

## **MINUTES**

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

(T/A British Model Flying Association)

#### Minutes of the **Technical Council Meeting**

held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2014 at 11am

at Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrews Road, Leicester LE2 8RE

Provisional until confirmed at the next Technical Council Meeting

#### **PRESENT**

David Varallo	Meeting Chairman / Technical Secretary
Jo Halman FSMAE	Meeting Vice-Chairman / Competition Secretary / CLTC Secretary
Peter Halman FSMAE	FAI Delegate
Chris Allen	Scale TC Representative Alternate
Mike Colling FSMAE	Indoor TC Representative
Mike Woodhouse FSMAE	FFTC Representative
Mike Proctor FSMAE	R/C Silent Flight Member
Clive Needham	R/C Silent Flight Representative
Ashley Hoyland	GBRCAA Representative
Oliver Witt	BMPRA Representative
<b><u>In Attendance</u></b>	
Linda Harding	Office Manager

#### **AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies for Absence.
- 2 Request for permission to be absent.
- 3 To verify the voting strength of the meeting.
- 4 Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Technical Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2013.
- 5 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2013 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.

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*Agenda/....cont*

- 6 To review the set agenda for the first meeting of a Technical Committee each year (Current issue appended as a separate document).
- 7 To appoint the current year representative to the Awards Committee.
- 8 To discuss the CIAM Agenda (**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU BRING YOUR CIAM AGENDA WITH YOU**).
- 9 To ratify the following British Record Claims:
  - a William Stuart McFarlane, Electric Motor – Speed in a straight line (Deferred from January 2014 Full Council)
  - b Roger Gedge, Weatherman Speed Class II (Initial notification received).
- 10 This year's Nationals updates from the Power Nationals Co-ordinator and Technical Committees.
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  - a Contest Rule Books
    - i A discussion document (Tech Sec)
    - ii BMFA Rules (Comp Sec)
  - b Draft proposal - Proposed Rule Changes to Sections 1 & 2 BMFA General Rules 2.5.2 (Tech Sec)
  - c Draft proposal – Proposed changes to BMFA General Rules, entry to contest. (Comp Sec)
  - d Draft proposal – Proposed change to BMFA General Rules, Extreme Weather 2.5.7 (Tech Sec)
- 12 To receive any reports from Technical Committees. (Preferably in writing and not concerning Agenda Items.)
- 13 To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include:
  - a The receipt and ratification of any contests for the FAI Calendar.
- 14 To receive any reports from Council, Sub-committees or Elected Officers. (Reports should be brief, preferably in writing & in advance and not concerning Agenda Items.)
- 15 Any Other Business.

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

*Any questions to be asked under AOB that require detailed answers should be previously advised to the Office Manager to allow preparation of replies.*
- 16 Date of next meeting.

*The Minutes begin overleaf*

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# MINUTES

## TC776/03/14 (1) Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Simon Vaitkevicius Records Officer, Barry White IMAC Representative, Ian Pallister Scale TC Representative.

## TC777/03/14 (2) Request for permission to be absent.

There were no requests.

## TC778/03/14 (3) To verify the voting strength of the meeting.

There were nine (9) members eligible to vote until 11.20 am when Oliver Witt BMPRA Rep arrived which brought members eligible to vote up to ten (10).

## TC779/03/14 (4) Correction and Adoption of the Minutes of the Technical Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2013

### **Page 7**

**Fourth paragraph** – Sixth line, insert “permitted” after “is” and before “unless”.

### **FAI Delegate proposed that the Minutes of the Technical Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2013 be accepted as a true record of that meeting.**

Seconded by Silent Flight

Vote:           For:    6  
                  Abs:    3  
                  Ags:    0

Carried by a majority vote.

## **ACTION / NOTES**

## TC780/03/14 (5) Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2014 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.

### **Page 5**

**Under Heading TC761/10/13 Matters Arising – Second paragraph from the bottom, appointment of alternate representative to Awards Committee** – The Competition Secretary informed Technical Council that the Honorary Secretary will be submitting a proposal to Full Council in May that the Technical Council Representative to the Awards Committee should be for a 3 year term. However, Technical Council is unanimous that it must continue to be an annual appointment.

