

## MINUTES

### SOCIETY OF MODEL AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS LTD.

(T/A British Model Flying Association)

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 11am at  
College Court, Knighton Road, Leicester LE2 3TQ

Provisional until confirmed at the next Full Council Meeting.

#### PRESENT

Chris Moynihan	Chairman
Ian Pallister	Vice-Chairman
Mark Bennis	Honorary Secretary
Keith Lomax FSMAE	Honorary Treasurer
Jo Halman FSMAE	Competition Secretary
Peter Halman FSMAE	FAI Delegate
David Varallo	Technical Secretary
Peter Jenkins	East Anglia Area Delegate
Martin Lynn	Northern Area Delegate
Tom Jones	North East Area Delegate
David Lloyd-Jones	North West Area Delegate
Duncan McClure	South Midland Area Delegate
Stuart Willis	South East Area Delegate
Dave Burstow	Southern Area Delegate
Phil Durant	Western Area Delegate
Maurice Doyle	Northern Ireland Area Delegate
Ian Nelson	RAFMAA Area Delegate
Mike Woodhouse FSMAE	Free Flight TC Representative
Vernon Hunt	CLTC Representative
Mike Sollitt	Scale TC Representative

#### In Attendance

Linda Harding  
  
Dave Phipps  
Andy Symons

Office Manager /  
Minutes Secretary  
CEO  
Club Support Officer

#### Guests

Pete Tindal  
Kevin Morgan  
Paul Tallett

CLAPA Representative  
CLAPA Representative  
BMFA Member & PR  
Consultant

## AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for Absence.
- 2 Request for permission to be absent.
- 3 To verify the voting strength of the meeting.
- 4 Adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017.
- 5 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 6 To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer to include:
  - a The progress towards the year end Accounts.
- 7 To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer to include:
  - a Progress on PR in the BMFA.
- 8 To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.
- 9 To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary to include:
  - a The receipt of the Affiliated Club List.
  - b The receipt of the dates for Council Meetings in the year 2018.
  - c To discuss and agree the processes for the November elections.
  - d To determine the eligibility of any Elected Officers – *There are none*.
  - e To receive the following proposals:
    - i) For the removal of the Public Relations Officer (PRO) role from the Executive Board of Directors, and from the election process.
    - ii) That paragraphs (c) to (g) inclusive of Appendix P to the Council Handbook setting out the terms of reference of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee be changed (see full proposal appended).
- 10 To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.
- 11 To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include:
  - a The receipt and ratification of any contests for next year's FAI Calendar.
  - b To receive the following proposals:
    - i) Council Handbook Appendix G "Formation of, and Terms of Reference for, Technical Committees - Amend Section 2 – Terms of Reference (a) Responsibilities by adding two new clauses. (Proposal in full appended)
    - ii) Council Handbook Appendix L "Guidelines for Recognition as a Specialist Body – Amend Section 5 – The BMFA's Obligations clause 4.4 (a). (Proposal in full appended)
    - iii) New General Rule on Site Sharing. (Proposal in full appended)
    - iv) New General Rule: Minimum Standards for GBR Team Selection. (Proposal in full appended)

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- 12 To receive a report from the Records Officer.
- 13 To receive a report from the FAI Delegate to include:
  - a The receipt of the report of the recent CIAM Meeting.
- 14 To receive the following proposals:
  - a Proposal from CLTC that Control Line Aerobatic Pilot Association (CLAPA) be recognised as a Specialist Body.
  - b Proposal from Duncan McClure, Council Member that UK Team Manager's accommodation expenses are paid in full, even if they are accompanied by their partner when attending international competitions. Any additional expenses (including additional accommodation) incurred as a result of the partner attending any such events, will be the responsibility of the individual and not the BMFA.
- 15 To receive updated briefings and reports from the Technical Committees & the Power Nationals Co-ordinator for all the BMFA National Championships.
- 16 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)
- 17 To receive any reports from the following Committees (reports should be brief, preferably in writing and in advance):
  - a CAA Team
  - b Education Working Group
  - c University Challenge
  - d Computer Sub-Committee
  - e Safety Review Committee
  - f Achievement Scheme Review Committee
  - g BMFA News Publishers
  - h BMFA Archivist
  - i Club Support Officer
- 18 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.*
- 19 Date of next meeting.

*The Minutes begin overleaf.*

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The Chairman welcomed guest Paul Tallett, who is a BMFA member and a professional PR Consultant, to the meeting. Later in the meeting he will give a presentation formulating a BMFA PR strategy and, subject to Full Council's approval, will provide PR services for six months at an agreed remuneration.

The Chairman advised that there were also two guests from CLAPA (Control Line Aerobatics Pilots Association) Pete Tindal and Kevin Morgan who would be called in at the relevant point in the meeting to provide a presentation in support of their application to Council for Specialist Body status.

## **MINUTES**

### **2000/05/17 (1) Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from the following:

Simon Vaitkevicius Records Officer, Martin Dilly FSMAE London Area Delegate, Steve Mason Midland Area Delegate, Andrew Potts Mid-West Area Delegate, Pete Disney SW Area & RNMAA Delegate, Clive Needham SFTC Representative, Mike Colling FSMAE Indoor TC Representative.

### **2001/05/17 (2) Request for permission to be absent.**

There were none.

### **2002/01/17 (3) To verify the voting strength of the meeting.**

There were 19 (nineteen) members eligible to vote.

### **2003/05/17 (4) Adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

**East Anglia Area proposed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017 be accepted as a true record.**

Seconded by RAFMAA Area

**Vote: 18 in favour, 1 abstention**

**Carried by a majority vote.**

### **2004/5/17 (5) Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.**

## **ACTION/NOTES**

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- **Second paragraph, action CEO to write letter of complaint to the FAI to ask them to expedite sending out the Championship Medal and Certificate for Aaron Cole who won Junior Gold at the 2016 F3N Championships** - The CEO explained that he wrote to the FAI to inform them that he would be sending a letter of complaint. Soon after both the Medal and Diploma were received.

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Matters  
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**- 1095/01/17 (21) Full Council approval for Northern Ireland Area bid to the CIAM to hold an F2 European Championship in Belfast in 2019**

The Northern Ireland Area Delegate reported that unfortunately their proposal to CIAM was beaten by a bid from Gran Canaria. Council recorded their thanks to Maurice Doyle, Northern Ireland Area Delegate and his Committee, for their efforts.

This concluded matters arising.

**2005/05/17 (6) To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer to include:**

a) The Progress towards the Year End Accounts:

The Honorary Treasurer reported that the Accounts Manager has completed the first draft of the Year End Accounts. The year-end accounts as at March 2017, will show a surplus in the region of £37,000, subject to audit.

As reported at the 2017 January Council Meeting, HMRC has re-evaluated their assessment of how we charge and reclaim VAT. We have been working with the formula which was given to us twenty years ago by HMRC that our sporting activity is non-vatable and any commercial transactions are subject to VAT. It is a very complicated formula that has to be calculated each quarter.

Following a visit from the VAT Inspector, we were notified that the criteria for what we can class as vatable and non-vatable has been changed and this change was to be backdated four years. There is no appeal process. The invoice of approximately £31,000 had been received after the year-end accounts had been finalised.

