

## 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> September 2008 at 11am at Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrews Road, Leicester LE2 8RE.

Provisional until confirmed at the next Area Council Meeting.

### PRESENT

Robin Gowler FSMAE	Chairman
Chris Moynihan	Vice-Chairman
Graham Lynn MBE	Honorary Secretary
Keith Lomax	Honorary Treasurer
Jo Halman FSMAE	Competition Secretary
Chris Bromley FSMAE	Technical Secretary
John French	Records Officer
Jim Andrews	FAI Delegate
Peter Leavesley	East Anglia Area Delegate
Martin Dilly FSMAE	London Area Delegate
George Maynard	Midland Area Delegate
Gordon Warburton FSMAE	Northern Area Delegate
Tom Jones	North East Area Delegate
Peter Christy	South Midland Area Delegate
Keith Miller FSMAE	South East Area Delegate
Stuart Simpson	Southern Area Delegate
Phil Durant	Western Area Delegate
Robin Jones FSMAE	Mid-West Area Delegate
Mike Chignell	South West Area Delegate
Mike Francies	Free Flight TC Representative
Peter Halman FSMAE	Control Line TC Representative
Les Eagle	R/CPTC Representative
Clive Needham	R/C SF TC Representative
Mike Goldby	Scale TC Representative
Peter Disney	RNMAA Representative

#### In Attendance

Linda Harding  
Sian Sargeant  
Eric Clark

Office Manager/ Minute taker  
Accounts Manager  
BMFA News Editor

#### Visitors

Barry Robinson  
Rob Kitley

Representatives on behalf of  
StuntCom

## 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 Full Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2008.
- 5 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2008 that is not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 6 To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer to include:
  - a) The review and approval of the statutory accounts and supplementary information for the financial year ended 31st March 2008.
  - b) Any issues or recommendations raised by the Auditor whilst reviewing the Accounts.
  - c) The receipt and approval by Council of the draft budget for presentation to the AGM.
  - d) The recommendation of the membership fees for next year.
  - e) The ratification of the fees (currently £40) for Associate Bodies for next year.
- 7 To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.
- 8 To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.
- 9 To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary to include:
  - a Presentation of updates to the Affiliated Club list and adoption of any new clubs.
  - b Annual ratification of Honorary Members
- 10 To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.
- 11 To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include the following:
  - a Receipt and ratification of any contests for next year's FAI Calendar.
  - b Ratification of fees for FAI Licences for next year. (Present fees: FAI stamp: Seniors £10 & Juniors £5; Booklet: £5; replacement licences including the FAI stamp (i.e. lost or damaged in the current year): £5.
  - c Receipt of contest fees for Free Flight for next year.
  - d Proposal from the Competition Secretary.

That Technical Committees must advertise for team manager and assistant team manager (if appropriate) posts for their British Teams in the BMFA News & on the news page of the BMFA website.

The advertisement must be placed early enough to allow (a) a reasonable time for replies and (b) the names of the recommended candidates to be placed on the agenda of the January Full Council meeting for ratification.
- 12 To receive a report from the Records Officer to include the following Record Claim proposals:
  - a) Name Chris Barker/Mike North – BMFA No's 51784 / 24195  
Class F2CN (Final 200 laps)  
Site RAF Barkston Heath Date 8 June 2008

- Time 7mins 57.9 secs
- b) Name Chris Barker/Mike North – BMFA No's 51784 / 24195  
 Class F2CN Heat (100 laps)  
 Site RAF Barkston Heath Date 8 June 2008  
 Time 3 mins 55.8 secs
- c) Name Heaton/Morrissey/Fleming – BMFA No's 50550 /2525 / 01976  
 Class Barton B T/Race  
 Site Barton Date 27 April 2008  
 Time 6 mins 37.2 secs
- d) Name Stephen Hannon – BMFA No 37996  
 Class R/C Thermal Soaring Glider – Alt  
 Site Fish Meadow Date 27 July 2008  
 Altitude 690m  
**Please note this submission is not recommended to the Council as the rules have not been adhered to.**

