

# **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 28<sup>th</sup> January 2012  
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 24<sup>th</sup> September 2011.
- 4 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2011 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 5 Election of members to fill ASRC vacancies.
- 6 To appoint a representative to the Awards Committee for 2012.
- 7 To ratify the following existing members of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee:  

Mick Eames	John Harris
Bob Mahoney	Andy Symons
Peter Spurway (PAS Controller)	Chris Moynihan (SF AS Controller)
- 8 To receive a proposal for Area Chief Examiners from the following Areas:
  - i Southern Area – Matthew Lodge (144947) ACE (Helicopter). (Deferred from September 2011 Area Council Meeting).
  - ii Western Area – Steve Kirby (35375) ACE (FW).
- 9 To receive reports from the Achievement Scheme Controllers.
  - a) Power
  - b) Silent Flight
- 10 ACE Travelling expenses, who meets the cost? (ASRC)
- 11 Proposal from the Technical Secretary on behalf of ASRC that the Test Schedule and Standards Booklet covering the 'C' Certificate (Jet) (Appended as separate documents) be accepted in principle.
- 12 Admin arrangements for Devon Sub-Area including any Achievement Scheme issue.

- 13 To receive reports from committees or co-ordinators related to the business of this meeting.
  - a) Achievement Scheme Review Committee
  - b) Flight Challenge
  - c) Education
- 14 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.)
- 15 To receive any reports from the Office and any Elected Officers specifically relating to Areas Council.
- 16 To confirm dates of Areas Council Meetings 2012.
- 17 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.  
 6<sup>th</sup> January 2012

**CIRCULATION:**

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

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

- 9 MAY 2011

Area Chief Examiner Proposal Form. Area SOUTHERN Date 20.4.11

At the Area Meeting held on the 16 February 2011 the committee approved the nomination of

Name MATTHEW LODGE BMFA No 144947  
 (EXAMINER NO. 2133)  
 To become Area Chief Examiner for HELICOPTER (State Fixed wing/Helicopter/Silent Flight).

Signed B Buntow (D. BURSTOW) Area Achievement Scheme Coordinator.

Signed Ken Gale (KEN GALE) Area Chairman. Area Vice Chairman

Signed P. Tingle (P. TINGLE) Area Secretary.

Number of members attending meeting 13 Voting figures. For 13 Against 0 Abstentions 0

Please state candidate's existing qualifications in  
 Fixed Wing - For how long -  
 Helicopter B For how long 6/07  
 Silent Flight - For how long -

EXAMINER HELI 10/08

Number of Area Chief Examiners in your area for the appropriate discipline 1

Additional Information from the Area.

Please give reasons for above request. A map of your area with locations of existing ACEs would help.

I have been concerned for some time that the Area only has one Heli ACE (Ken Gale). Whilst Ken is happy to carry on and demand is not great, I would be happier to have additional cover. Both are located in the Southampton area. Matt came along to the S. Area 16 Feb meeting so the Committee could meet him and discuss the ACE role and his suitability. He comes with a strong recommendation from Ken Gale.

Comments from Achievement Scheme Controller.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

*EMSA OFF*  
 This form is to be completed and sent to the appropriate AS Controller at least six weeks before the Areas Council agenda deadline.  
 AS Controller to pass to Leicester office with comments in time for inclusion in Areas Council agenda.

[Document/ACE Proposal Form.Doc]

**Radio Controlled Model C.V.**

**of**

**Matt Lodge**

Age:- 37

Status:- Married with two children

Location:- South of England

BMFA no. 144947

BMFA Examiner no. 2133

Total number of years flying RC Models:- Over 20 years

**My History**

My Radio controlled model flying career started when I was in my second too last year at senior school. This was back in 1989. I started by building balsa and ply kits from scratch and flying them at the my local model flying site, Beaulieu Aerodrome in the New Forest. I was taught to fly there by a very experienced chap who I always admired as he gave me a good basic grounding on safety and sound flying skills. Having very little money at that time I was really unable to expand my fleet to a large collection, however I continued to strive to advance my skills and also took a great interest in helping others further theirs too.