### **Page 11**

**6<sup>th</sup> paragraph, feasibility of hosting an F4C Open International 2014** – Date requested for 27/28 September 2014 at Barkston Heath, but those dates are not now available. Competition Secretary will liaise with the CEO and Scale.

## **COMP SEC**

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**Fourth paragraph, National Championships online entry forms** – The Competition Secretary informed the meeting that it has not been possible to produce online entry forms for 2014. They should be available for 2015.

**Page 13**

**List of 2013 National Championship missing full results** – The Competition Secretary apologised to BMPRA for listing F5D and Q40 results as being missing, they were contained in the results for F3D, Club 2000 and E2K.

The Competition Secretary implored Technical Committees and Specialist Bodies to ensure a copy of the results for 2014 National Championships are sent to both the Competition Secretary and the Records Officer.

**TECH COMMS/SPEC BODIES**

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**Third paragraph, copy dates and doormat dates for BMFA News magazine to be published on website** – We have still not had a satisfactory answer why these dates cannot be published on the website.

**TECHNICAL SECRETARY**

'Website' is to be included on future Technical Council Agendas as an Agenda Item. The Technical Secretary will be tasked to contact the Website Manager if there are any website related issues raised at a Technical Council meeting.

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**Technical Council future Agendas to include 'Website' as agenda item. Insert after 'Review Set Agenda'.**

**OFFICE MGR**

**Fourth paragraph from bottom, F3N Team Trials advertising** – The Competition Secretary advised that she had previously asked the webmaster to notify the Technical Committees/Specialist Bodies/Clubs/Council Members/Areas that they have to make their own online entries in to the Contest and Events Calendar. This has not been done and she has been inundated with communications asking for events to be put on the website.

**CHAIRMAN  
TECH SEC**

The Chairman will write to the webmaster to remind him to do this.

**Page 6**

**Second paragraph, action Comp Sec to take issue with CIAM re exchange rate charges** – The Competition Secretary advised that there is a proposal on the CIAM Agenda re local currency being paid. Once that is in place there is no way the organisers will need to charge Team Managers extra.

This concluded matters arising.

**TC781/03/14 (6) To review the set agenda for the first meeting of a Technical Committee each year (Current issue appended.)**

Page 3 top of page, (o) Election of a Rules Officer – Sixth line, delete “mid-February at the very latest”, insert “the end of the first full week of January”.

**COMP SEC**

\*\*\*\*\* An updated copy of the ‘Set Agenda’ will be published with these Minutes.

**OFFICE MGR**

**TC782/03/14 (7) To appoint the current year representative to the Awards Committee.**

SFTC proposed that Mike Colling FSMAE be appointed Technical Council Representative to the Awards Committee for 2014.

Seconded by Scale TC.

Carried unanimously

**AWARDS C'TTEE**

**TC783/03/14 (8) To discuss the CIAM Agenda.**

The Chairman handed over to the FAI Delegate to guide the meeting through the ABR, nominations for the FAI Awards.

A table of the Technical Council voting instructions to the UK FAI Delegate is appended.

\*\*\*\*\* **APPENDIX A**

**TC784/03/14 (9) To ratify the following British Record Claims.**

- a) William Stuart McFarlane (119876) Electric Motor – Speed in a straight line – 14/09/13 in Germany:

Speed: 314.00 kph

The Competition Secretary advised that the above Record Claim was not allowed by the Chairman at the January Full Council Meeting because the dossier was too big to be copied. Only 3 pages are required as per Agenda, Appendix 9a).

- b) Roger Gedge (34600) Weatherman Speed Class II – 9/6/13 at Barkston Heath:

82.57 mph Handicap 101.6

Comp Sec commended the above Record Claims for ratification en block

Seconded by Indoor TC

Vote: For: 9

Abs: 1

Ags: 0

Carried by a majority vote.

