

## MINUTES

### SOCIETY OF MODEL AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS LTD.

(T/A British Model Flying Association)

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 11am at Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrews Road, Leicester LE2 8RE.

Provisional until confirmed at the next Full Council Meeting.

#### PRESENT

Robin Gowler FSMAE	Chairman
Chris Moynihan	Vice-Chairman
Robin Sleight MBE	Honorary Secretary
Keith Lomax FSMAE	Honorary Treasurer
Jo Halman FSMAE	Competition Secretary
John French	Records Officer
Peter Halman FSMAE	FAI Delegate
Nigel Barker	PRO
Martin Dilly FSMAE	London Area Delegate
George Maynard	Midland Area Delegate
Andy Symons	Northern Area Delegate
Peter Christy	South Midland Area Delegate
Phil Durant	Western Area Delegate
Ian Robb	Northern Ireland Area Delegate
Mike Francies	Free Flight TC Representative
Vernon Hunt	Control Line TC Representative
Wayne Pendleton	R/CPTC Representative
	Alternate
Clive Needham	R/C SFTC Representative
Ian Pallister	Scale TC Representative
Peter Disney	RNMAA Representative
Terry Rounce	Alternate for Chris Bromley FSMAE

#### Visitors

John Pearson	Northern Ireland Area Member By special invitation of the Chairman
Peter Spurway	R/CPAS Controller

#### In Attendance

Linda Harding	Office Manager / Minute Taker
Dave Phipps	CEO

## AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for Absence.
- 2 Request for permission to be absent.
- 3 To formally receive the following delegates:
  - a The RAeC Delegate
  - b The RNMAA Delegate
- 4 To formally receive the Area Delegates to Council.~
- 5 To co-opt Technical Committee Representatives to Council.~
- 6 To verify the voting strength of the meeting.
- 7 To:~
  - a Note names of the Technical Committee Chairmen.
  - b Ratify the BMFA Delegates to other organisations.
  - c Ratify Council appointed sub-committees.
  - d Ratify Council appointed posts.
- 8 Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2009.
- 9 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2009 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 10 To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer to include the following:
  - a To review and accept the proposed guidelines for use of Training and Excellence budgets. (Appended)
- 11 International Teams for this year's World and European Championships:~
  - a Ratification of Teams, Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers (where permitted) from submitted proposals – full details appended.
    - i Free Flight 2010 European Championships Team Manager and Assistant Team Manager.
    - ii F1A, F1B, F1C Teams for 2010 European Championships.
    - iii F1D 2010 World Championship Team Manager.
    - iv F1E 2010 European Championship Team Manager and Assistant Team Manager.
    - v F1E Team for 2010 European Championships.
    - vi 2010 Space Modelling World Championships Team Manager and Assistant Team Manager.
    - vii Space Modelling Senior and Junior Teams for World Championships 2010.
    - viii F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D Teams for 2010 World Championships.
    - ix F3A 2010 European Championship Team Manager.
    - x F3A Team for 2010 European Championship.
    - xi F3C 2010 European Championship Team Manager.
    - xii F3C Team for 2010 European Championship.
    - xiii F4C Team for 2010 World Championship.

- xiv F5D 2010 World Championship Team Manager.
- xv F5D Team for 2010 World Championship.