- 13 To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.
- 14 To receive a report from the FAI Delegate, to include:
- e) The agreement of the CIAM Education Sub-Committee Delegate.
- 15 Next year's Major Events:
- a To discuss venues.
- b To accept co-ordinators.
- c To ratify the Power Nationals Co-ordinator.
- 16 To receive a report from the Power Nationals Co-ordinator and the appropriate Technical Committees on the BMFA National Championships held since the last Council Meeting in May.
- 17 To receive a report from the Chairman of the Awards Committee.
- 18 To receive the following proposals:
- i) *From the Silent Flight Technical Committee* that the two tow men for the British F3J World Championships in Turkey between 27<sup>th</sup> June & 6<sup>th</sup> July, Les Johnson, SAA No: 001292, Club: n/a and John Stanswood, BMFA No: 102569, Club: Timperley, be retrospectively ratified to formally acknowledge them as members of the F3J team and to enable them to be paid the balance of the full team member allowance.
- ii) *From the Silent Flight Technical Committee* that for F3J FAI sanctioned Continental and World Championships two official tow men be considered as fully-fledged team members for the sole purpose of hand towing which is mandatory and essential at these events. As team members, ratified by Council in the usual way, the two tow men would be entitled to the full team member allowance.
- iii) *From London Area* that in cases of more than one application for a team manager or assistant team manager post, all the team members must be balloted to establish which of the applicants they would prefer for the appropriate post and the Technical Committee shall then propose that person to Council for ratification.

- iv) *From North West Area* that if any visits to clubs or flying sites are arranged by Head Office staff on behalf of the BMFA, whether by invitation or otherwise, then the Area Committee concerned should be informed as soon as possible in advance of the visit, unless the club or organisation specifically request otherwise.
  - v) *From Keith Miller FSMAE* that the Archivist present a report, written or verbal, to each Full Council Meeting. The first one to give, in broad detail, existing items in the SMAE archives and, to subsequent meetings, new additions, also progress reports on finding proper research and display facilities for new items received and accepted as suitable for inclusion.
- 19 To consider an application for a Specialist Body of Stunt fliers. (Supporting information appended).
- 20 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 Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR)
  - e General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)
- 21 To receive any reports from the following Committees (reports should be brief, preferably in writing and in advance):
- a CAA Team
  - b UK Radio Control Council (UKRCC)
  - c Education Working Group
  - d Flight Challenge
  - e University Challenge
  - f Computer Sub-Committee
  - g Safety Review Committee
  - h Achievement Scheme Review Committee
  - i BMFA News Publishers
  - j Flying Site Adviser's Report
- 22 Any Other Business.

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## MINUTES

### **541/09/08 (1) Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from the following:  
 Nigel Barker, PRO  
 David Phipps, CEO  
 Howard Menary FSMAE, Northern Ireland Area Delegate  
 David Lloyd-Jones, North West Area Delegate

### **542/09/08 (2) Request for permission to be absent.**

Mike Colling FSMAE, Indoor TC Representative/Education Co-ordinator requested permission which was duly granted.

**543/09/08 (3) To verify the voting strength of the meeting.**

There were 25 members eligible to vote at this meeting.

**544/09/08 (4) Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2008.**

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**- Final paragraph, re-word to read as follows:**

“The Technical Secretary asked that it be recorded in the minutes that the idea of one specialist body that covered three different disciplines could have a vote on each of the three Technical Committees, suggested by London Area at the last meeting, is a non-starter.”

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**- Second paragraph, insert the following sentence:**

“On behalf of the CLTC, whose delegate was absent, the Competition Secretary said that the CLTC already extended this courtesy to SAM35.

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**- Fourth paragraph, first line – replace “Secretary” with “Chairman”.**

**Scale proposed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2008 be accepted as a true record.**

Seconded by Northern Area

Vote: For: 22

Ags: 0

Abs: 3

Carried by a majority vote.

**545/09/08 (5) Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2008 what are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.**

**ACTION / NOTES**

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**- Third paragraph from the bottom, Child Protection Policy**

- Mid West Area asked if there had been any progress with this document. The Chairman, in the absence of the CEO advised that it is currently with the CPSU (Child Protection in Sport Unit) for them to approve the final amendments.

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**- Fourth paragraph from the bottom, PAYPAL payments -**

London Area enquired if PAYPAL on-line payment was up and running. The Accounts Manager advised that this is in hand. The workload involved during the run-up to the Power Nationals meant that it was necessary to put it on hold.