It is proposed to transfer funds from the 2017 year-end to settle the VAT invoice so as not to affect this year's figures, which is a permitted action. This would then leave a net surplus figure in the region of £6000 - £7,000.

Mike Woodhouse FSMAE, Indoor TC Representative pointed out that this needed to be reflected as an extraordinary item in the accounts to indicate on which year this would have impacted.

The Honorary Treasurer advised that the Executive had agreed at their meeting yesterday to allocate £3,000 from a substantial bequest received recently, to top up the Central Team Travel Fund (CTTF), which will then show a reserve in the region of £4,800. The Honorary Treasurer will liaise with the Competition Secretary to determine the allocation between the various disciplines.

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**HON TREAS /  
COMP SEC**

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Treas  
Report  
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The National Centre at Buckminster is now up and running. As at year end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017, £143,000 has been allocated from the Development Reserve of approximately £335,000. This will now show as an asset which will be depreciated over the next 35 year lease term. As with the National Championships, there will be a sub-account for the National Centre which will be incorporated into the main accounts.

The National Centre is already generating revenue mostly from the sale of season tickets and a few occasional day visitors, which totalled approximately £1300 income in the first week of opening.

The FFTC Representative Mike Woodhouse FSMAE who is also member of the National Centre Steering Group, advised that he had provided Manny Williamson, National Centre Co-ordinator with information on various financial aspects but had received no feedback. He also reminded the Chairman that a caveat was set at the last Steering Group meeting that Manny Williamson, National Centre Co-ordinator was to prepare and circulate monthly updates to members of the Steering Group and this had also not been done.

The Chairman commented that this had been noted and it will be addressed.

**CHAIRMAN**

**VOTING NOW 20 (TWENTY) - 11.10am with the arrival of Tom Jones North East Area Delegate.**

**2006/05/17 (7) To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive to include the following:**

**Verbal report from the Chairman**

The Chairman reported that he had attended two progress meetings with the CEO in the last few months. He had also attended a meeting at the Leicester Office together with the CEO, Development Officer and Club Support Officer. Paul Tallett BMFA Member and professional PR consultant, had been invited to the meeting to present his ideas on the way forward for the Association in terms of PR.

There is a proposal on the agenda to remove the elected position of PRO on the Executive Committee. There have been many previous discussions on whether a more professional outlook in terms of PR should be adopted and the Executive felt that the time was right to do this.

The Chairman reported that he had received regular updates from Manny Williamson, Co-ordinator of the National Centre Steering Group however he had been remiss in reminding Manny to fulfil his obligation to produce monthly updates for the rest of the Steering Group

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The Chairman informed the meeting of the sad news that he had received this morning that John Thompson, a prominent member of the Free Flight fraternity and member of the BMFA Southern Area Committee, had died.

Chairman  
Report  
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The Chairman then invited Paul Tallett to present a brief outline of his thoughts and ideas on the way forward for the Association in terms of PR.

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**ELECTRONIC COPY OF PRESENTATION SENT AS SEPARATE ATTACHMENT TO THE MINUTES.**

Council applauded Paul's presentation.

Paul was asked to leave the room briefly whilst Council debated the proposition of engaging the services of a professional PR consultant.

The Chairman concurred with a comment made by the FFTC Representative that the Society has become very much more business orientated but some of the current policies and practices were not sufficient to effectively run a successful business.

**The Chairman proposed that we engage the services of Paul Tallett of Progression Marketing, for 4 hours per week for six months at a cost of £4,120 + VAT and a detailed report to be submitted at the end of the probationary period. Start date 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017.**

Seconded by North West Area  
**Vote: 19 in favour, 1 against**  
**Carried by a majority vote**

The Chairman pointed out that the cost would partly be offset by the removal of the PRO role from the Board of Directors, if Council agreed today to the proposal on the agenda from the Honorary Secretary.

At the end of the probationary period it can be determined whether this is the way forward on a more permanent basis for the Society.

In the interim Council will be provided with an update at the September Council Meeting.

**CHAIRMAN**

Paul re-joined the meeting and the Chairman informed him of Council's decision. The Chairman welcomed Paul on board and Council gave a round of applause.

**\*\*\*\*Note: the following item was brought forward hence agenda item number not in sequence \*\*\*\***

**2013/05/17 (14a) Proposal from CLTC that Control Line Aerobatic Pilot Association (CLAPA) be recognised as a Specialist Body.**

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting two representatives from CLAPA, Pete Tindal and KevinMorgan, to give a brief presentation in support of the above proposal.

Council members were allowed the opportunity to ask questions of the CLAPA representatives after which the Chairman asked the CLAPA representatives to leave the room whilst voting took place.

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The proposal was Seconded by North East Area Representative

**Vote: 12 in favour, 3 against, 5 abstentions  
Carried by a majority vote.**

CLAPA  
HON SEC  
OFFICE

The CLAPA representatives were invited back in to the meeting. The Chairman advised them of the vote in favour of Specialist Body Status and welcomed them back into the fold.

### **Verbal report from the CEO**

Since the last meeting the CEO had attended three meetings with the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) in Cologne, to discuss their prototype rules. The rules have now been published and the document comprises one hundred and twenty eight pages.

In the preamble to the document EASA made reference to more than one thousand email comments received from model aircraft practitioners (Mainly BMFA members) expressing their dissatisfaction with the requirements for model aircraft included in the regulations. This obviously had quite an impact for them to refer to it.

Based on these comments the latest document produced by EASA sees an improvement in the quality of the draft regulations and they have also developed additional options for model aircraft activities, which the CEO briefly explained to Council. These relate particularly to those model flyers that operate outside an organisation such as the BMFA. ~~Over the course of the next few days,~~ The CEO will publish a more concise summary on the BMFA website over the course of the next few days with a link to the actual document.

### **Post meeting note**

**Ctrl + Click on the following link to see full report.**

**<https://www.bmfa.org/News/News-Page/ArticleID/2466/Update-on-EASA-regulations>**

A European Model Flying Union (EMFU) is being formed to co-ordinate efforts throughout Europe in terms of regulations. It is essential that the BMFA is part of the Union to ensure that we continue to get representation in Europe after the Brexit process concludes.

The CEO attended meetings with the Department for Transport (DfT) and the CAA in the UK to discuss the ongoing situation with EASA.

Several meetings have been held with the Insurers, one of which was held at the National Centre. They remain very committed to supporting the project.

The CEO attended and assisted the Vice-Chairman Ian Pallister at the RAF Digby Vintage Day in support of RAFMAA.

He has attended a number of meetings at the National Centre, which is now open for business. Comments from visitors to the National Centre have been very positive. The CEO praised Manny Williamson, Mark Benns and Jim Wright for their input to the project so far.

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There will be an official opening with the date yet to be confirmed.

The first major event to be held at the National Centre is the University Payload Challenge which has previously been held for many years previously at Elvington in York. It takes place over the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> June and for the first time spectators will be permitted.