**REC OFFICER/  
OFFICE**

**TC785/03/14 (10) This year's Nationals updates from the Power Nationals Co-ordinator and Technical Committees.**

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**Power Nationals Co-ordinator – WRITTEN REPORT  
(APPENDIX B)**

**TC786/03/14 (11) a) b) c) d).**

- a) Contest Rule books  
i A discussion document (Tech Sec)  
All in agreement with the new numbering system, subject to the following comments:

Prior to the meeting, Geb Jones Pylon Rep had pointed out that in the new numbering and listing in the Contest Rule Books, F5D should be moved from Silent Flight to Pylon Racing under R/C Power section.

Free Flight and Indoor were happy that both sets of rules are separated as per the draft document.

Control Line – 4.4 Team Race – there is some re-numbering required. The Competition Secretary would let the Technical Secretary have the changes.

**COMP SEC**

- b) Draft proposal – Proposed Rule Changes to Sections 1 & 2 BMFA General Rules 2.5.2 (Tech Sec)

The changes were agreed as per the proposal appended to the Agenda.

Proposed by Technical Secretary  
Seconded by Competition Secretary

Carried unanimously

Technical Secretary will submit a proposal for inclusion on the May Full Council Agenda.

**TECH SEC**

- c) Draft proposal – Proposed changes to BMFA General Rules, entry to contest. (Comp Sec)

A possible change to the wording “appropriate insurance cover” was discussed.

A suggestion was made that a procedure could be put in place that every January the CEO has to confirm to ~~our~~ the Technical Secretary the organisations LMA and SAA still have appropriate insurance cover. The Technical Secretary would then email Technical Committees and Specialist Bodies so that they can pass on the information to Contest Directors. That way there would be no necessity to change the wording.

It was also mooted that this item could become part of the January Council Meeting Agenda for the CEO to confirm which organisations have suitable cover. It would then be in the Minutes which can be referred to if necessary.

*Cont/d...* The Technical Secretary will progress this with the CEO.

**TECH SEC**

Item c) Changes to the BMFA General Rules, Entry to BMFA  
Cont/d... Contests as submitted, proposed by Competition Secretary  
Seconded by FFTC  
Carried unanimously.

**COMP SEC/  
TECH SEC**

- d) Draft proposal – Proposed change to BMFA General Rules,  
Extreme Weather 2.5.7 (Tech Sec).

The following amendment was put forward:

Change wording as follows: add at the end of the title

..... “and the Silent Flight British National  
Championships”.

Seconded by Scale TC  
Carried unanimously

Substantive proposal including the above amendment:

Proposed by Technical Secretary  
Seconded by SFTC  
Carried unanimously

**TECH SEC**

**TC787/03/14 (12) To receive any reports from Technical  
Committees.**

**Control Line** – Verbal Report by CLTC Secretary.

Since the last meeting and last Tech Council meeting a new  
person has been elected on to CLTC, Mervyn Jones. He is  
making inroads in to furthering F2B International Aerobatics  
and hopefully in the near future it may even see CLAPA  
becoming a Specialist Body again.

Control Line Contest Calendar is all up and running. We are  
still short of flying sites however Wittering has been secured  
for tethered flight, for Pylon it will be necessary to go back to  
Barkston.

\*\*\*\*\* **Free Flight - WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX C)**

FAIR are no longer on the Committee and there now seems  
to be an issue in communicating with them.

**Please note, in the interest of clarification, FFTC further  
reported in their written report (Appendix C), that the  
matter was satisfactorily resolved.**

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

Scale highlighted the concerns raised in the last paragraph  
of the written report regarding the safe operation of high-  
energy models on the Show Line at the Power Nationals.

The Competition Secretary referred to an email from the  
CEO which had also been sent to Ian Pallister and Andy  
Sephton.

**Indoor – Verbal report.**

Some of the training and excellence budget was spent on winter training at Baulby. They ran the NW Area Gala event held last month at Manchester ~~Meledrome~~ **Velodrome** in conjunction with Scale fraternity and the event went very well. The World Champs has been brought forward which has caused a few headaches. The Indoor Nationals 3 day event takes place at Baulby, 20-22 June. Next years Indoor Challenge will be F1D and run in conjunction with a World Wide postal event in the same class. Visit the website for more Indoor Duration information – [www.indoorduration-gbr.co.uk](http://www.indoorduration-gbr.co.uk)

**Silent Flight – Verbal report.**

Silent Flight Nationals event is well in hand. League events are also well in hand. We just need some good weather.