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**- Second paragraph, certificates for juniors –** North East asked whether any certificates had been sent out. The Office Manager advised that none had been sent yet as there had been no requests.

It was suggested that maybe the Technical Committees were not aware that a system had been put in place. The Chairman asked the Technical Committee representatives to inform their Committees that as of today procedures are in place and they should provide names, membership numbers and event information to the office if they require certificates sending out.

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- **Fourth paragraph, recommendation of single black ribbon identification when using 2.4GHz** – The Honorary Secretary advised that at the UKRCC meeting in June it was agreed, with all the R/C Modelling Societies who attended, surface and air, that use of a single black ribbon identification for 2.4GHz is no longer required.

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- **Assignment of Trophy 96 The Humbrol Plate** – The Chairman reported that a request had been received from the Indoor Technical Committee to change part of the wording of the qualification for winning the trophy, agreed at the Full Council Meeting in May. They would like to replace “contests” with “events.”

The Chairman said he would be advising the Technical Committee that they would be required to submit a formal proposal to Full Council to make this change.

CHAIRMAN

- **Eighth paragraph, Flying Aces** – The Competition Secretary reported that Flying Aces attended the Control Line World Championships and took lots of footage and interviews. It will however take a while before it is edited and put on their website.

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- **Second paragraph, FAI Delegate report highlighting FAI changes to introduce a new FAI Licence database** – The Competition Secretary advised that we have been permitted to use our existing licence number system comprising the prefix GBR followed by BMFA membership number. This should make our database set-up straightforward.

Work is still in progress to finalise a procedure for application of an FAI licence and putting together a new database in line with the FAI requirements.

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- **Halfway down, listing of SMAE Fellows on website** – London Area suggested it might be a good idea to include the citations on the Fellows listing on the website, which would give some clarification and background of why the person had been awarded the Fellowship.

The general feeling was that although it was a good idea the workload involved to collate the information would be too much.

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**- Third paragraph from the bottom, RAeC Delegate report special regard to item 6 and 7 of his report –**

The RAeC Delegate advised that the problem of airfield security is still a worry. To reiterate, EASA are proposing that all airfields including farm strips, should have security. This would impact mostly on radio clubs who share small fields with full-size aviation.

The proposal from the Immigration and Borders Agency that anybody inviting non-EU members to sports events, including ours, would have to a) pay £2000 for a licence to be an approving authority and b) £10 per individual for issuing a licence, has been overturned so we no longer need to worry about that.

Thanks are recorded to Ben Ellis Vice-Chairman of RAeC who was instrumental in this decision.

This concluded matters arising.

**546/09/08 (6) To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer.**

- a) **Review and approval of the statutory accounts and supplementary information for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008.** The Honorary Treasurer handed over to the Accounts Manager Sian Sargeant.

The Accounts Manager provided a run-down of the statutory accounts and supplementary information for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008, copies of which had been previously circulated.

The Accounts Manager informed delegates that all Technical Committees have received an ex-gratia payment of £1000 allocated to their accounts from general funds generated by the interest.

The Honorary Treasurer thanked the Accounts Manager for the presentation.

**The Honorary Treasurer proposed that the Annual Report and Accounts of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 be accepted.**

Seconded by FAI Delegate  
Carried unanimously

b) **Any issues or recommendations raised by the Auditor whilst reviewing the accounts.**

The Honorary Treasurer advised that one minor issue raised by the Auditor was in relation to our budgeting processes, which he has taken on board and is reflected in the budget being put forward today.

The Chairman added that he had received a letter from the Auditor indicating his satisfaction with the way the accounts are handled and presented.

c) **The receipt and approval by Council of the draft budget for presentation to the AGM.**

A copy of the budget was circulated.

The Honorary Treasurer pointed out, that previously, saleable goods was reported in the income as a net figure with no expenditure which is not very good practice from an accounting point of view. This has now been addressed and is reflected in this budget document.

He essentially put together the budget on the basis of recommending to the AGM that membership subscriptions stay the same for 2009.

The Honorary Treasurer provided a résumé of the budget.

The following points were raised on the draft budget:

Scale requested an explanation of why the Records Officer budget is significantly higher than the rest of the Executive. The Honorary Treasurer and the Records Officer provided some information however Scale said he would like to see a complete breakdown of what the Records Officer spent last year. The Accounts Manager would provide the information at a later date.