A substantial bequest has been received from a BMFA member Geoffrey Goldsmith, from Dorking. Manny Williamson dealt with a difficult insurance claim on behalf of Mr Goldsmith almost ten years ago. Mr Goldsmith was extremely grateful to Manny and remained a regular correspondent with him up until his death.

He has left the Association 10% of his Estate. We received the first cheque last week for £10,000 which was realised from assets in terms of shares. We are set to receive 10% of the house sale, the price of which has been agreed at £658,000.

The Royal Aero Club Awards Ceremony takes place next week. Amongst those attending to receive awards are:

The Competition Secretary Jo Halman FSMAE who will receive the RAeC Silver Medal; Mrs Eileen Sleight who will receive a posthumous award on behalf of her husband Robin Sleight MBE, FSMAE, the Society's previous Honorary Secretary; Richard (Dick) Spreadbury and Luke Wolferstan-Banister.

Arrangements are progressing well for the Free Flight Nationals in May and the Power Nationals in August at RAF Barkston Heath.

#### **2007/05/17 (8) To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman**

The Vice-Chairman reported on his activities since the last meeting.

He had attended the Electric Indoor Masters in January where he presented the prizes. He competed and judged at the Indoor Radio Control Scale Nationals and he also judged at the Indoor Free Flight Scale Nationals. He also judged at the Indoor Free Flight Scale Nationals where he presented the prizes on behalf of the Chairman. All three events were very successful.

The Vice-Chairman had attended an arbitration meeting, called and arbitrated by the Chairman, regarding Free Flight Scale participating at the Free Flight Nationals, the outcome of which was very successful.

He had attended a meeting at the Hinckley Island Hotel together with Linda Harding, Office Manager and the Hotel Events Co-ordinator to sample and agree the menu for this year's Annual Dinner and Prize-giving and to review the running order of last year's event. With a few changes in place, the 2017 Dinner should run more smoothly.

An updated copy of the Awards Procedure booklet is available to download from the BMFA website and printed copies are also available on request to the BMFA Office. The annual notice for awards nominations is published in the latest copy of the BMFA News Magazine. The Vice-Chairman asked Council Members to

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remind their Clubs that it is time to start thinking about eligible nominees.

The deadline for receipt of nominations is 1<sup>st</sup> August.

The relevant appendices in the Council Handbook, Appendix N & O relating to the Awards Procedure, have also been updated.

He now has enough copy now for the 'Confessions' column in the next few issues of BMFA News. In the latest copy of the BMFA News magazine Manny Williamson has published a comprehensive safety bulletin, which makes very good reading. It highlights once again the fact that the most common injury to modellers are fingers in propellers.

The Vice-Chairman reported that he had visited the National Centre and was pleased to see how the work had progressed on the house and the indoor flying arena.

**2008/05/17 (9) To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary to include:**

- a) **The receipt of the Affiliated Club List** - This was received.
- b) **The receipt of the dates for Council Meetings in the year 2018** - This was received.
- c) **To discuss and agree the processes for the November elections.** – The same process will be followed as in previous years.
- d) **To determine the eligibility of Keith Lomax FSMAE, the Honorary Treasurer (having served for 10 or more years in that position) to stand for re-election in accordance with rule 1.8 of the Council Handbook, Issue 8 – February 2015.**

A ballot was held and Council voted unanimously in favour of the Honorary Treasurer, Keith Lomax FSMAE being permitted to stand for re-election at the November AGM.

CEO  
OFFICE MGR

- e) **To receive the following proposals:**
  - i) **For the removal of the Public Relations Officer (PRO) role from the Executive Board of Directors, and from the election process.**

Seconded by the FAI Delegate

**Vote: 19 in favour, 1 abstention  
Carried by a majority vote**

HON SEC  
CHAIRMAN

Consequential changes need to be made to the Council Handbook.

HON SEC

**ii) That paragraphs (c) to (g) inclusive of Appendix P to the Council Handbook setting out the terms of reference for Achievement Scheme Review Committee be changed.**

Seconded by South Midland Area Delegate  
**Carried unanimously**

HON SEC  
ASRC

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**(APPENDIX A) (Full wording indicating changes )**

### **Honorary Secretary general report.**

The Honorary Secretary reported on his activities since taking up the post in January.

In February he chaired his first meeting of Areas Council in which focused on media, Area communication and Area Committees. The outcome was very positive and generated some new ideas for the way forward. The aim is to hold three meetings per year and the second meeting is scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> July.

Most BMFA Areas now have a Facebook page and a BMFA Areas Discussion Group page has also been set up and gaining feedback. Arrangements are in place to publish a regular 'Areas' column in the BMFA News magazine and thanks went to Tom Jones, North East Area Delegate for volunteering to manage this.

The Honorary Secretary also recorded his thanks to Andy Symons for expediting the Facebook pages.

He recorded his thanks to the Achievement Scheme Review Committee (ASRC) for the invaluable work that they do. He will continue to support them and work with them in the future.

The Honorary Secretary advised that he will be writing to Specialist Bodies to request feedback which will help to establish the reasons for non-compliance in some cases regarding the requirement of Specialist Bodies to supply certain information in order to maintain Specialist Body status.

Council Handbook updates are in progress.

### **2009/05/17 (10) To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.**

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

It was agreed that printing and circulating the revised Member's Handbook should proceed. An addendum will be published as soon as the revised CAP658 is received but in the meantime a notice will be sent out with the Member's Handbook referring members to the CAA website and recommending that they check the website for the latest version of CAP658.

The North West Area Delegate requested that we remove the old versions of the Member's Handbook from the BMFA website.

**TECH SEC  
CEO  
OFFICE MGR**

**WEBMASTER**

### **2010/05/17 (11) To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include the following:**

- a) **Receipt and ratification of any late contests for next year's FAI Calendar** – The Competition Secretary reminded Delegates to submit details as soon as they have them.

### **Competition Secretary general report.**

The Competition Secretary had attended five meetings so far this year:

The Team Manager Briefing meetings at the end of January and the beginning of February.

The Chairman's Arbitration Meeting with the Free Flight and Scale Technical Committees.

The National Centre Steering Group meeting on 18th February.

The Power Nationals Finance meeting on 18th February.

She was pleased to have been able to attend the Scale Indoor RC Nationals and was honoured to present the prizes. She regretted that a prior commitment prevented her from attending the Scale Indoor Free Flight Nationals. All being well she shall attend the Free Flight & Space Modelling and the Scale Free Flight Nationals at the end of the month.

She had generated the fillable pdf Nationals Entry Forms (NEFs) for the Free Flight & Space Modelling, the Scale Free Flight Nationals and the two Scale Indoor Nationals. She is currently collecting the data from the appropriate Technical Committees and RCP Specialist Bodies for the Power Nationals NEFs.

The F3J team has been withdrawn from the 2017 World Championships. Two members withdrew: one because of personal commitments and the other for financial reasons. The Competition Secretary wrote to the remaining members and reserve pilots. The two reserve pilots declined to be upgraded to the team and the remaining pilot and two towmen also decided to withdraw. The decision was made before the Final Entry Form or entry fees had been submitted and so there has been no negative financial impact.

The Competition Secretary had also ratified the following:

F3A Team: Garry Peacock & Steve Underwood.

F3A TM: Eugene Anker.