The Competition Secretary made the observation that there was no representation from Helicopter at this meeting. She is encouraging IMAC, BMPRA, GBRCAA and AHA to send a representative to Technical Council meetings as this is now their voice. Given the amount of work she had done to try and encourage the RC Power Specialist Bodies to attend, the Competition Secretary was very disappointed.

**GBR/CAA – Verbal report.**

They have had 15 domestic competitions, ran four team selection events and a World Cup event in Kent. The Team is all sorted for 2014 Eurochamps in Leichtenstein.

**BMPRA – Verbal report.**

They had a good year in 2013. Loss of flying sites remains an issue and use of Barkston Heath is also proving difficult at times. An event scheduled for Barkston Heath this weekend has been cancelled by the MOD at the last minute. Competition dates for use of Barkston Heath have been submitted. F5D team has been selected for 2014.

**TC788/03/14 (13) To receive a report from the Competition Secretary.**

- a) Receipt and ratification of any contests for the FAI Calendar.

The Competition Secretary advised that she had received no further requests for ratification of contests.

She brought to notice of the meeting a new rule in the ABR section that all competitions whether World Cup or Open Internationals have to be with FAI by 15<sup>th</sup> November each year.

**ALL**

For 2015 events the registration document and sanction fee has to be with FAI by 15<sup>th</sup> November this year (2014) and before that it needs to go to Comp Sec for checking and authorisation first.

**ALL**

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Comp  
Sec Rep  
Cont/d...

The Competition Secretary advised that she would not be standing for election as Technical Secretary at CIAM.

A vote of thanks was recorded for the work she has put in as CIAM Technical Secretary over the years.

She is very honoured to ~~have be~~ **been** chosen to sit on an International Appeals Tribunal for an appeal to FAI from one of the aeromodelling classes at a championship.

#### **TC789/03/14 (14) To receive any reports from Council, Sub-Committees or Elected Officers.**

##### **FAI Delegate**

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##### **WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX E)**

The FAI Delegate commented that it is sad we are not getting bids through to run championships in the UK. A brief discussion followed on the complexities of organising championships.

#### **TC790/03/14 (15) Any Other Business.**

Two points received from SFTC:

*- A Nationals discipline should be allowed to be held on an alternative date if a World or European Championships are close to or at the same time as the BMFA Nationals e.g. within two weeks either side of the BMFA Nationals.*

This has been discussed many times in the past. The consensus has not changed that it would be impractical to do.

- Clarification:

*Is it the case that a person or club is not allowed to benefit from any surpluses raised from a BMFA contest. Any surplus should be handed over to the relevant Technical Committee. Notwithstanding a club may make a charge for the use of its field or facilities.*

This was confirmed as being true.

#### **TC791/03/14 (16) Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting will take place on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> October 2014.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 4.26pm.

Circulation:

All attendees of the meeting

Copies to:

All Technical Committee Members  
All Members of the Full Council  
Secretaries of Specialist Bodies  
Fellows (Selected)  
Club Bulletin  
Office Manager  
Accounts Manager

Chief Executive  
Development Officer  
Club Support Officer

Note Those with voting rights are the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the meeting, the FAI Delegate, Records Officer and two members from each of the six Technical Committees. The voting representatives of the Technical Committees can be any two members of the Committee, elected, co-opted or Specialist Body representative.

APPENDIX A 1/1

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

Voting preferences for Alphonse Penaud, Frank Ehling & Gold Medal

**Chief Executive/Power Nationals Co-ordinator - Report to Technical Council – March 2014**

**Barkston Bookings**

I have attached the latest version of the bookings for Barkston for 2014 for information. There are a couple of changes and additions which are still subject to confirmation. FF will again be using North Luffenham for some of the dates on which Barkston is unavailable. Flt Lt Leon Creese remains as our Liaison Officer and will also be flying the BBMF Lancaster during 2014.