**ACCTS MGR**

The Honorary Treasurer responded to a question from London Area and explained what the Achievement Scheme Training and Excellence budget would be used for.

It was pointed out that there was no budget listed for the Silent Flight Achievement Scheme Controller. The Accounts Manager would look into it.

**ACCTS MGR**

**The Honorary Treasurer commended the draft budget for presentation to the AGM and a recommendation to the AGM that there is no increase in membership fees for 2009.**

Seconded by Northern Area  
Carried unanimously.

The Honorary Treasurer and Accounts Manager were congratulated.

- e) **The ratification of the fees (currently £40) for Associate Bodies for next year.**

**The Honorary Treasurer recommended that the Associate Body fee for the year 2008 remains the same at £40.**

Seconded by RNMAA  
Carried unanimously.

ALL

The Honorary Treasurer briefed the meeting on a fairly serious situation vis à vis a planning appeal involving a BMFA affiliated club. The Executive had previously approved £5000 expenditure, which is the limit for an Executive approval.

The Honorary Treasurer explained that further costs are likely to be incurred to see the matter to a conclusion. We have been informed by the legal representative that they are very optimistic of the outcome.

**The Honorary Treasurer proposed this Council approve an additional £10,000 (£15,000 total) be made available to continue this case.**

Seconded by North East Area  
Carried unanimously.

CEO  
HON TREAS  
ACCTS MGR

The Honorary Treasurer made a further recommendation on behalf of the Development Officer. The Development Officer is planning to hold a precursor event in 2009 for Indoor 3D Electric and has requested a contingency fund to assist with progressing this further.

**The Honorary Treasurer proposed that a contingency fund of £750 is made available for the purpose of progressing an Indoor 3D Electric event in 2009.**

Seconded by Northern Area  
Carried unanimously.

ACCTS MGR  
DEV OFFICER

**547/09/08 (7) To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.**

**CEO Report to Exec Council – 12<sup>th</sup> September 08.**

Please accept my apologies for not being able to join you today. Janine and I have both come down with an awful 'bug' overnight and we are both suffering the ill effects this morning and as such I neither wished to travel (or pass it on to you).

There are a number of things I wished to raise and discuss and I am frustrated not to be there. The main points I wished to raise are:

1. **Bingo Lotto.** We have now received a cheque for just over £1000. No decision has been taken yet on how to spend this.
2. **Elections.** I know this appears as a separate item on the agenda, but my comments include:
  - a. Details of all nominee's (contested or not) will appear in the BMFA NEWS this year.
  - b. The ballot paper will be included as a separate insert.
  - c. The ballot paper itself is postage paid as instructed and has been designed and printed by Electoral Reform Services.
  - d. In addition to printing the ballot papers, they are also performing the count (papers are returned to them – not me). The charge for this complete service was comparable to other quotes for printing alone.
3. **Nationals.** I think the NATS ran quite well this year and were a tribute to the hard work put in by all involved. On the Wednesday after the NATS, Barkston received its six monthly inspection from the Station Commander and I understand that he was happy with the condition of the airfield. He attended the NATS for at least 2 of the 3 days as an aeromodeller. I understand that there are one or two 'minor issues' he will be raising with me in due course, but I have been unable to establish what these are at this stage.

I have had a 'heads up' from Barry Kenney at Barkston to warn me that it is possible that the hangar may not be available to us in August next year. Vosper Thorneycroft are taking over the elementary flying training contract and will not be using the existing Firefly's. This changeover is due to take place Jun/Jul/Aug 09 and the current plan is to store the Firefly's in the hangar until a new home is found for them.

4. **Mid Beds Planning Appeal.** You will recall at the last meeting that I raised the issue of the planning appeal decision made against one of our clubs which effectively dismissed the DOE Noise Code as outdated and irrelevant. Up to £5K was committed to appeal against the appeal decision. The initial estimate of costs was in the order of £2.5-4.5K.

The appeal has been made, but (as can often be the case with legal action) the cost has exceeded original forecasts. There are several reasons for this, not least because at the critical time, our own Hon Solicitor was out of the country for several weeks, so we were unable to utilise his expertise.