- b Receipt of declarations from any Technical Committees that has not yet finalised a proposed team that it does intend to send a team. ~
- 12 To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer to include:
- a Update on Club Map Reference.
- 13 To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman to include the following:
- a Provide information on formation of the Electrical Safety Advisory Group.
- 14 To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary to include the following:
- a Notification of Helicopter Specialist Body (AHA) change of working title.
- 15 To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.
- 16 To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include:
- a Receipt and ratification of any outstanding contests for this year's FAI Calendar.
  - b Receipt of this year's BMFA contest fees.~
- 17 To receive a report from the Records Officer to include the following British Record Claim:
- |       |                      |        |                            |
|-------|----------------------|--------|----------------------------|
| Name  | Ben Jones /Geb Jones | Mem No | 089029                     |
| Class | F3D Pylon            |        |                            |
| Site  | RAF Wittering        | Date   | 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2009 |
| Heat  | 0 Mins 56.88 secs    |        |                            |
- 18 To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.
- 19 To receive a report from the FAI Delegate.
- 20 To receive the following proposals:
- a **From Jim Andrews FSMAE** that Mike Francies be elected to the post of Alternate to the FAI Delegate for 2010.
  - b **From Jim Andrews FSMAE** that Mike Colling FSMAE be elected to the post of Education Delegate to the FAI for 2010.
  - c **From the R/C Power Technical Committee** that the "Code of Practice for the Operation of Gas Turbine Powered Model Aircraft" be amended as follows:
    - A.1: "Manufacturers' or Designers' operating instructions ~~must~~ *should* be followed at all times. *Where manufacturers' or designers' instructions conflict with this Code of Practice, the manufacturers' or designers' instructions must take precedence.*"
    - J.2: "*Where practical, the following gas turbine system checks ~~must~~ should be made prior to every flight:*"
    - Add J.3: "Mechanical abnormalities indicated at any time by vibration, unusual or excessive noise, excessive temperature, overspeed, or any other unexpected phenomena must be investigated before the engine is re-started."*

- d **From Free Flight Technical Committee** to revise the allocation of the Junior Kit Rubber and Junior Kit Glider trophies at the Free Flight Nationals. We propose that these two trophies should still be allocated to the novice event which will continue to be a combined rubber/glider event for nominated models.

The revised trophy allocation will be:-

Junior Kit Rubber to the highest placed rubber model

Junior Kit Glider to the highest placed glider model

In the event of there being no entries in a particular discipline then that trophy will not be awarded in that year.

- e **From South Midland Area** to expedite the setting up of on-line membership applications and renewals.
- f **From South Midland Area** to formalise the constitution of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee.

21 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 Committee (GASCo)
- c Air Prox
- d Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR)
- e General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)

22 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
- k BMFA Archivist Report

23 Any Other Business.

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

24 Date of next meeting.

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Before the start of the meeting the Chairman said a few words in remembrance of Mike Goldby Honorary Member who died recently, followed by one minute silence.

## MINUTES

### 635/01/10 (1) Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from the following:  
Les Eagle R/CPTC, Robin Jones FSMAE Mid West Area, Chris Bromley FSMAE Technical Secretary, Keith Miller FSMAE South East Area, Stuart Simpson Southern Area, Allan Weighell FSMAE Indoor TC, Tom Jones North East Area, David Lloyd-Jones North West Area.

### 636/01/10 (2) Request for permission to be absent.

A request had been received from Mike Colling FSMAE Indoor TC & Education Co-ordinator, which was duly granted.

### 637/01/10 (3) To formally receive the following delegates:

Martin Dilly FSMAE Royal Aero Club  
Peter Disney RNMAA

### 638/01/10 (4) To formally receive the Area Delegates to Council

EAST ANGLIA	Peter Leavesley
LONDON	Martin Dilly FSMAE
MIDLAND	George Maynard
NORTHERN	Andrew Symons
NORTH EAST	Tom Jones
NORTH WEST	David Lloyd-Jones
SOUTH MIDLAND	Peter Christy
SOUTH EAST	Keith Miller FSMAE
SOUTHERN	Stuart Simpson
WESTERN	Phil Durant
MID WEST	Robin Jones FSMAE
SOUTH WEST	Vacant
NORTHERN IRELAND	Ian Robb
RAFMAA	Not confirmed yet for 2010

### 639/01/10 (5) To co-opt Technical Committee Representatives to Council.

FREE FLIGHT	Mike Francies
CONTROL LINE	Vernon Hunt
R/C POWER	Les Eagle
R/C SILENT FLIGHT	Clive Needham
SCALE	Ian Pallister
INDOOR	Mike Colling FSMAE

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

**640/01/10 (6) To verify the voting strength of the meeting.**

There were 20 members eligible to vote.