Following some changes in responsibilities within DIO and Cranwell last year, it is likely that our use of Barkston will continue to be under much closer scrutiny than it has been over recent years. This was evident at the Power Nationals, with personnel from Babcock paying close scrutiny (including taking photo's) to our activities, especially during set up and also immediately after the event. They are currently providing me with a source of grief over our catering arrangements!

**Free Flight & Space Nationals**

Planning for the FF Nationals is well underway and the meeting at Barkston to (hopefully) agree the Admin order will be taking place during April at which point we will also start discussions for August to determine the availability of the hangar etc.

**Silent Flight Nationals**

The South Airfield at RAF Cranwell has been secured once again for the SF Nats over the August Bank Holiday weekend. The initial liaison meeting to agree arrangements on site will take place at the same time as the FF NATS meeting in April. We have again managed to incorporate the booking for the SF Nats into the licence for Barkston which will help keep the costs down.

**RC, CL & Scale Nationals**

We have requested that the CAA visit and inspect the Power Nationals in 2014, to provide us with an updated and impartial view of the 'Nats'.

Arrangements are under way and initial discussions with the RAF will take place at the FF Nats meeting.

I would be grateful if the Technical Committees involved could confirm the CD's to me at the earliest opportunity, so that we can establish contact for equipment ordering etc.

Showline will operate on Saturday and Sunday with likelihood of a reduced programme on Monday. The 2014 Showline will once again be co-ordinated by Manny Williamson.

The arrangements for the rigid CL cages worked well again in 2013 and will be repeated for 2014.

Given the closer scrutiny we are under and the diplomatic crisis we faced after leaving the new runway surface in such a mess last year (with a clear message from the CO that he expected us to 'learn from our mistakes and not repeat them'), we will have to give consideration to the positioning of those CL disciplines most prone to spilling fuel. Hopefully, the surface of the runway may be less sensitive this year, but we all have (or should have) a responsibility to be careful.

We will also have to be much more selective over grass cutting this year. The scale of grass cutting and collection has increased dramatically over recent years. In 2013, we cut and collected almost acres!

In previous years, we have been able to dispose of the grass at the farm next door.

However, we are instructed that we are unable to do this in 2014, so all of the cut grass will require off-site disposal which is an additional (and significant) cost. We therefore need to reduce the amount we cut and I would ask everyone to consider how we can do this. We will no longer be able to cut the combat area in its entirety and will have to revert back to cutting circles.

We intend to hold the Swapmeet outdoors once again in the same location as 2012/13. This was much easier to marshal and overall gave far fewer problems.

As always, if anyone has any queries could I ask that you contact me directly and ignore the 'rumour mill'.

**Tavel Insurance**

A new travel insurance scheme has been put in place with our insurance broker - Doodson Sport and I am pleased to be able to provide this cover on an F.O.C. basis to ratified GBR team members as part of our sponsorship agreement with Doodson Sport. The travel insurance is also available to all BMFA members at cost (£11.93 Europe, £17.17 USA/Canada and £15.90 for everywhere else). It is on a 'per trip' basis rather than 'annual'.

Dave Phipps  
21 March 2014

## **Free Flight Technical Committee report**

### **General points**

The FFTC was reformed in November 2013 with 5 elected and 1 co-opted member.

All rule changes for 2014 have been sorted and updated and the competition calendar arranged. The calendar includes team selection meetings and 2 open Internationals for which arrangements are already in place.

The Teams for the free flight European Championships (F1ABCE) and space World Championships have been entered. The detailed arrangements are on going.

There were issues with the composition of FAIR, the space modelling group and its relationship with the FFTC. However with the help of the competition Secretary these issues have now been satisfactorily resolved.

The only issue is the weather!

### **Free flight Nationals May 2014**

Planning is well advanced. There are some differences from 2013 in that Phil Ball has taken over the management reins in order to give the FFTC Chairman a chance to fly! The FFTC had a very constructive meeting involving the chief executive plus SAM35 officials and are pleased to note that SAM35 have agreed to take part at this year's event.