The appeal was put together by a Barrister (David Altaras) experienced in planning appeals (copy of the appeal attached) who has been extremely thorough (clearly this took him some time – and this is where the costs crept up). We then had to pay a solicitor to serve the papers (as barristers are prevented from doing this).

As a consequence, the £5K has been spent in its entirety (the actual costs were £7.5K, but some 'negotiation' took place!).

To see the matter to a conclusion will therefore require some additional funding (the appeal itself will be a day, but there will have to be a briefing meeting and some additional 'time' prior to it). Estimates for the additional cost are in the order of £3K

David Altaras is optimistic about the chances of success. He tells me that he is 'not in the habit of losing' and would not have agreed to take on the case if he had not been optimistic about winning it.

5. **Directors Annual Report.** You are reminded that the deadline for receipt of director's reports for the Annual Report is Monday.
6. **PRS Licence.** I am aware that the Hon Treasurer will be raising the issue of the PRS Licence – required to avoid copyright infringement in the workplace at a cost of around £100 per annum. They seem to be targeting businesses in Leicester at present and have even turned up at a few companies.

The Hon Treasurer clearly has strong views on the use of the radio and the fact that it is 'unprofessional in the office environment'.

The use of the radio in the main office is long established, and is always set to a level which is inaudible when people telephone. The radio is also used in the conference room when Helen and Julie are performing mundane chores such as cleaning trophies and preparing equipment for shows etc.

Personally, I am happy for the existing disciplined use to continue. If the Hon Treasurer provides convincing arguments that I should ban the use of the radio, then I take comfort from the fact that the wrath of the office staff will be directed at him and you rather than me!

## **Chairman**

The new Station Commander at Cranwell Group Captain Warmby?? has been very supportive. He is a keen aeromodeller and a BMFA member.

GASCo - There are no aeromodelling problems whatsoever from the general aviation sector.

Free Flight Nationals once again was again marred by inclement weather conditions.

He had the great pleasure of attending the Buckingham Palace Garden Party with his wife, representing the Society and the RAeC.

He attended the University Challenge and Flight Challenge which were both very good.

He also attended a meeting at Waterbeach with the CEO at which they were negotiating future airfield costs and licence fees with the DEO. There had been no increase in costs for over five years. We fought fairly hard and came out of it reasonably well.

He attended the RAeC Awards in London. Two of our members received awards; Keith Lomax who received a Certificate of Merit and Martin Fardell who received a Bronze Medal.

He had the pleasure to receive from Sir John Alison, on behalf of Julie Fisher who could not attend, a Certificate of Merit. He subsequently presented the award to her at the Helicopter prize-giving at the Power Nationals.

Daniel Billam who was also unable to attend was awarded the RAeC Rolex Trophy. Unfortunately the Chairman was not made aware that Daniel would not be attending so did not receive the award on his behalf.

In July he attended a service of dedication on the invitation of the Chairman of Lincolnshire County Council in Lincoln Cathedral and a subsequent reception in the Castle gardens.

He attends regular meetings at the office with the CEO.

The Power Nationals as usual was very hard work. The following weekend he attended the RAFMAA Championships at Honington.

The AGM is on track with arrangements as previous years. This year our Guest of Honour will be the Chairman of RAeC David Roberts. Mrs Roberts has also agreed to present the trophies.

**548/09/08 (8) To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.**

He attended the Free Flight Nationals. The resolve of the Free Flight modellers is to be admired considering once again the dreadful weather conditions.

The Power Nationals was very enjoyable. The Silent Flight Nationals were held at Spitalgate this year despite arranging for the use of Lodge Farm, which on first face appeared to offer very accommodating facilities for Silent Flight.

However the reason for not using the site was because of the juxtaposition of Lodge Farm with the threshold approach to Cranwell and Cranwell authorities deemed it inappropriate to use that site.

The search for alternative Silent Flight venues within a five to ten mile radius of Barkston Heath will continue.

He Chaired the Awards Committee Meeting, which will be reported on later in the meeting.

He is trying to arrange the annual process meeting of the Safety Committee. We are awaiting a date from the representative of our Brokers who will be attending the meeting. He will endeavour to provide a Safety report to the AGM.

**549/09/08 (9) To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary**

- a) **Presentation of updates to the Affiliated Club list and adoption of any new clubs. (APPENDIX A)**  
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The updates to the Affiliated Club list were accepted.