**641/01/10 (7) To note names of the Technical Committee Chairmen, Ratify the BMFA Delegates to other organisations, Ratify Council appointed sub-committees, Ratify Council appointed posts.**

**a)Tech Committee Chairmen**

FREE FLIGHT	Mike Woodhouse FSMAE
CONTROL LINE	Chris Barker
SILENT FLIGHT	Clive Needham
RC POWER	Les Eagle
SCALE	Ian Pallister
INDOOR	Allan Weighell FSMAE

**b) BMFA Delegates to other Organisations**

Royal Aero Club (RAeC)	Martin Dilly FSMAE
GASCO	Robin Gowler FSMAE
Airprox	Development Officer
CCPR	Graham Lynn MBE FSMAE
RAeC	Technical Committee Bob Cutter
General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)	Development Officer

Proposed by the Honorary Treasurer  
Seconded by London Area  
Carried unanimously

**c) Ratify Council appointed sub-committees.**

**BMFA Safety Review Sub Committee**

Vice Chairman  
Technical Secretary  
Development Officer  
Flying Site Adviser  
Specialist from each Tech Committee as required  
NB: Information to be copied to  
Technical Secretary

Proposed by the Competition Secretary  
Seconded by Scale Technical Committee  
Carried unanimously

**Awards Committee**

Vice Chairman  
RAeC Delegate  
Allan Weighell FSMAE  
Gordon Warburton FSMAE  
Jim Andrews FSMAE  
Tech Council Representative  
Areas Council Representative

Proposed by the Competition Secretary  
Seconded by the PRO  
Carried unanimously

CAA

Chris Bromley FSMAE  
Graham Lynn **MBE** FSMAE  
CEO

Proposed by the Competition Secretary  
Seconded by the FAI Delegate  
Carried unanimously

UK Radio Control Council  
(UKRCC)

Chris Bromley FSMAE  
Graham Lynn **MBE** FSMAE

Proposed by the Competition Secretary  
Seconded by the Honorary Treasurer  
Carried unanimously

Education Working Group

Mike Colling FSMAE  
Trevor Faulkner  
Stuart Lodge  
Area Co-ordinators

Proposed by the Records Officer  
Seconded by Free Flight Technical Committee  
Carried unanimously

BMFA News Publishers

Kath Watson FSMAE  
John French  
Keith Lomax FSMAE

Proposed by the Honorary Secretary  
Seconded by the Competition Secretary  
Carried unanimously

Computer Committee

Chris Bromley FSMAE  
Dave Phipps – Chief Executive  
Linda Harding – Office Manager

Proposed by the Competition Secretary  
Seconded by Scale Technical Committee  
Carried unanimously

Areas Council

Members as detailed in the Areas  
Council Terms of Reference

Technical Council

Members as detailed in the Technical  
Council Terms of Reference

The Executive

The nine Elected Officers  
Chief Executive

**d) Ratify Council appointed posts**

PAS Controller  
SF AS Controller

Peter Spurway  
Peter Spurway (until new incumbent  
appointed)  
Kath Watson FSMAE

Archivist

**The Competition Secretary proposed that Council ratify the above named to the relevant Council appointed posts.**

Seconded by the PRO  
Carried unanimously

**642/01/10 (8) Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2009.**

**Page 9**

- **Seventh paragraph penultimate line** – Insert “she” after “and”.

**Page 11**

- **Fourth paragraph, second line** – Insert “Cranwell” after “College”.
- **Fifth paragraph, second line** – Replace “invite” with “invitation”.
- **Final paragraph, first line** – Replace “include” with “included”.
- **Final paragraph, second line** – Replace “chairin” with “chairing”.

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- **Penultimate paragraph, second line** – Insert “at” after “place”.

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- **Fourth paragraph, final line** – Replace “in” with “and”.

**Page 18**

- **Sixth paragraph from the bottom, second line** – Insert “last” after “UK”.
- **Seventh paragraph, first line** – Replace “events” with “classes”.

**Page 22**

- **Second paragraph, first line** – Insert “and Space” after “Free Flight”.
- **Fourth paragraph, first line** – Insert “and Space” after “Free Flight”.

**Page 23**

- **First paragraph, third line and third paragraph first line** – Replace “GBR/CAA” with “GBRCAA”.

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- **Third paragraph heading Andrei Tupolev**– Replace “Diploma” with “Medal”.

**The Vice-Chairman proposed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2009 be accepted as a true record.**

Seconded by RNMAA

Vote            For:    15  
                    Abs:     5  
                    Ags:    0

Carried by majority vote.

**643/01/10 (9) Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2009 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.**

**ACTION / NOTES**

**Page 10**

- **Fourth paragraph from the bottom, Bingo Lotto** – Bingo Lotto scheme has been discontinued.