Michael J. Woodhouse

**SCALE TC REPORT TO TECHNICAL COUNCIL– 22 MARCH 2014**

A full programme of R/C Scale competitions has been planned for this year although the loss of Church Fenton following its closure by the RAF has left us without a suitable northern venue at the moment. Plans for the proposed Open International have also been complicated by changes to the availability of Barkston Heath over the originally proposed dates in September. Work continues to resolve these issues.

Two successful Scale Indoor events have been held over the winter: FF and R/C at RAF Shawbury in October and a FF only event at the Velodrome in February. Another FF event is planned for Peterborough later this month, primarily to allow for trimming of new models prior to the Indoor Nationals in April. The 2-day format for the Nationals at Nottingham has had a mixed response. Whilst some have welcomed the additional flying time available and the introduction of R/C classes others have been put off by the extra expense of travel and accommodation. It remains to be seen whether it will be a successful formula. It will also be Andy Sephton's last as Indoor co-ordinator and a search to find a successor to organize next year's Indoor Nationals continues.

We were pleased that Steve Kessel and Neil Tidey have been ratified by the Comp Sec as team manager and assistant respectively for the forthcoming F4C and F4H World Championships in France. Plans are well in hand and a team training day will be held in June to ensure that the teams are well prepared.

Finally, the Scale TC remains concerned that there has still been no formal meeting to review the safe operation of high-energy models on the Show Line and the potential for debris following a mid-air, structural or control failure to breach the crowd line. Andy Sephton, who raised the initial observations last year, and Chris Allen as the STC Safety officer, both remain available for whenever such a meeting is called. We also look forward to the proposed review of Nationals flight line allocations to minimise the potential for conflict between disciplines and the exposure of Scale judges and pilots when strong crosswinds prevail at Barkston.

**Ian Pallister**

Scale Tech Committee Chairman & Delegate

Report to tech council

There have been major changes at FAI headquarters; from 1<sup>st</sup> March there is a new secretary general, she is Susanne Schödel. Frau Schödel is a twice World Champion glider pilot with experience in airports, management of non-profit making organisations and political matters.

Unfortunately Rob Hughes has also left FAI, he was the Sports Director. From 15<sup>th</sup> March, he has been replaced by Markus Haggeneby another German he becomes Sports and Marketing Director. In recent years he has been involved in organising the Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett balloon races.

I attended the December Bureau meeting, where I took a suggestion regarding the ABR rules which govern the cost of championship, I believe that they are outdated and do not provide a fair way of establishing the true cost of employing the varying numbers of judges which some classes require. Also they discriminate against countries such as the UK and Denmark which have high accommodation costs. The maximum cost consists of the entry fee, accommodation and banquet fee. My suggestion is to strip out the accommodation cost and just control the entry and banquet fee. The fee would be calculated using a simple formula based on the number of entrants and the number of judges and officials required. The current rules are outdated, in these days of the internet it is no longer necessary for organisers to offer official accommodation. I worked with Narve Jenson (F4 Sub committee chairman) to produce a basic draft, which was circulated to the sub committee chairmen for comment; I understand that to date NONE have replied!

The Competition Secretary in her role as CIAM Technical Secretary is working with the CIAM President to produce a proposal which will reduce the number of Championships which the CIAM runs.

Once again there are a number of future championships with no bids to run them, they are:

World Championships

2015 F3M.  
2016 F3F, F5B, F5D.

European Championships

2015 F3F, F4C F4H, F5B and F5D.  
2016 F3B, F3C, F3N, F3M, F3D, F3K and F3P.

In 2014 there are no European Championships for F3B, F3C, F3N, F3M, F3D, F3K, and F3P.

F3M remains unloved, no bids for either World or European Championships!

I have distributed spreadsheets to the secretaries of all technical committee and the specialist bodies which used to be with RCPT, I would like to remind you all to get your replies back as soon as you can and not later than Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

Peter Halman

FAI Delegate  
20 March 2014