**The Honorary Secretary proposed that the New Clubs listed on the attached Appendix A be elected.**

Seconded by FAI Delegate  
Carried unanimously.

- b) **Annual ratification of Honorary Members. (listed below)**

John Worth; Derek Hardman; Phil Smith; Dave Bishop; Graham Lynn MBE; Nikki Hadlow; Poppy Gowler; Terry Watson; Dr Mike Sun; Eric Clark; Reg Bench; Mike Goldby; Maureen Nicholls; Peter Valentine; John French; Roger Bellingham.

The Honorary Secretary referred to the Weekly Return figures, copies of which had been made available. Figures are still ahead and we look set to make 36,000 members this year.

The Honorary Secretary notified the meeting that we will be putting a Special Resolution to the AGM this year to incorporate a slight amendment to the Articles of Association. It was discussed at Full Council the possibility of the Council looking for urgent actions to be able to hold a postal ballot rather than calling a meeting.

The change refers to Article 49 and the recommendation is to Amend Article 49 to read 49A with the wording remaining the same plus insert a new paragraph as Article 49B as follows:

*“The Chairman of the Society may, for the resolution of urgent and pressing matters, instigate a postal ballot of Council Members.*

*The result of such a ballot shall be as valid and effective as if it had been passed at a meeting of Council.”*

The reason we are bringing this amendment forward is that we have realised that the Articles do not actually allow us to do it.

The Honorary Secretary commented that the anticipation is, if in the future we are required to implement the new clause that all Council Members would reply. We should actually be taking our responsibilities as Directors very serious in this and make sure we do return the ballot form. The result will be judged on the number of ballots received.

There are times when it will be needed. A case in instance is the Planning Appeal discussed earlier in the meeting requiring further funding. If we had not been notified of this in time for this meeting we would not have been able to deal with it until the next Council Meeting in January, unless we called an extra meeting. This amendment to the Constitution will allow the Chairman to take action in the interim.

**550/09/08 (10) To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.**

The Technical Secretary had nothing to report at this time.

**551/09/08 (11) To receive a report from the Competition Secretary.**

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

The Competition Secretary made special mention of certain points in her report which she implored Technical Committees to make note of.

*Items 1 – 6 of the report ref F6D.*

This will not be going forward as a WAG selection event for the reasons mentioned in the report.

The Competition Secretary will be liaising with the Technical Secretary on putting some procedures in place that will enable this to happen in the future if we so wish.

*Reserve Team Members* – As a result of the workload incurred due to Team changes this year the Competition Secretary would like reserve team members to be a requirement for Technical Committees when proposing their British teams.

The Chairman allowed the Competition Secretary to table the following proposal:

**The Competition Secretary proposed that Technical Committees when they put forward British Teams include properly structured first and second reserve team members.**

Seconded by Control Line Technical Committee

The team reserves would have to be fully validated by team trials. If there is no first or second you do not put one in. In that case if one of the team members withdraws, that team will go as a two-man team or one-man team. She will not allow the umpteenth person down the line to go as a reserve team member to take the place of somebody who has placed first, second or third.

London Area cited a case in instance that happened this year that a member dropped out at the last minute and the reserve team member had made other arrangements. He felt we should not prevent Technical Committees if necessary moving down the list and finding somebody who would be able to stand in at short notice.

The Competition Secretary said she believes very strongly that the first reserve should hold them-self in readiness.

Vote: For: 23  
Ags: 1  
Abs: 0

**ALL**

Carried by a majority vote.

The Competition Secretary requested Technical Committee Delegates to report back to their respective Committees, (with the exception of Scale who have submitted theirs) to remind them that Team Manager reports for 2008 must be sent in. Only Scale has been received at this time.

**TECH COMMS**

The Competition Secretary will not be paying any expenses until Team Manager reports have been received.

Free Flight asked what the acceptable time lapse is following the Championship for receipt of the Team Manager report. The Competition Secretary replied that 4-5 weeks is not unreasonable.

Some felt there should be a time-scale for receipt of reports and that it used to appear in the Team Managers guidelines. The Competition Secretary advised that she had removed it from the guidelines because she feels it is too restrictive to have a deadline.

She also advised that it mentions in her report that she has decided to revise the Team Managers guidelines because Team Managers do not appear to read them and if they do they do not appear to abide by them.