**Page 12**

- **Penultimate paragraph, R/C Power were to inform the Vice-Chairman at what meeting the issue of safe use of Lipo batteries was addressed** – This had not been done. The Chairman asked R/C Power to look into this.

**Page 13**

**Fourth paragraph, Honorary Secretary report referring to shared use of Barkston Heath at Free Flight Nationals with F3K event in 2010** – The Honorary Secretary advised this is no longer an issue and the F3K Flyers do want to stay at the Silent Flight Nationals. Free Flight Technical Committee do not want them at the Free Flight Nationals anyway.

**Page 15**

- **Second paragraph, action for the Technical Secretary and CEO with reference to writing to the charger manufacturer drawing attention to our concerns** – This action is to be carried forward.

**TECH SEC/ CEO**

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- **Sixth paragraph from the bottom, recouping costs from the organisers for cancelled F2A and F2C classes at the European Champs in 2009** – The Competition Secretary advised that this is ongoing.

The FAI Delegate asked what advice this Council could give him if this matter is not resolved by the CIAM Plenary Meeting, when they come to make any votes about what Serbia may wish to do in the future regarding hosting championships.

The advice from Council to the FAI Delegate was that if there were any bids to host championships from Serbia he should vigorously object but also provide the reason why we are against it, which is that Serbia had not honoured their responsibilities.

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- **Final paragraph, action for Free Flight to email Free Flight Nationals results as a matter of urgency** – The Free Flight Nationals results were emailed to the relevant people. The Records Officer will ensure the Free Flight Nationals results are received on time in 2010.

The Chairman commented that he would also like to see it recorded in the minutes of the Free Flight Technical Committee that they will ensure the results will be provided immediately after the event. Free Flight advised that they have this in hand.

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- **Half way down the page, FAI Delegate report** – The FAI Delegate provided information that the FAI has appointed a replacement for Max Bishop the Secretary General. The new incumbent is Stephane Desprez who formally takes over from February 1<sup>st</sup> 2010.

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- **Top of page, Computer sub-committee** – London Area pointed out that he could not find any information on the BMFA website regarding applications for FAI Licences. This was noted and the CEO will arrange for something to be included on the website.

Several other issues were raised with regard to the BMFA website as follows:

Although there is now a tab on the top of the page which links to the Agendas and Minutes there are still tabs at the side of the page headed Minutes and Agenda with no information contained therein and could now be obsolete.

BMFA Rule Books are difficult to find on the BMFA website. They are actually listed under resources but it was suggested it might be more useful to include a tab for Rule Books.

We could do with introducing a policy for automatic removal of obsolete information on the website.

The CEO would look into the above comments and arrange for any amendments accordingly. The CEO also commented that if anybody has any issues with the website to let him know because he can only take action if it is brought to his attention.

**CEO**

South Midland commented that overall the general navigation on the BMFA website is not very straightforward.

Scale pointed out with regard to removal of out of date information that it is the responsibility of **the individual** webmaster to remove out of date information and not the BMFA webmaster.

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- **Second paragraph from the top, comment by the Technical Secretary re disproportionate FAI/CIAM fees for World/Euro Champs that “there is the likelihood that if CIAM are not able to do anything it is inevitable the Championships will move to a four year cycle”** – The Competition Secretary made a point that the above quote is only the opinion of the Technical Secretary and it cannot be taken as read and it is not inevitable that the Championships will move to a four year cycle.

This concluded matters arising.

**644/01/10 (10) To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer.**

The Honorary Treasurer had nothing to report other than submitting the following proposal.

**To review and accept the proposed guidelines for the use of Training and Excellence budgets.**

\*\*\*\*\* **Amended version appended (APPENDIX A)**

Unfortunately an incorrect version of the attachment to the proposal was submitted for inclusion with the agenda, which he apologised for. Council were provided with amended copies of the document.

The Honorary Treasurer provided some background information in support of the proposal.

A couple of minor corrections were made as follows:

*First heading Principles, last line replace “recipients” with “claimants” ;*

*Third heading Allowable Expenses, second bullet point replace “be using” with “use”.*

One of the main points raised was that there is no provision in the guidelines to help future champions. The Chairman commented that they are only guidelines and not set in stone rules. He considers that it is a very good document for a first attempt and commended them to Council to accept.