F3K Spotters: Haley Styche & Neil Harrison but Neil Harrison subsequently withdrew.

In F2D one of the mechanics had withdrawn and on the recommendation of the Control Line Technical Committee she ratified Graham Ives in his place.

Additionally in F2C the 1st placed qualifying team has withdrawn and the reserve team has moved from reserve to 3rd placed team.

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The Competition Secretary is in the process of arranging a Team Manager Briefing meeting for Eugene Anker, the newly ratified F3A Team Manager.

She had received an application for the Central Team Travel Fund (CTTF) "exceptional costs" for the F3A team for the World Championship taking place this year in Argentina. In accordance with the CTTF rules, she submitted this to the Executive Meeting yesterday and the support was approved

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The following proposals submitted by the Competition Secretary were duly considered.

**i) Council Handbook Appendix G Formation of, and Terms of Reference for, Technical Committees – Amend Section 2 – Terms of Reference (a) Responsibilities by adding two new clauses.**

**HON SEC  
COMP SEC  
TECH SEC**

Seconded by the Chairman  
**Carried unanimously**

**ii) Council Handbook Appendix L Guidelines for Recognition as a Specialist Body – Amend Section 5 – The BMFA's Obligations clause 4.4 (a).**

**HON SEC**

Seconded by the Honorary Secretary  
**Carried unanimously**

**iii) New General Rule on Site Sharing.  
At sites that can be shared simultaneously with compatible flying disciplines, Competition Organisers must not refuse to share the site for competitions or training days. The compatible disciplines must pay proportionally towards the cost of the site and facilities hire.**

Seconded by the Technical Secretary  
Vote: 7 in favour, 9 against, 4 abstentions  
**Defeated by a majority vote.**

Comments and objections debated in relation to the above proposal are reflected in the vote and subsequent defeat.

**2011/05/17 (12) To receive a report from the Records Officer.**

The Records Officer was absent but had provided a written report.

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**WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX C)**

The Competition Secretary supported the Records Officer's recommendation for the ratification of the following Record Claim and she commended it to Council in his absence.

A Hebb (035650) - F1D Rubber Duration -17/03/17 Slanic Salt Mine – 27 mins, 24 secs

Seconded by the Competition Secretary  
**Carried unanimously**

**RECORDS  
OFFICER  
OFFICE**

A request to adopt the Kielkraft Trophy which has been out of use for many years, was deferred to the September Council Meeting.

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OFFICER**

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The Records Officer recommended to Council the re-allocation of the Jack Marsh Trophy. This will be awarded to the Control Line Oliver Tiger Combat class for an official BMFA competition that currently takes place in July.

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The Competition Secretary supported the above recommendation. She advised that everything is in order and the trophy will continue its entitlement to be presented at the Annual Dinner and Prize giving with a dinner ticket funded by the Combat Flyers Association, a BMFA Specialist Body.

Proposed by the Records Officer  
Seconded by the Competition Secretary  
**Carried unanimously**

**RECORDS  
OFFICER  
COMP SEC  
ACCTS MGR**

**2012/05/17 (13) To receive a report from the FAI Delegate.**

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**WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX D)**

**2017 PLENARY MEETING – FAI Delegate**

**CIAM EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT - Mike Colling  
FSMAE, BMFA Education Manager**

**VOTING RESULTS - SENT AS SEPARATE ATTACHMENT TO  
THESE MINUTES.**

In addition to his written report the FAI Delegate advised that the FAI has entered into an agreement with DHL to assist with the shipping of all Air Sports equipment. This includes model aircraft, and in particular model aircraft that carry Lipos and applies to anyone travelling abroad as well as Teams competing in World/European Championships.

Information will be published on the BMFA website and in the BMFA News magazine.

Team Managers must provide the Competition Secretary with the relevant information if this service is required for shipping team equipment.

**CEO  
WEBMASTER**

**2013/05/17 (14) To receive the following proposals:**

**a) Proposal from CLTC that Control Line Aerobatic Pilot Association (CLAPA) be recognised as a Specialist Body.**

**\*\*\*\* BROUGHT FORWARD AFTER ITEM 2006/05/17 (7)  
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT \*\*\*\***

**b) From Duncan McClure, Council Member for the South Midland Area, that UK Team Manager's accommodation expenses are paid in full, even if they are accompanied by their partner when attending international competitions. Any additional expenses (including additional accommodation) incurred as a result of the partner attending any such events, will be the responsibility of the individual and not the BMFA.**

Seconded by FFTC

Duncan McClure Delegate for the South Midland Area advised that subsequent to submitting the proposal in his capacity as a Council Delegate, a South Midland Area Meeting had taken place and the proposal received the full support of that meeting.

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Proposal  
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The Honorary Secretary and Competition Secretary both pointed out that Team Manager Guidelines/Financial Regulations refer to shared accommodation which is quite clear, fair and unambiguous and which has worked well and without problems since its inception many years ago. They felt that this proposal was both unnecessary and ambiguous.

**There was an amendment to the proposal to insert the word “reasonable” in between “Team Manager’s” and “accommodation”.**

Seconded by FFTC

**Vote: 15 in favour, 3 against, 2 abstentions  
Amendment carried**

The substantive proposal now reads:

**That UK Team Manager’s reasonable accommodation expenses are paid in full, even if they are accompanied by their partner when attending international competitions. Any additional expenses (including additional accommodation) incurred as a result of the partner attending any such events, will be the responsibility of the individual and not the BMFA.**

**Vote: 9 in favour, 9 against, 2 abstentions**

The Chairman had the casting vote. He explained that both sides of the issue had some merit; however it was felt that if this proposal is adopted as a BMFA policy, that the accommodation costs of wives or partners would be paid by the BMFA, then a negative perception of this would likely be generated within our membership. Hence his vote against the proposal:

**9 in favour, 10 against, 2 abstentions  
Defeated by a majority vote**

Comments and objections debated in relation to the above proposal are reflected in the vote and subsequent defeat.

**VOTING NOW 19 (NINETEEN)  
*(3.35pm the FAI Delegate left the meeting)***

**2014/05/17 (15) To receive updated briefings and reports from the Technical Committees & the Power Nationals Co-ordinator for all the BMFA National Championships.**

**Scale** – Both the Indoor Scale Nationals held in March and April were very successful. The Scale Free Flight Nationals to be held at the end of May are in hand.

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**Free Flight** - WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX E)

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**Control Line** – Everything is in place for the Control Line Nationals and they have a full complement of CDs.

Nationals  
Updates  
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**Indoor** – Indoor recorded their thanks to the Vice-Chairman for recommending RAF Shawbury to hold the Indoor Duration Nationals. A weekend has been secured for 16/17<sup>th</sup> September and everyone is welcome to attend.

**Power Nationals Co-ordinator** – Arrangements are in hand for the Power Nationals in August. There are a few issues still to be resolved but all is satisfactory.

Dave Phipps, Power Nationals Co-ordinator recorded his thanks to the Vice-Chairman, Ian Pallister for his liaison with his colleagues at RAF Cranwell on the BMFA's behalf. It is greatly appreciated.