She will endeavour to simplify the guidelines and will also be including a check-list.

The Team results this year are magnificent. The following are all World Championships:

- F1D – Indoor Duration Team Silver.
- F2A – Control Line Speed Team Gold.
- F3C – R/C Helicopter Team Bronze.
- F4C – R/C Scale Team Bronze.

European Championships as follows:

F1C – Free Flight Power Team Silver who was also awarded the Jack North Challenge Trophy for the best Championship placing across all of the Free Flight classes.

Individual:

S4 Boost Glider – Nigel Bathe Silver Medal.

The Competition Secretary thanked all of the Teams for their efforts.

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

The following application has been received.

Free Flight Stonehenge Cup – 9/10 May 2009.

**The Competition Secretary proposed that Free Flight Stonehenge Cup registration for 2009 FAI Calendar is accepted.**

Seconded by R/C Power Tech Committee  
Carried unanimously

COMP SEC  
ACCTS MGR  
OFFICE MGR

b) **Ratification of fees for FAI licences for 2009 (Present fees: FAI stamp Seniors £10 & Juniors £5; Booklet £5; replacement licences including the FAI stamp (ie lost or damaged in the current year) £5.**

**The Competition Secretary proposed that the fees remain the same as above for 2009.**

Seconded by Honorary Treasurer.  
Carried unanimously.

COMP SEC  
ACCTS MGR  
OFFICE MGR

c) **Receipt of contest fees for Free Flight for 2009.**

Free Flight advised that these fees will be agreed at the end of the season however it is envisaged that there will be no change to the current fees.

The Technical Secretary asked Free Flight to make sure the fees are presented to Technical Council in October.

**FREE FLIGHT**

- d) **Proposal from the Competition Secretary that Technical Committees must advertise for team manager and assistant team manager (if appropriate) posts for their British Teams in the BMFA News and on the news page of the BMFA website.**

**The advertisement, including a deadline for receipt of replies, must be placed early enough to allow (a) a reasonable time for replies and (b) the names of the recommended candidates to be placed on the agenda of the January Full Council meeting for ratification.**

Seconded by London Area.

A drafting amendment to the wording was required which has been included in the proposal wording above in italics.

The inception date will be 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009 for 2010 season and onwards.

Northern Area suggested the Competition Secretary writes a summary of the Team Manager job for inclusion in the BMFA News, which she thought was an excellent idea and said she would do that.

COMP SEC

Vote: For: 19  
Ags: 1  
Abs: 5

ALL

Carried by a majority vote.

**552/09/08 (12) To receive a report from the Records Officer.**

**British Record Claims**

- a) Name Chris Barker/Mike North – BMFA No's 51784/24195  
Class F2CN (Final 200 laps)  
Site RAF Barkston Heath Date 8 June 2008  
Time 7 mins 57.9 secs
- b) Name Chris Barker/Mike North – BMFA No's 51784/24195  
Class F2CN Heat (100 laps)  
Site RAF Barkston Heath Date 8 June 2008  
Time 3 mins 55.8 secs
- c) Name Heaton/Morrissey/Fleming – BMFA No's 50550/2525/  
01976  
Class Barton B T/Race  
Site Barton Date 27 April 2008  
Time 6 mins 37.2 secs

**The Records Officer proposed that the British Record Claims listed above a) to c) be ratified 'en bloc'.**

Seconded by Control Line Technical Committee  
Carried unanimously.

OFFICE MGR

- d) Name Stephen Hannon – BMFA No 37996  
Class R/C Thermal Soaring Glider – Alt  
Site Fish Meadow Date 27 July 2008  
Altitude 690m

**Please note this submission is not recommended to the Council as the rules have not been adhered to.**

In accordance with the above note the Records Officer proceeded to quote from the Rule Book specifically relating to the equipment used to measure the altitude.

Mid West had been instructed by his Area to speak in defence of the above claim. He said he had it on good authority that the equipment used was bone fide and the relevant calibration certifications are available for scrutiny if required.

The claimant disputes the fact that a BMFA rule exists, as the Records Officer claims that the only valid equipment that can be used when attempting this record is held by the BMFA and a request should have been made to him for use of it.

