800 on 2013 and is probably due to some extent to the recession. It may be interesting to note that in 2014, 31.3% of all production was sold via the BMFA Office, 57.2% of production went directly to schools, 6.4% of production went directly to youth organisations and the remaining 5.1% to private individuals. Comparing this with 2013 figures the number of kits sold to schools has gone down by 14.1% whilst the kits sold to youth organisations remained about the same and kits sold to the BMFA Office went up by 12.7%. Make of this what you will.

Mike Colling  
Education Working Group.

**Achievement Scheme Review Committee  
Report to Full Council Meeting  
10<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

The ASRC met three times in 2014, in March, July and November and the next meeting is scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

Since the last report in September, there have been the usual small numbers of minor items of correspondence, which have required the attention of the RC PASC, the SFSC and the ASRC.

The recently introduced Multirotor 'A' & 'B' tests have generally been well received, with significant uptake since their introduction. As with all new tests, the ASRC recognises that refinements and or revisions to the schedules may be required and as a result, feedback and experience from both candidates and examiners of these early tests was discussed at the November meeting. This resulted in a minor change to the size of a manoeuvre in the 'B' test and the addition of an explanatory diagram. Further guidance to examiners has also been prepared, in the form of a pre-test questionnaire and briefing, specifically just for examiner. This guide will be reviewed by the FPV/Multi-rotor special interest group for collective comment before issue.

The first draft of the revision of the 'Up & Away' training manual, which has been re-named the **RC Flight Training Manual - Power (FW)** was circulated prior to the November meeting to facilitate discussion. The new document has a modular format with details of assumed/previous knowledge requirements at the start of each section. The document will also include example training log sheets. Final comments on the document are being collected, with a view to agreeing the final document at the March 2015 meeting. It is anticipated that the revision of the Electric and Silent Flight documents will be initiated in March.

Via the ASRC Sec. there has been an extended dialogue with the Chairman of the Model Aeronautics Council of Ireland (MACI) on the matter of mutual recognition of achievements. Their Chairman has indicated that there is a proposal to include the manoeuvres suggested by the ASRC (in order to facilitate recognition) into the MACI tests, and that once this has been put in place, MACI will make a further request for recognition to the ASRC.

Following discussion with the Tech. Sec., work has commenced on the preparation of the new Achievement Scheme handbook, which was agreed at the last Full Council meeting. The intention is to circulate a draft to all ASRC members in advance of the March meeting, for discussion at that meeting and hopefully (pending comments/corrections) timely adoption.

There was an action on the ASRC from the last Full Council meeting following a comment from Western Area "that they are hoping the ASRC will bring something forward that Club Examiners should be re-tested every 3-5 yrs. or encouraged to come to a workshop" There was some discussion on the merits and practicalities of implementing such a requirement, and the possibility of implementing some form of formal system to demonstrate continued competence. The ASRC consensus is that in principal the idea has merit. However, it was felt that it was vital to establish the national programme of workshops first, before implement any formal form of re-validation that required attendance. For illustration, only five Areas had organised workshops in 2014, and it was felt that the programme would probably take at least another year or two to become fully established nationally. The target is to have all Areas organise at least one workshop per year and all Area chairmen and co-ordinators are being encouraged to engage in this process. If delegates would take a request back to their Areas for them to organise a workshop(s), this would be appreciated.

In addition, the ASRC thought it important that Area chief examiners be involved in the process of organising and delivering workshops, and this will be incorporated in the 2015 version of the workshop guidance document.

Continuing the workshop theme, the ASRC also intends to support a small number, probably no more than three, Gas Turbine 'C' examiner training workshops in 2015. These will be to the same format as those organised for the introduction of the certificate, the purpose being to further expand the pool of examiners capable of examining candidates for the test, and thereby help maintain momentum and interest in the certificate. Several potential venues have been identified, with the intention being to provide good geographic coverage throughout the country.

Finally, it may be useful for delegates to pass back to their Areas and clubs, that the supply of cloth achievement scheme badges has come to an end, and that these will shortly be replaced by metal pin badges.

Duncan R McClure  
RC Power Achievement Scheme Controller & ASRC representative to Council  
6<sup>th</sup> January 2015



**ARCHIVISTS REPORT TO THE FULL COULCIL MEETING**

Eric and I have continued with our once a week archiving work over the past couple of months. Photographs are presenting a few problems; only the ones we can identify are being archived however the ones we have yet to identify are still being researched.

We have managed to record and store the collections donated by several notable members or their relatives such as Eddie Cosh, Norman Butcher, Laurie Barr and Ron Moulton to mention a few. Who knows one day they may be on display again.

Kath Watson, FSMAE.  
Vice President & Archivist  
September 2014

PROVISIONAL