Subject to agreement from the airfield operator, the Trade Area will be centred in and around the concrete apron as in previous years and the Show Line will remain in the corner of the airfield where Pylon used to be located.

Availability of RAF Barkston Heath for 2018 is uncertain at this stage.

**2015/05/17 (16) To receive any reports from the following Delegates:**

- a) **Royal Aero Club Delegate (RAeC)**  
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**WRITTEN REPORT – February 2017 and April 2017 (APPENDIX F)**
- b) **General Aviation Safety Council (GASCo)**  
No Report.
- c) **Airprox** – No report.
- d) **Sport and Recreation Alliance (SRA and formerly CCPR)** -  
No report.
- e) **General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)** – Nothing to report related to model flying.

**2016/05/17 (17) To receive any reports from the following Committees:**

- a) **CAA Team** – No report.
- b) **UKRCC** – Nothing to report.
- c) & d) **Education Working Group / University Challenge**  
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**WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX G)**
- e) **Computer Sub-Committee – Verbal report from Stuart Willis, member of the Computer Sub-Committee** - Replacement of the membership system and back office systems is being looked into.  
  
It has been decided to look at a web-based system that has a front-end that can be customised to the individual company.  
There would be a monthly maintenance fee plus running costs but no up-front cost.

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Reports  
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Two Companies that specialise in this system recently provided a demonstration of their respective products. Both Companies provide the system to various large Sport Associations.

It is intended to integrate the system in respect of email communication and in line with any recommendations following the six month professional PR exercise.

There will be a more in-depth meeting with both Companies and it is hoped to update Council at the September meeting.

The CEO extended his gratitude to Stuart for his valuable contribution to the Computer Sub-Committee. Council showed its appreciation with a round of applause.

- f) **Safety Review Committee – Verbal report from Ian Pallister (Vice-Chairman) Chairman of SRC** – The SRC is introducing regular safety related columns in the BMFA News magazine and he is in constant review of this in conjunction with Manny Williamson, Development Officer.

There was an action at the last SRC meeting for ESAG (Electrical Safety Advisory Group) to review and refresh the Battery Handbook, which hasn't been actioned and he will be addressing this with them.

VICE-  
CHAIRMAN

- g) **Achievement Scheme Review Committee**  
\*\*\*\*\* **WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX H)** – The Achievement Scheme Controller read out the whole of the written report that he had produced. He felt it would impact more and emphasise the value of the work of the ASRC.

- h) **BMFA News Publishers** –The next issue will be hitting doormats soon. There is a slightly new format which hopefully will be seen as an improvement.

- i) **BMFA Archivist** – No report.

- j) **Club Support Officer**  
\*\*\*\*\* **WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX I)**

#### **2017/05/17 (18) Any Other Business.**

There was none.

#### **2018/05/17 (19) Date of Next Meeting.**

The next meeting was confirmed as **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017** at College Court Conference Centre, Knighton Road, Leicester, starting at 11am.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 4.10pm.

**SOCIETY OF MODEL AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS LIMITED**  
**(T/A British Model flying Association)**  
**P R O P O S A L F O R M**

Please use **BLOCK LETTERS** for handwritten proposals.

Indicate the appropriate Council Agenda: **FULL / AREAS / TECHNICAL** (delete those which are inapplicable).

**Proposals must reach the Chief Executive no later than the Monday, 26 days prior to the Council Meeting.**

Use a separate sheet for long proposals or reasons and attach to this form. Refer to the notes on page 2 regarding the conditions for submitting proposals.

**PROPOSAL:**

That Paragraphs (c) to (g) inclusive of Appendix P to the Council Handbook setting out the terms of reference of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee be changed to read as follows:

- (c) The membership of the ASRC shall consist of the Achievement Scheme Controller/s and seven elected members. The elected members of the ASRC will be those members elected by the first Area Council (or if no Areas Council meeting is scheduled, the first Full Council meeting of the year to fill the vacancies on the ASRC. This first Area Council (or as relevant – Full Council) meeting of the year will include in the agenda for that meeting, the election of members to fill the ASRC vacancies. **Additionally there is a standing invitation to the Club Support Officer to attend in a non-voting capacity.** One of the ASRC members must be a Full Council member and in the event that the ASRC membership does not already include a full Council member, the ASRC shall nominate a delegate to Full Council and Council may then co-opt that delegate as a Full Council member. An ASRC meeting requires a quorum of five people (from the seven, elected or co-opted, members and the Achievement Scheme Controllers).
- (d) Notice of vacancies on the ASRC shall be posted in the BMFA News to appear in September seeking candidates to apply for such vacancies. Applications must include a CV based on the form (see Annex A to these Terms of Reference). Applications in response to the BMFA News posting should be sent to the Honorary Secretary c/o the BMFA office to be received by the end of October. Potential members should be experienced flyers, preferably with experience as Scheme Examiners or Instructors and they must have an overriding interest in the Achievement Scheme
- (e) **Elected members shall each serve for two years, with half their number retiring each year in rotation Thus, four members of the ASRC shall retire in even years and the other three in odd years but they may apply for re-election.**  
~~Four members of the ASRC shall retire in even years and the other three in odd years but they may apply for re-election~~ Applications for membership of the ASRC shall be considered at the first Area (or Full) Council meeting of each calendar year and appointment of the applicants to ASRC membership will be accomplished by votes from accredited members of the Area Council. In filling the vacant post, the Area Council must be cognisant of the important need to maintain a balance of relevant skills, experience and interests on the ASRC.
- (f) If the membership of the Committee's standing members is not filled, the Committee may co-opt to bring the number of standing members up to seven. **Co-opted members may only serve until the next election, ie for a maximum of one year.**
- (g) **The ASRC Chairman will be elected annually, at the first ASRC meeting of the year, by the Committee from its own members and this appointment notified to the Areas and Full Council.** ~~The Chairman of the ASRC will be elected annually by the ASRC members at the first meeting of the ASRC each year.~~ Prior to the first ASRC meeting following the elections by the Area Council, the Area Council Chairman will delegate one of the ASRC members to act as an interim Chairman pending the election of a Chairman by the ASRC members.

**REASON:**

Following extensive discussions with the ASRC it was considered essential that the makeup of the ASRC committee should cover expertise from all RC sub categories/ disciplines therefore the current election process for ASRC members should remain.

**ELECTED OFFICERS/COUNCIL MEMBER**

Proposed by: Mark Bennis  
 Date: 05/04/2017

Post: Honorary Secretary

Signature of Officer/Council Member:

***(Only sign if not submitted electronically)***

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEES OR THE ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME REVIEW COMMITTEE (ASRC)**

Proposed by:  
 Date of Meeting:  
 Date:

Technical Committee / ASRC (delete as appropriate)

Voting Results: For: Against: Abstentions:

Signature of Committee Secretary / ASRC Council Member:

***(Only sign if not submitted electronically)***

## Technical Secretary's Report to Full Council – 12/05/17

### 1. General Regulations and Rules

This document needs reviewing in one or two areas, and so will be an item for discussion on the agenda of the next Technical Council Meeting, but in the meantime if anyone knows of anything in these rules that needs amendment perhaps they would let me know.

### 2. Competition Rules

All complete for the current year and available for download, on the website.