The guidelines, including the above corrections were accepted.

The Honorary Treasurer implored Technical Committees to put together a structured proposal for what they would like to use the money for when they do the budgets this Summer, which can then be accepted or otherwise at Full Council in September.

**645/01/10 (11) International Teams for this year's World and European Championships.**

**a) Ratification of Teams, Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers**

i) Free Flight 2010 European Championships Team Manager and Assistant Team manager.

**Free Flight withdrew the above proposal temporarily until last year's event is finalised.**

For completeness it was necessary for the Competition Secretary to provide additional information for some of the proposals.

The Competition Secretary requested Technical Committees to note for the future that proposals for Teams, Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers are **must be** submitted as individual proposals.

**ALL TECH  
COMMS**

ii) F1A, F1B, F1C Free Flight European Championships to be held in Vize-Kirklareli, Turkey 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

Team comprises:

F1A John Carter 050520 Grantham  
Stuart Damon 076790 B'ham  
Tim Nicholson 085880 Country

Res Chris Edge 064198 Scotia  
Phil Ball 057180 Grantham

F1B Russell Peers 027418 Grantham  
Mike Woolner 057957 E Grinstead  
Gerry Pink 000226 Bristol West

Res Mike Woodhouse 034262 Vikings  
Bob Cheesley 043647 Crookham

F1C Neil Allen 039572 E Grinstead  
Alan Jack 056873 Tynemouth

No third team member or reserves currently available for F1C but the FFTC is still seeking to send a full team.

iii) F1D 2010 World Championship Team Manager.

**Proposal was withdrawn as it was incomplete.**

The Competition Secretary will contact the Indoor Technical Committee for further information.

**COMP SEC**

iv) F1E 2010 European Championship to be held in Turda, Romania 22 -29 August 2010, Team Manager Ian Kaynes FSMAE 021003 and Assistant Team Manager Stephen Philpott 064218.

F1E Team comprises three members, one of which is Stephen Philpott Assistant Team Manager. In accordance with our policy Stephen Philpott will be funded as a Team Member.

**(Voting strength increased to 21 due to the late arrival of Northern Ireland Area Delegate)**

v) F1E European Championships Team to be held in Turda, Romania 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> August 2010.

Doug Bartle 067661 Morley, Stephen Philpott 064218 B'ham  
Ian Kaynes FSMAE 021003 Croydon.

No reserves available.

vii) Senior and Junior Teams for the Space Modelling World Championships to be held in Irig, Serbia 21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> August 2010.

Senior Team

Trevor Seabrook 113101 SERFs, John Jacomb 108203 SERFs, Nigel Bathe 63592 Elmbridge, Mike Francies 39222 Red Rose Soarers, Jef Ott 21361 Canvey Island, Benedykt Klejnow 140191 country.

1<sup>st</sup> Reserves, details as above: S4 Trevor Seabrook, S1 John Jacomb, S9 Nigel Bathe, S3, S6 Benedykt Klejnow.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reserves, details as above: S9 Mike Francies, S1,S3,S6 Jef Ott, S4 Benedykt Klejnow.

Junior Team

Catherine Jacomb 150720 SERFs, Jonathan Jacomb 108203 SERFs.

viii) F2A team for the 2010 World Championships, 23<sup>rd</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August 2010 in Gyula, Hungary.

Peter Halman FSMAE 50198 Sharston, Paul Eisner 57093 Elmbridge, Ken Morrissey FSMAE 2525 Sharston.

Reserves: Gordon Isles 50258 Barton.

F2B team for the 2010 World Championships 23<sup>rd</sup> July – 1 August in Gyula, Hungary.

Roy Cherry 63577 Chiltern, Robert Kitley 121912 Nuneaton, Barry Robinson 68248 Shildon.

Reserves: Bill Draper 40352 Nottingham.

F2C team for the 2010 World Championships 23<sup>rd</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August in Gyula, Hungary.

Eifflaender/Broadhead 149669/37494 Country/Barton  
Fitzgerald/Thomason 33566/87971 Calderdale/Country  
Ross/Yeldham 50551/30971 Barton/Country

Reserves: Holmes/Robson 30618/38279 Novocastria

F2D team for the 2010 World Championships 23<sup>rd</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August in Gyula, Hungary.

