

# SOCIETY OF MODEL AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS LTD

(T/A British Model Flying Association)

## TO ALL AREA COUNCIL MEMBERS

There will be an Area Council Meeting on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
at 11.00am at Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrew's Road, Leicester LE2 8RE

Tel: 0116 2440028 Fax: 0116 2440645.

## A G E N D A

- 1 Apologies for Absence.
- 2 Request for Permission to be Absent.
- 3 Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Area Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017.
- 4 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 5 Communication strategy.
- 6 To receive reports from the Achievement Scheme Controllers (*Power & Silent Flight*)
- 9 To receive the following proposals:
  - a) *From ASRC, that for the purposes of Achievement Scheme tests, the BMFA National Centre at Buckminster be effectively granted 'all areas' status i.e. that the National Centre effectively resides in every BMFA Area. Please note that all Club Examiner (CE) tests must still follow the established procedure, with all requests for CE tests being made to the Area Co-ordinator, as at present. In accordance with the Achievement Scheme Handbook, club rights, in respect of recognising Achievement Scheme tests, are NOT affected by this proposal.*
  - b) *From Western Area, to increase the number of ASRC core members from the current 7 to 8. To amend the Council Handbook (Issue v8 dated Feb15) Appendix P, page 65, sub paragraph (c), to read eight elected members rather than the seven currently detailed. Other paragraphs will also need to be amended to reflect this change.*
  - c) *From East Anglia Area, that the term "Club Examiner" be replaced with the term "BMFA Examiner".*
- 10 To receive reports from committees or co-ordinators related to the business of this meeting.
  - a) Achievement Scheme Review Committee

- 11 To receive reports from Area Committees. (Please ensure your Area prepares a maximum of 1 x A4 page synopsis of your report for the meeting. Photocopying facilities are available at Chacksfield House if required.)
- 12 To receive any reports from the Office and any Elected Officers specifically relating to Areas Council.
- 13 Any Other Business.  
Note: Items for Any Other Business must be handed to the Chairman of the Meeting **IN WRITING** before the meeting commences. This will be strictly enforced.

Linda Harding  
Office Manager.  
16<sup>th</sup> June 2017

**CIRCULATION:**

All Council Members  
SAA Delegate  
All Area Chairmen  
All Area Secretaries  
RNMAA Chairman  
All Area AS Co-ordinators  
PAS Controller  
SF AS Controller

All Tech. Comm. Chairmen  
Fellows (as requested)  
Club Bulletin  
Office Manager  
Accounts Manager  
BMFA News Editor  
Club Support Officer  
Development Officer  
Chief Executive

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**PROPOSAL FORM**

Please use **BLOCK LETTERS**.

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

**Proposals must reach the General Secretary no later than the Monday, 26 days prior to the Council Meeting.** If the proposal is not received by that date, then it will go forward to the next appropriate meeting.

*Note i) Council Handbook references: 3.2 (b) Only Council Members (Elected Officers and co-opted Technical Committees and Area Committees) may offer proposals. 3.2 (f) If time is short, an Area Delegate or Technical Committee Representative may put forward a proposal from his Area or Technical Committee under his own signature (as is his right as a Council Member). Delegates and Representatives should be very cautious if they do this and should be prepared to answer questions from Council about the involvement of their Committee in the proposal. 3.2 (g) If an Area Delegate or Technical Committee Representative, as a bona fide Council Member, has put forward a proposal in his own right and without input from his Committee, then he must declare that he has done this before the proposal may be discussed at a Council Meeting.*

*Note ii) As an extension of the Terms of Reference for Areas Council, item (m), then a member of the ASRC who is a member of Full Council (co-opted or as a result of a different role) may submit proposals under the terms of item (m).*

A separate sheet may be used and attached for long proposals or reasons.

**PROPOSAL:**

**That for the purposes of Achievement Scheme tests, the BMFA National Centre at Buckminster be effectively granted 'all areas' status i.e. that the National Centre effectively resides in every BMFA Area.**

**Please note that all Club Examiner (CE) tests must still follow the established procedure, with all requests for CE tests being made to the Area Co-ordinator, as at present.**

**In accordance with the Achievement Scheme handbook, club rights, in respect of recognising Achievement Scheme tests, are NOT affected by this proposal.**

**REASON:**

**To correct the current anomaly, where only Midland Area Chief Examiners – as the NC falls within the Midland Area – are able to operate with the privileges of an ACE at the National Centre.**

**ELECTED OFFICERS/COUNCIL MEMBER**

Proposed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Post: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Officer/Council Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Only sign if not submitted electronically)**

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

Proposed by: ASRC  
 Date of Meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
 Voting Results: For 6  
 Against 0  
 Abs 0  
 Date: 12/6/17 Signature of Committee Secretary / ASRC Council Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Only sign if not submitted electronically)**

**AREA COMMITTEES**

Proposed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Club Delegate\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Signature of Club Delegate\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Date of Area Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_ Voting Results: For  
 Against  
 Abstentions

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**PROPOSAL:**

To increase the number of ASRC core members from the current 7 to 8.

To amend the Council Handbook (Issue v8 dated Feb 15) Appendix P, page 65, sub paragraph (c), to read eight elected members, rather than the seven currently detailed. Other paragraphs will also need to be amended to reflect this change.

**REASON:**

The ASRC now has a wider range of achievements (Multi-Rotor, FPV as recent additions) and need to have the balance and numbers to fulfil the additional work load.

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**ELECTED OFFICERS/COUNCIL MEMBER**

Proposed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Post: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Officer/Council Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ *(Only sign if not submitted electronically)*

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

Proposed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Technical Committee / ASRC (delete as appropriate)  
Date of Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_ Voting Results: For: \_\_\_\_\_ Against: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstentions: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Committee Secretary / ASRC Council Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**AREA COMMITTEES**

Proposed by: **BRCMAC** Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Club Delegate: \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by: **Weston MFC** Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Club Delegate: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date of Meeting: **10 January 2017** Voting Results: For: **8** Against: **0** Abstentions: **0**  
Date: **11 January 2017** Area: **Western Area**

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**PROPOSAL:**

The term "Club Examiner" be replaced with the term "BMFA Examiner".

**REASON:**

The Achievement Scheme is a National scheme and is administered on behalf of the BMFA at Club Level.

Changing the name for a Club Examiner to that of BMFA Examiner will highlight the fact that examination at

Club level is in support of a National Scheme for which standards need to be uniform across the BMFA.

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**ELECTED OFFICERS/COUNCIL MEMBER**

Proposed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Post: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Officer/Council Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_ *(Only sign if not submitted electronically)*

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

Proposed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Technical Committee / ASRC (delete as appropriate)  
 Date of Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_ Voting Results: For: \_\_\_\_\_ Against: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstentions: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Committee Secretary / ASRC Council Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**AREA COMMITTEES**

Proposed by: **Stansted** Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Club Delegate: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Seconded by: **Newmarket** Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Club Delegate: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date of Meeting: **05/01/17** Voting Results: For: 8 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0  
 Date: **08/01/17** Area: EAST ANGLIA

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