### 3 Member's Handbook.

The Insurance section has now been inserted and the document formatting completed. However, there are still one or two outstanding queries with the Insurers and the updates to CAP 658 are not yet available.

If the document were to be printed now the overall cost of producing sufficient copies for each member is probably in the order of £10,000 plus delivery costs, but it needs to be remembered that a second revised copy, or an addendum booklet, might need to be issued shortly thereafter, if and when the CAP 658 amendments are available, which would increase that cost

An alternative would be to delay issuing a printed version until after any CAP 658 amendments, but to make the current copy available on the website only. This would obviously be very easy to update, but would limit its accessibility to those who have internet access

A third alternative is, of course, to do nothing until CAP658 has been finalised.

I therefore, with the Chairman's permission, would like to seek the views of Full Council.

### 4. Publicity

Over the weekend of the 23/24<sup>th</sup> April South Lincs Soarers had a stand at the Spalding Hobbies and Model Engineering Show. I attended in conjunction with the Records Officer and we had the BMFA Simulator Trailer there together with BMFA publicity publications.

The show was well attended and I was approached by a number of people showing interest in joining or at least paying their current year subscriptions. These were referred to the BMFA website. The Simulator was well used, particularly by the younger generation and a fair number of 'Drone Aware' leaflets were issued.

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BMFA Technical Secretary.

**Report for the BMFA May Council meeting 2017 from the Records Officer – Simon Vaitkevicius**

I must firstly give my apologies to the BMFA Council for be in absent from the meeting this weekend. I have had to travel on business to the US – I have a training course to deliver in Minneapolis and have to position myself out there for Monday morning.

Generally, there is very little to report so far in the way of record claims are concerned. There is one claim on the agenda to ratify and I would like to commend this is ratified at the council meeting. I have checked that it is a true claim and valid.

In addition to this I have had two requests for adoption of trophies and one re-allocation to propose to Council These are as follows:

1. Proposal for the adoption of the John Oliver Memorial Trophy

CLTC have requested that a new trophy be adopted for CL Vintage Combat for the Oliver Tiger competition which is held at Old Warden in September. There is some background to this at the end of this report. The trophy will be available for inspection at the Council meeting. The competition is an official BMFA event and I am happy that the trophy will be acceptable for adoption.

2. Jack Marsh trophy

The re-allocation of the The Jack Marsh Trophy. This will now be awarded for the July CL Vintage Oliver Tiger class combat meeting which is now an official BMFA competition.

**The John Oliver Memorial Trophy**

I'm sure you will all know that Peter Freebrey died early last year. Peter was well known as a combat flyer with the Northwood club in the fifties and sixties and latterly in free flight and model rocketry. He was also a member of the CIAM. Peter of Course designed the famous Chaos combat model which is still flown today fifty years later in Vintage Combat

Vernon Hunt knew Peter well and after his death decided to commemorate his life by presenting a trophy for Vintage Combat at the Nationals. This was first awarded last year and presented at the BMFA dinner to the winner of the Nationals Oliver Tiger combat event. Shortly after Peters death John Oliver also left us. I'm sure that everyone will agree that the Oliver Tiger was and still is probably the most famous model engine ever made. It was used for team race and combat from the fifties until mid seventies. In combat it was used almost exclusively until a thirst for speed made it uncompetitive. Everyone throughout the world knows this name and holds it with great respect.

John Oliver virtually stopped making motors in the early eighties. However in the early nineties and after a visit from aeromodeller who shall be nameless to his sick bed in Dorset, John was "persuaded" to come out of retirement and start building new and experimental engines. He carried on in this way for another fifteen or twenty years when he eventually sold his business to Tom Ridley.

To cut a long story short, and with John as consultant, Tom restarted the production of many of the Oliver engines as well as developing the JO19 Vintage Combat engine which is still in competitive use today.

Soon after John's death I felt that another trophy was needed to commemorate his life and work. I had in mind a MK 4 Oliver engine on a wooden plinth but had no motor available. I asked around to see if anyone could build a motor from spare parts that would just look the part. Obviously it didn't need to run. Initially I had no success until I asked Tom Ridley if he had an old Mk4 crankcase that he could spare. He said no but then offered to donate a brand new motor for the trophy.

Tom and John had been very good friends. It was quite a gesture. I was very thankful. I told Tom that the nominated event for the trophy was taking place in two weeks time and he said "Well, you've got plenty of time to get the plinth made the haven't you?" He was right. I approached a local woodworking friend and together we designed a suitable base on which to mount the Mk4. It was made in less than a week and had the engraved plates fitted days later.

At Old Warden last September and in warm sunshine, Tom Ridley presented the John Oliver Memorial Trophy to Martin Kizsel who won the Oliver Tiger combat event on that day. It was one of Tom's last acts as sadly he himself died only weeks later.

The Peter Freebrey trophy was presented at the BMFA dinner last November as it replaced the Jack Marsh trophy owned by the BMFA. I feel that the John Oliver Trophy is in fact at least as important as the Peter Freebrey and consequently propose that it also should be presented at the BMFA dinner in memory of both John and Tom. I hope you agree. Not only is it important, it's very beautiful!

Richard Evans . Chairman, Combat Flyers Association. 03/02/17.

### **FAI Delegate's Report on the 2017 CIAM Plenary Meeting**

The 2017 Plenary meeting was held in Lausanne on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> April the Hotel Movenpick was not available so the meeting took place in one of the ballrooms of the Royal Savoy Hotel. The meeting was attended by 35 voting delegates 6 of whom carried a proxy vote, plus a number of other non voting technical experts. The BMFA delegation consisted of me as Delegate, Jo Halman (Alternate and bid presenter for the 2019 F2 European Championships), and Mike Colling (Education). Ian Keynes attended as F1 Sub Committee Chairmen. I would like to thank all of the members of the BMFA delegation for their hard work and support before during and after the meeting with special thanks to Jo Halman for her help to record the voting and her excellent presentation of the bid for the 2019 F2 European Championships bid in Belfast and Mike Colling for helping to record the voting during the Plenary meeting.

The Plenary meeting convened at 09.15 on 28<sup>th</sup> a minutes silence was observed in memory of those we had lost during the last year. The main business began in the afternoon following the Technical Meetings which had taken place during that morning.

Paul Eisner was awarded the Andre Tupolev medal for winning the World Championship and British National Championship in F2A.

The open forum this year looked at ways our sport could be better presented to the public. FAI is keen to promote multi airport events which would combine model flying with full size activity.

The CIAM Plenary again used an electronic voting system for the secret ballots for the CIAM awards, elections and for the awarding of Championships there were some initial problems as Markus Haggenev familiarised himself with the software. Once sorted out the voting worked extremely well.

There were two changes of subcommittee chairman with both Michael Ramel F3 Aerobatics and Dag Eckhoff F3 Helicopter leaving their posts. The new F3 Aerobatics subcommittee chairman is Peter Uhlig (GER) and the F3 Helicopter subcommittee chairman is Stefan Wolf (GER). The other subcommittee chairmen, Ian Keynes F1, Tomas Bartovsky F3 Soaring and Rob Metkemijer F3 Pylon were all re-elected by proclamation.