Mike Whillance 88347 Urmston, Andrew Shields 6203 SAA  
Martin Coe 135194 Scampton

Reserve: Mervyn Jones 79655 Wharfdale

Pitmen: Martin Johnson 28779 Novocastria, Gordon Price  
3304 SAA.

Junior Pilot: Jamie Griffin 151116 Novocastria.

For all of the following proposals from R/C Power, Club details for the Team Managers and Members had been omitted. In some cases dates and venues were also omitted.

The Competition Secretary asked R/C Power to report back to their Committee that this information should be included in future proposals as it is a requirement of Council. **R/C POWER**

ix) F3A European Championship Team Manager Alison Harrop, 89395, to be held in Kapseberg, Styria, Austria on 26<sup>th</sup> August – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

x) 2010 European Championship Team for F3A to be held in Kapseberg, Styria, Austria on 26<sup>th</sup> August – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

Team Members: John Harrop 89390, Richard Christopher 36195, Keith Jackson 22351

Reserves: Kevin Caton 72281, Matt Hoyland 30848

xi) 2010 European Championship Team Manager for F3C, Scott Marshall 151366, to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> July in Sibiu, Romania.

xii) 2010 European Championship Team for F3C to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> July in Sibiu, Romania.

Steve Roberts 43791, Mark Christy 59602, Dave Fisher 31112.

Reserve: Matt Reuben 45735

xiii) 2010 World Championship Team for F4C Team to be held in Zestochowa, Poland on 30<sup>th</sup> July – 8<sup>th</sup> August.

Peter McDermott FSMAE 66173 Winchester, MFC Dave Knott 47166 Sussex MFC, Mick Henderson SAA 4653 Deallachy Aeromodellers.

xv) 2010 World Championship Team for F5D to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August in Muncie, Indiana, USA.

Pilots: Rob Ashley-Roche 80677, Darron Rodrigues 78992  
Ollie Witt 121620

Callers: Mark Van-der-Velden 43072, Rod Holmes 13609,  
Mark Diggle 45658

Reserve Pilot: Ben Jones 89029

The Competition Secretary pointed out that the Team Manager has also been appointed as a Caller for the Team Member. She advised that this is acceptable for F5D as they have so few eligible people. However he will only be eligible for one allowance.

**The Competition Secretary proposed the ratification of the above Team Manager, Assistant Team Manager and Team proposals en bloc.**

Seconded by Scale  
Carried unanimously

OFFICE MGR  
COMP SEC

Items vi) proposals from Free Flight were taken as individual **individually** for Team Manager and Assistant Team Manager for Space Modelling World Championships to be held in Irig, Serbia 21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> August 2010.

**Team Manager – Len Klejnow 160995 Country Member**

Seconded by London Area

Vote: For: 20  
Abs: 1  
Ags: 0

Carried by a majority vote.

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COMP SEC

**Assistant Team Manager – Jeff Ott 21361 Canvey Island**

Seconded by the Honorary Secretary

Vote: For: 20  
Abs: 1  
Ags: 0

Carried by a majority vote.

OFFICE MGR  
COMP SEC

xiv) 2010 World Championship Team Manager for F5D to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August in Muncie, Indiana, USA.

Mark Van-der-Velden 43072

Proposed by R/C Power  
Seconded by Scale  
Carried unanimously

OFFICE MGR  
COMP SEC

**b) Receipt and declaration from any Technical Committee that has not yet finalised a proposed team that it does intend to send a team.**

No declaration had been received from the Indoor Technical Committee that they would be sending a Team to the 2010 F1D World Championships. The Competition Secretary will chase this.

COMP SEC

There is no Championship for F3B this year.

The Competition Secretary provided the following information proposed by the Silent Flight Technical Committee:

2010 F3J Team to comprise Austin Guerrier, Colin Paddon, Mark Deval  
Reserves: Dave East, Chris Glover

Seconded by the Competition Secretary  
Carried unanimously

**OFFICE MGR  
COMP SEC**

The F3J Team are entitled to take two tow men with them and they will be proposed at a later date and ratified by the Competition Secretary.