After a break of only flying on and off, I decided to take up flying RC Model Helicopters. This happened in 2002 where like many others, I struggled to find the experienced pilots with the knowledge to help me progress further.

In 2005 I finally found a club located in the heart of the Dorset country side. Is was the Dorset Model Helicopter Club (DMHC). Since joining them my helicopter flying skills have come on massively allowing me to be able to compete in National 3D events. To date I have competed in 4 competitions and regularly attend flying's around the country.

Also, whilst being a member of DMHC I have become one of their club instructors and club examiners. This has given me great pleasure to help members of the club better themselves particularly within the BMFA Achievement scheme.

Now, due to the location of DMHC being a large distance for my home, I'm now a club examiner for Romsey electric fliers. Having this site close to me it allows me to take a larger active interest in the club flying and being a club examiner.

Since becoming a club examiner I have conducted a fair few amount of 'A' and 'B' tests over the past 2 and half. My most recent one was this Sunday just gone (15<sup>th</sup> May 2011 'B' Test) Previous to that I conducted and 'A' test in April 2011. I'm always on hand and a willing to carry out the tests, as I believe it is great to have an Achievement Scheme that promotes good flying but most importantly safe flying!!

Comments for Areas Council regarding Matthew LODGE, BMFA membership number 144947, Examiner number 2133 for the post of ACE (H) for the Southern Area.

Matthew passed his helicopter B test on 23 June 2007. He was appointed as a helicopter club examiner, for the Dorset Model Helicopter Club, on 11 October 2008. There is no record of a helicopter A test.

When the ASC first mentioned this candidate to me in 2009, as someone who had put himself forward as a Chief Examiner, he had not even held his Club Examiner appointment for two years. This indicated a lack of familiarity regarding the Handbook contents and Achievement Scheme.

On 25 May 2010 I received an email from the ASC, stating that he wished to progress the appointment and would speak to the candidate to gauge his character and motivation.

The next email on 2 March 2011 stated that the candidate had been vetted by the Southern Area committee who were unanimous in putting forward the application. At that point I was asked for a stamp of approval. Mention was also made of a probationary period.

Experience has shown that those who wish to attain the status of Chief Examiner, without being asked by their Area, are rarely suitable.

The CV accompanying the application posed more questions than answers. He mentions being a club instructor, and enjoys helping people. Why is he no longer an Instructor? And most importantly, exactly what can he put back into the modelling community that he is unable to do at present? Long term knowledge and experience?

In view of the unanswered questions I am unable to recommend this application to Areas Council.

Peter Spurway  
Controller RCPAS

18 August 2011

**Area Chief Examiner Proposal Form. Western Area** **Date 21 Sept 11**

At the Area Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2011 the committee approved the nomination of

Name Steve Kirby  
BMFA No: **35375**

To become Area Chief Examiner for Fixed Wing \_\_\_\_\_ (State Fixed wing/Helicopter/Silent Flight).

Signed: Phil DURANT Area Achievement Scheme Coordinator.

Signed: Tom GOODACRE Area Chairman.

Signed: John HARRIS Area Secretary.

Number of members attending meeting Nine (9) Voting figures. For: 9 Against 0  
Abstentions 0

Please state candidate's existing qualifications in Fixed Wing Examiner No: 986  
For how long: Since 1993.

Number of Area Chief Examiners in your area for the appropriate discipline: 4

**Additional Information from the Area.**

**Please give reasons for above request. A map of your area with locations of existing ACEs would help.**

In recent months we have lost two Area Chief Examiners, the Western Area committee agreed at the May 11 meeting that clubs be asked to advise suitably qualified Club examiners be nominated to the Western Area committee. Following review of the proposed nominations Steve Kirby was selected unanimously.

**Comments from Achievement Scheme Controller.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**This form is to be completed and sent to the BMFA Office at least six weeks before the Areas Council agenda deadline.**

**Stephen A. Kirby**

D.O.B 11<sup>th</sup> February 1954

Home Location Stoke Gifford, Bristol, South Glos.