The CIAM scholarship for 2015 was awarded to Taron Malkhasyan (USA), this was his second application his first being unsuccessful. Again I regret that there were no nominations from the UK for this award.

There were seven scheduled Technical Meetings, (F1 Free Flight, F3 Soaring, F3 Aerobatics, F3 Helicopter, F3 Pylon, Drone Racing and Education) there were no interim meetings.

The BMFA delegation attended four of the Technical Meetings. F1 Free Flight, F3 Soaring, F3 Aerobatics and Education. Our delegation did an excellent job in presenting the UK 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:

- FAI is planning to run a World Championship for drone racing late 2017 or early 2018. They would not be drawn on the details of entry criteria, nor did they give any indication when this information would be forthcoming.
- The first F5J Championships were awarded.
- Junior age limit rise referred to Bureau.

The bid to run F2 European Championships was beaten by the bid from Gran Canaria; although our bid was very well prepared and presented we could not match the weather on offer in Spain!

I am hopeful that the Buckminster Lodge will provide the opportunity for the United Kingdom to run some future Championships.

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  
5<sup>th</sup> May 2017

## Report on 2017 CIAM Plenary Meeting.

My travel to Geneva using EasyJet was, as in previous years, the most cost effective, again I stayed at the Du Port Hotel.

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

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

There were eight people attending the meeting, this is two up on last year. The need to attract more people from the other Sub Committees (or NAC's) still needs to be addressed.

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

Item 1. I supported the decision not to change the age limit of juniors.

I am happy to help in getting a diploma that recognises educational model flying contests awarded by the FAI.

Item 2. The standard of the entrants to the CIAM Scholarship has improved this year which made the decision of awarding the scholarship harder.

Item 3. No additional comment.

Item 4. No additional comment.

Item 5. No additional comment.

Item 6. I reported on the BMFA Aerojet being a good model for the very young.

Item 7. I was particularly interested in Wout Heijne's (NL) project that is sponsored by the Dutch military to encourage students in engineering and technology with the offer of a job for the successful ones at the end of the course.

To encourage better attendance at the Education meeting it starts late (11.30 am) and to allow time for lunch the meeting is limited to 1 hour obviously reducing discussion time, even so three who attended were late due to their other technical meetings overrunning. 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. I think the meeting room, at the Savoy, this year was better than last year at the Movenpick.

During the rest of the meeting, I assisted the FAI Delegate with the results of the voting up to 11:45 on Saturday when I had to leave to catch my flight home so saving the cost of a extra nights stay.

### Information obtained outside the meeting.

I was able to obtain more details about Wout Heijne's (NL) project and he has promised to send me information of the models used.

Mike Colling, Fellow  
BMFA Education Working Group.

## **Free Flight report to Full Council 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

### **Free Flight Nationals 2017**

With the availability of Barkston Heath for the free flight nationals planning is well up to speed. The only issue is the usual one of obtaining CDs for the myriad of events that are being run, almost resolved with only one event to sort. As in 2016 the FFTC are pleased to advise that in addition to Space and SAM35 we will be joined by the scale community.

The entries are coming in at the expected rate, there is always a late surge. On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> we had 174 competitors registered.

All we need is now is a spell of decent weather!

**Michael J. Woodhouse**

## ROYAL AERO CLUB DELEGATE'S REPORT – February 2017

I attended the RAeC Council meeting on Feb. 9th and the preceding Award Committee meeting and the following points may be of BMFA interest.

1) The Awards Committee made the following recommendations for awards to BMFA nominees, which were agreed by Council:

RAeC Silver Medal – Jo Halman

RAeC Bronze Medal – Ian Dowsett, the late Robin Sleight, Luke Wolferstan-Bannister -

RAeC Certificate of Merit – Oldham MAC, Richard Spreadbury

President's Breitling Trophy – Aaron Cole

The Awards Evening will be on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the RAF Club. The Duke of York has been invited but we have not yet had a response.

2) It is planned to hold another single-topic conference in late October, probably at the National Model Flying Centre. The topic will be youth and education..

3) There are currently two bids to hold an event for the Queen's Cup this year, one from the BPPA and one from the BMFA for an RC pylon racing event. RAeC Council will make a decision by e-mail in the near future.

4) 2018 is the centenary of the RAF. A meeting is planned to decide what involvement there could be with the BMFA to celebrate the occasion.

5) The budget was discussed and the serious negative result of Brexit on the exchange rate will have a considerable effect on our FAI subscription, which will rise from around £32K to about £36K. It will also, of course, affect the costs of international teams. In 2016 the loss of a major sponsor of the Awards Evening had resulted in the event making a loss.

6) Dave Phipps continues to spend a great deal of his time at meetings around Europe on the draft regulations for unmanned aerial systems, with the aim of minimising the way they may affect orthodox model flying.

7) There are bids to hold the 2019 World Air Games from the USA (Albuquerque) and Malaysia. As the latter is no longer a paid-up FAI member, it is unclear how their bid was accepted.

8) The manager of Popham airfield, where the FPV drone racing championships and the microlight championships were held last year, presented a paper on the effect on a commercial GA airfield of holding such events. A related document listed some of the considerations when planning such events, and this could be relevant to the future use of our National Centre.

Martin Dilly  
RAeC Delegate

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## ROYAL AERO CLUB DELEGATE'S REPORT – April 2017

I attended the RAeC Council meeting on April 11th and the following points may be of BMFA interest.

- 1) The proposed RAeC single topic conference will probably be on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> at Buckminster on the subject of education and youth.
- 2) The Awards Evening will be on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the RAF Club. The guest will be the Officer Commanding, Battle of Britain Memorial Flight.
- 3) There were three bids to hold an event for the Queen's Cup this year, including one from the BMPRA for an F3T contest. The decision after a vote went to the Helicopter Club of Great Britain, possibly coloured by the fact that a BMFA discipline had the Cup last year.
- 4) Discussions continue regarding RAeC involvement in the 2018 centenary of the RAF. It was mentioned that the RAeC itself actually provided the first aircraft that formed the Royal Flying Corps, the RAF's predecessor.
- 5) Regarding drone legislation, there is some progress towards more commonsense regulation and a further EASA consultation paper will appear at the end of April. Dave Phipps, as technical expert to EAS represents model flying interests to EASA. Most recently he was involved in the mid-March EAS meeting in Berlin and reports some progress. Watch the BMFA website for details of this and where comments on the EASA consultation paper can be made.
- 6) It was noted that the funding for opposing unreasonable legislation seems to come almost entirely from model flyers themselves via the BMFA, and that some support from manufacturers and traders would be welcome..
- 7) As well as the need for funding, it was emphasised that far more volunteers are required to do the work the funding allows. Without such people coming forward, or if one or two of the existing core suffer a mishap, then we are all in very serious trouble. The same, of course, applies to the BMFA Council.
- 8) With the retirement of Diana King an editor is needed for the RAeC newsletter.