2010 F3J Team Manager – Nick Kidd  
Seconded by the Competition Secretary  
Carried unanimously

**OFFICE MGR  
COMP SEC**

2010 F5B Team Nigel Potter, Alan Flockhart and George Shering; Reserve Mark Haigh.  
Seconded by the Competition Secretary  
Carried unanimously

**OFFICE MGR  
COMP SEC**

The following proposals had been received from Control Line Technical Committee:

That John James, BMFA No 58506 (Country Member) be appointed as Team Manager for the 2010 Control Line World Championships, 23<sup>rd</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August in Gyula, Hungary.

That Val James, BMFA No 156772 (Country Member) be appointed Assistant Team Manager for the 2010 Control Line World Championships, 23<sup>rd</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August in Gyula, Hungary.

Seconded by South Midland  
Carried unanimously

**OFFICE MGR  
COMP SEC**

**646/01/10 (12) To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.**

**CEO**

The CEO provided an update on the Club Map Reference which features an interactive club map rather than the road atlas listings which we currently use.

A decision was taken at an Executive Meeting that an opt-out should be put in operation so that clubs had an option not to publish their details on the website. A note was placed in the Club Bulletin and there are about a dozen clubs who do not want their information to be published.

To operate the opt-out, a change to the club database was required. This has just been implemented but not yet tested.

Hopefully the Club Map Reference should be on line in the very near future.

Bingo Lotto unfortunately, despite the high hopes for it, only lasted three weeks before ceasing to continue. We do not expect to receive any money from it.

Since the last meeting the CEO has attended the Society AGM, Electric Indoor Masters, The Flying Show at the NEC.

We were invited to have a presence at The Flying Show by the British Microlight Association, which attracted quite a lot of attention because we organised the only actual flying at the show. It was very interesting speaking to the people as there were quite a number who were current and ex-modellers.

With regard to the Child Protection Policy, although the vetting and barring legislation and the legislation around the Independent Safeguarding Authority came in to force in October 2009, the Government have still not issued the guidance to Sport and we have no idea when they will be doing this.

The Chairman mentioned before the start of the meeting the sad news about Mike Goldby. Before Mike died he made a special visit to the office to bring a couple of his Free Flight Scale models which he donated to us. We will be arranging display cases for the models which will then be displayed in the Council room.

The CEO recorded his thanks to the office staff for all their hard work during what is a very busy time for us.

#### **Chairman**

The Chairman attended most of the events and shows mentioned in the CEO's report with the exception of the Electric Indoor Masters. He was unable to attend this because he was invited to attend the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the SAA in Scotland, which happened to be the same weekend.

Forthcoming activities include the meetings in the South West scheduled for early February and hopefully this will conclude the arrangements for the County based structure for the South West Area.

He had the pleasure of attending the office just before Christmas to present the Christmas gifts to the office staff.

#### **647/01/10 (13) To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.**

The Vice-Chairman attended the Society AGM and performed the duties required of him.  
He attended the Electric Indoor Masters and officiated as Vice-Chairman in the absence of the Chairman. The event was a great success.

Northern Area took this opportunity to record thanks to Andy Whitehead who was the CD at the event and who worked exceptionally hard to ensure the event was a success. Thanks also went to Manny Williamson and Linda Harding for their sterling efforts during the weekend.

At the Safety Review Committee meeting in September 2009 there were concerns at the demise of the specialist body for Electric Flight and consequently the Vice-Chairman was charged with preparing a paper to present to this Council meeting outlining details for the setting up of an Electrical Safety Advisory Group. He produced a document which was appended to the agenda for this meeting and will be moving forward with arrangements to set up the committee.

**648/01/10 (14) To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary.**

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**WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX B)**

The Honorary Secretary highlighted a salient point in his report that the Specialist Body for Helicopters has changed its name. The abbreviation AHA remains the same however the initials now stand for 'Association of Helicopter Aerosports'.

The name has been changed to reflect the fact that their objective is looking after all aspects of model helicopter flying rather than just aerobatic helicopters and will hopefully allow a better general understanding of their aims and objectives.

Mention was made of a rival Helicopter organisation the Radio Controlled Helicopter Association. Apparently the reason they felt it necessary to start their own organisation is because they felt that the BMFA could do more for the helicopter fraternity.