If such a rule exists it would eliminate opportunity to attempt a record i.e. when the weather conditions became favourable the record could be set.

It came to light that the Records Officer quoted incorrect information because he was using an out of date copy of the Rule Book.

It transpired however that a valid calibration certificate for the equipment used in the attempt had not been provided with the dossier.

Mid West apologised and said he was told everything was in order and relevant certificates available. He has just spoken to Nick Neve FSMAE on the telephone who was one of the witnesses to this claim who advised him that there is no calibration certificate available only a specification sheet.

This brought into question the requirements for calibration when attempting records and there were some differing views on the technicalities for calibrating the many kinds of equipment used in these attempts.

**The Vice-Chairman proposed that the Record Claim is deferred and re-presented if necessary at the next Council meeting.**

Seconded by Technical Secretary

Vote: For: 23  
Ags: 0  
Abs: 2

Carried by a majority vote.

**MID WEST  
AREA  
RECORDS  
OFFICER**

The Chairman instructed the Records Officer in future not to make notes against agenda items as he did in this case.

The Records Officer advised of a further Record Claim as follows, which the Chairman allowed him to put forward:

Name Dave Smith BMFA No 01784  
Class Vintage Speed 2.5cc  
Site Barkston Heath Date 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2008  
Speed 118.9 mph

**The Records Officer commended the above British Record Claim for ratification.**

Seconded by Control Line Technical Committee  
Carried unanimously

**OFFICE MGR**

The Records Officer had circulated to the meeting a paper headed "Returned Radio Modeller Trophy".

It refers to the "original" RADIO MODELLER TROPHY that has re-appeared and is back in the hands of the Society after more than 30 years.

He advised the trophy would be placed in the safe-keeping of the Scale Technical Committee who will award it to the highest placed newcomer in the RC Scale flying only class. In accordance with the request of Scale Technical Committee it will be un-adopted and will not carry a funded dinner ticket.

There was some discussion as to whether it should be adopted, but without funding for a dinner ticket in order that it is looked after and kept in good condition under the auspices of the Society to try and ensure the same thing does not happen again and it gets lost without trace.

Scale said that initially they did not want it to be adopted however on reflection, taking into consideration that they adopted the Eric Coates Trophy for the very same reason that has been pointed out above they would like it to be adopted by the Society.

The Records Officer expressed his dismay with this decision.

**R/C Power Technical Committee proposed that the Radio Modeller Trophy be adopted by the Society, without a funded dinner ticket.**

Seconded by Control Line Technical Committee  
Carried unanimously.

**553/09/08 (13) To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.**

No report.

#### **554/09/08 (14) To receive a report from the FAI Delegate**

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

The FAI Delegate referred to one of the points in his report that the FAI had produced a "to whom it may concern" letter in relation to aeromodellers competing in European and World Championships. The aim is to help alleviate excess baggage costs that airlines impose when travelling with sport equipment. It will be produced on FAI headed paper and signed by the FAI Secretary General.

He reminded all concerned that the deadline for receipt by the FAI of FAI Rule Changes; Sporting Calendar Registration; CIAM Awards nominations; lists of CIAM Judges / Technical Sub Committees is 15<sup>th</sup> November.

The Technical Secretary also reminded Technical Committees that the agenda deadline for Technical Council to send in FAI Rule Change proposals is Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

a) **Agreement of the CIAM Education Sub-Committee Delegate.**

Full Council agreed that Mike Colling FSMAE continue as CIAM Education Sub-Committee Delegate.

#### **555/09/08 (15) Next year's Major Events:**

a) **To discuss venues for 2009.**

An application has been made for RAF Barkston Heath for the Power Nationals.

Silent Flight - Agreed to arrange Spitalgate tentatively until such time that a suitable alternative site can be found.

Free Flight – RAF Barkston Heath.

b) **To accept co-ordinators**

Power Nationals – Chris Bromley FSMAE

Silent Flight Nationals – Mike Proctor FSMAE

Free Flight Nationals – Mike Woodhouse FSMAE

Space Nationals – Geoff Seabrook

**Top Gun** – The Technical Secretary commented that this year was the third year Top Gun had been run which is what was agreed to initially. If it is our intention to keep running it this Council should make that decision.

He felt Top Gun worked very well combining it with the Showline this year and would be very happy to continue with it for next year.























