Martin Dilly  
RAeC Delegate

14.4.17

## Education Working Group and Flight Challenge Report BMFA Council 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Since my last report I have attended the CIAM Education Sub Committee Meeting, where I was able to obtain information on new aeromodelling initiatives from as far away as Holland and South Korea that I hope will give me ideas on how to revamp the Education Programme to bring it in line with modern education and manufacturing developments. I also ran a helicopter workshop at a primary school in Southport as part of National Science week.

I have been informed that entries are doing well for this years University and Schools Payload Challenges with about 28 teams at the last count. The flying part of the Challenges will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> June 2017, at the National Centre, Buckminster. as reported in last Aprils BMFA News. I am personally looking forward to the new venue.

As announced at the end of last year the production of the Sky Hi Educational kits were to be transferred to the BMFA. I was hoping that this would happen by the end of the financial year. However there has been a small delay and I am continuing to fill orders when required. I hope that the transfer will be completed soon.

Mike Colling  
Education Working Group.

**Achievement Scheme Review Committee  
Report to Full Council Meeting  
12<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

The ASRC has met twice so far in 2017, in February and April. An informal meeting is scheduled for Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June at the National Centre, and a provisional date of 4<sup>th</sup> November has been agreed for the important task of reviewing all Achievement Scheme materials for 2018.

Key developments within the period include:-

- The two one day Achievement Scheme Conferences planned for earlier in the year have taken place. Both events were very well attended and a large volume of very positive feedback has been received from both events. The committee are pleased that the overriding sentiment from these events was a real sense of 'All in it together' rather than a 'them and us', which is excellent.  
As a result of the success of these conferences, a **third** event is being planned for **November**, provisionally at the **National Centre**.  
A spin-off of the events has been the development of a standardised ASRC club night presentation.
- One of the outcomes of the conferences has been the establishment of an ASRC Action Plan. This is essentially an internal tool to ensure that all questions and enquiries relevant to the Scheme are responded to accordingly. Where appropriate, committee members will take ownership of a query and see it through to close out. This will be a living document going forward, and hence will provide a long term record of the work undertaken by the committee.
- In addition, to support and run alongside the Action Plan, an ASRC Communications Strategy has been developed. The aim of this is to aid both understanding and promotion of the scheme and help to ensure consistency with any broader BMFA PR initiatives. A regular Achievement Scheme presence in the BMFA News is one of the initiatives of the strategy, and a number of articles have been identified for inclusion in the remainder of the issues planned for 2017.
- Following the success of the introduction of a downloadable test form for the Basic Proficiency Certificates, it has been agreed that all Scheme test forms will be modified to a similar format, so that for 2018 onwards, all test forms will be available for examiners to download.
- Another notable outcome of the conferences has been the establishment of an Achievement Scheme Facebook page. This has already proven to be extremely popular with members and has produced some very useful discussions. The membership is controlled and moderated by the Club Support Officer, the Hon. Sec. and the Scheme Controller and to date general behaviour has been excellent. Members are warned when they join that any abusive and or inappropriate behaviour will result in their removal from the Group!

- Following the success of the Multi-Rotor Guidance video, which stimulated a significant volume of positive feedback, the committee has decided to develop similar guidance for the FW 'A' certificate. Preparations are in place for the filming of key elements of this to take place at the event at the National Centre scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> June. Importantly, the video will feature more than just flying, with discussion or 'banter' elements being used to cover certain aspects, for example positioning between manoeuvres. It is also planned to use animation and or diagrams within the guidance, particularly to help illustrate the shape and positioning of manoeuvres.
- The committee has recognised the necessity to continually monitor technical advances within the sport, notably those applied to drones and the use of GPS. Consideration of any relevant technical developments will be an important element of the November review of scheme materials for 2018.
- Although not directly related to the Achievement Scheme, the Committee continues to monitor developments with the EASA 'Prototype Rules' and liaises with the CEO on such matters, as appropriate.
- The Committee has identified two important operational changes that it intends to present to Areas Council for consideration very shortly. These are:-
  - a) A proposal to permit, primarily for the purposes of **'B' Certificate testing only**, that all Area Chief Examiners be able to operate as an ACE i.e. able to conduct a 'B' test without another examiner, when conducting any testing at the **National Centre**. Under normal circumstances, an ACE only enjoys Club Examiner rights when operating outside of their area, so this proposal would effectively give the NC site a special 'all areas' status. The reasoning behind this is to simplify and expedite testing at the NC.
  - b) The current club Registered Instructor re-ratification process is causing unnecessary paperwork for the office, primarily as a result of Clubs making changes to their Registered Instructors at the beginning of each year, which then requires the re-issue of a significant volume of associated membership cards. As a result, the committee is suggesting that a solution could be to keep Registered Instructors under club control, but that this would no longer be logged on the individual membership cards. As a substitute, clubs would be provided with an electronic template to enable them to independently generate their own Registered Instructor Certificates for their members, as appropriate. All of this will need to be consistent with and dependent on developments with any new database system at the Leicester office.  
The arrangements for Approved Instructors, Qualified Instructors and Area Chief Instructors would remain unchanged.

Duncan R McClure  
ASRC Sec. and representative to Council  
May 2017

## Club Support Officers Report May 2017

The first event of the year for me was the Electric Indoor Masters which I co-ordinated, the event produced a small surplus this year, despite both entries and spectator numbers being down, we are looking at ways to stimulate more interest for 2018 and the provisional dates are January 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, we are looking at a new entry level class and possibly holding a swapmeet on the Sunday too. I also attended the Northern Achievement Scheme Roadshow in February and North East "Area Roadshow" in April. I have attended all ASRC meetings and the Areas council meeting so far in 2017.

I have given club talks at the Solihull, Burbage & Bedworth, Rolls Royce Hucknall and Pontefract & District clubs since the last council meeting, these have all been well received.

At the Areas Council meeting in February it was decided to work on improved communications between the areas and clubs and individuals in the areas, to this end it was decided to work towards better and more "corporate" area websites with corresponding Facebook pages, at the moment the Northern, North-East, Midland, Western, Mid West and East Anglia areas have a new website up and running, the remaining areas should contact me to get the ball rolling if they wish to take advantage of this. We are currently hosting 44 affiliated club websites too. Another very real benefit of affiliation.

I had an excellent response to my call for information about clubs who are happy to accept "drone flyers" as members and the "Drone Friendly" Club list is growing, frustratingly the Drone aware website was the victim of a hacking, however I am well on the way to having it reinstated.

There are a couple of planning applications in process and I also assisted the Dorset Model Helicopter Club with a successful application for their site.

Delegates may recall from a previous report that Bristol City Council were proposing new Byelaws that would restrict model aircraft flying to just one public site in the area, I arranged a meeting with the council who agreed two further locations where BMFA members can fly and expressed a willingness to approve further areas if they are deemed suitable.

The club corner section of the BMFA news which I compile is proving popular and receiving good feedback, I am running on low on club profiles for future editions so it would be useful if area delegates could prompt their clubs, a club profile is an excellent and free way for a club to get the word out about its activities and events. While I have not been particularly involved in the development of BMFA Buckminster (apart from the website) I can report that the National centre team has really produced a fantastic facility and the works are top class. I will be organising a sport fly-in over the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> June which should be an excellent opportunity for members to come along and visit the centre and enjoy some relaxed flying.

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