Status Married, no children

BMFA number 35375

BMFA Examiner number 986

I have been interested in model and full size aircraft since childhood, initially building many Airfix and similar kits.

This progressed to control line aircraft, from both kits and plans, during my early teens as a member of the Glevum MAC (Gloucester) where my SMAE membership originated. Some small success in the Control Line Combat "Nationals" was achieved. Further progress to single channel RC using rudder and throttle via rubber-powered escapements followed, though this was soon curtailed for a few years due to the constraints of higher education and initial employment.

On moving to Bristol in 1984 I joined The Beaufort Model Flying Club and purchased my first proportional RC aircraft which is still today in airworthy condition including the original radio. I have been an active member of the Beaufort Club ever since, holding the positions of Secretary and Treasurer over the years, and am currently Membership Secretary as well as the Club's delegate to the BMFA Western Area. I am also a fixed wing Club Instructor registered with the BMFA and am presently learning to fly helicopters so aiming for my own "A" certificate in the very near future.

I became a BMFA Club Examiner (fixed wing) in 1993 and have subsequently carried out 82 successful "A" fixed wing tests, 9 "B" tests and more recently 5 "A" helicopter tests (plus just a few less-than-successful tests over the period). I have attended three of the BMFA Western Area Examiner Workshops and have flown demonstration flights to include deliberate errors for later discussion.

I have also flown in Beaufort Club shows and at public displays, most recently indoor aircraft and helicopters at the Bristol Model Engineering and Hobbies Exhibition over three days at the Thornbury Leisure Centre. I was one of the Club's co-organisers of this event, with direct responsibility for ensuring compliance with BMFA guidelines and subsequently their Site Assessment paperwork to receive confirmed insurance coverage for the event. I also take the lead with the Club's documentation such as its Constitution and Site Rules as well as the monthly e-mail bulletin to members, and recently produced a Club Park Flyer "A" based on the BMFA Fixed Wing "A".

I occasionally also fly light aircraft such as a Cessna 172 for pleasure, though most often in the USA as the weather is more favourable. Whilst I do not yet hold a licence I find the instruction received has been very useful in my model flying to better understand aircraft dynamics. I also have a few hours time on Boeing 737-800, Boeing 747-400 and Lockheed C-130 Hercules full-motion simulators as used by airlines and the RAF to train their pilots, and haven't come unstuck yet!

End. Updated 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 2011

Comments for Areas Council regarding Steve KIRBY, BMFA membership number 35375, Examiner number 986 for the post of ACE (FW) for the Western Area.

Steve was appointed as a Club Examiner on 8 February 1993 for the Beaufort Model Flying Club, having passed his 'B' Fixed Wing certificate on 4 April 1992

The records show a total of 65 AFW candidates successful. As first Examiner, 8 BFW have been passed, with 1 BFW as second examiner.

The very observant will have noticed a discrepancy in test numbers between the BMFA records and Steve's personal ones. In this instance, I am prepared to accept Steve's records as being correct. It seems that the BMFA records prior to 1997'ish are a little sketchy.

The Western Area did undertake a review of their suitable candidates for the vacant position of Area Chief Examiner, and have agreed on this nomination. Steve has attended a number of the fixed wing examiners workshops where he has made a useful contribution to the discussions and flying.

I am very pleased to be able to recommend this application to Areas Council, and am sure he will be a very useful asset to the area.

Peter Spurway  
Controller RCPAS  
11 November 2011.

**PROPOSAL to AREAS COUNCIL**

January 2012

**It is Proposed that:**

The attached Test Schedule and Standards Booklet covering the 'C' Certificate (Jet) be accepted in principle.

Inception date for the proposal is 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012.

**Reasons**

The intention of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee is to operate the proposed test for a period to obtain feedback the viability and the practicalities of running the test to these schedules.

It is anticipated that few changes or modifications will be necessary and the intention is to present the definitive schedule and standards book to either the September 2012 or the January 2013 Areas Council meeting for final ratification.

Chris Bromley, FSMAE.  
BMFA Technical Secretary  
For the Achievement Scheme Review Committee  
2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2012