The Chairman commented that we are keeping a watching brief on the situation.

South Midland also informed the meeting that he understands some of the jet pilots are in discussion with the LMA about setting up a parallel organisation because they are not happy with the way their branch of the hobby is being handled. It is something we should be aware of and needs to be addressed.

**649/01/10 (15) To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.**

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**WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX C)**

In the absence of the Technical Secretary Terry Rounce read out the Technical Secretary's report.

It mentioned that he had still not heard from Scale, Space or Silent Flight regarding rule books and asked that the Delegates inform the Technical Committees.

The Technical Secretary also reminded Technical Committees in his report that it is now a requirement that they appoint a rules officer with specific responsibilities to get the rules to him by certain dates.

Scale responded that as far as he was aware the rule changes had been forwarded to the Technical Secretary but would look into it.

R/C Power commented that the Technical Committee Annual Return did not include an additional section to list a Rules Officer and it was therefore overlooked. It was also pointed out that R/C Power were working with an old version of the first agenda for Technical Committees first meeting which did not include the new instruction to appoint a Rules Officer, which is another reason why it was overlooked.

The Competition Secretary advised that an additional box is not required on the Annual Technical Committee return form because the Rules Officer has to be one of six elected officers and there is provision for the six elected officers on the form.

**650/01/10 (16) To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include:**

- a) Two GBR Open International competitions for F5B and F5F were added to the FAI International Calendar for 2010. This makes five GBR hosted international competitions for 2010; three World Cups and two Open Internationals.

**b) Receipt of this year's BMFA contest fees.**

**Free Flight**

Juniors: All classes/all events Free

Season Tickets: Not available

Centralised: 1st Class £6 Day ticket plus £6 site charge  
Subsequent classes Free as all events included in day ticket

Area Centralised: 1st Class £6 Day ticket plus any site charge  
Subsequent classes Free as all events included in day ticket

Team Selection: Seniors £20 per meeting or pre-entry for all 3 meetings £40. One fee enters all 3 classes.

Nationals: Registration: £15  
1st Class £7 For Championship events

1st Class £4 Non Championship Events  
 Subsequent classes £7 For Championship  
 Subsequent classes £4 Non Championship  
 Events  
 Unlimited classes £30  
 Pre-entry requested for all events.  
 On field entry at 50% surcharge.

F1E Meetings Same as Area Centralised

FAIR Site charge only for all meetings including  
 Trials.

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**CONTROL LINE**

Juniors All classes/all event Half price All Speed classes =  
 one fee

Season Tickets: Not available

Centralised: 1st class £15 All Speed  
 classes = one fee

Subsequent classes £10

Team Selection: All classes £15

Nationals: 1st class £ tba All Speed  
 classes = one fee

Subsequent classes £ tba  
 Unlimited classes £ n/a

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**SCALE RC CL FF Indoor**  
Centralised Events:

RC £12  
 CL £10  
 FF £ 2  
 Indoor £10 registration + £3 per class  
 Season Ticket R/C £60

Nationals:

All RC classes £25  
 CL £15  
 FF £10  
 Indoor £10 registration + £3 per class

Team Trials:

F4B and F4C £15

Juniors:

50% of adult entry fees

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## INDOOR

<u>Juniors:</u>	All classes/all events	None
<u>Season Tickets:</u>	Not available [£]	None
<u>Centralised:</u>	1st class	None
<u>TeamTrials:</u>	F1D	£20 entry fee/ £10-£15 per day Depending on venue costs
<u>Nationals:</u>	Entry Fee	£10 per day pre-entry/ £15 on the day All Classes £1.50 per day pre-entry/ £2.00 on the day

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## SILENT FLIGHT

### Notes

<u>Juniors:</u>	All classes/all events	FREE
<u>Season Tickets:</u>	F3B	£N/A [5] single day events
	F3J	£30[4] single day events
	F5B	£N/A [6] single day events
<u>LEAGUE events:</u>	F3B/F5B	£10
<u>And Single days</u>	F3J	£10
	eSoaring	£5
<u>Team Selection:</u>	F3B/F5B	£N/A
	F3J	£N/A
<u>Nationals events:</u>	Two Day	£20
	Single day	£10 (in 2009)
	Half day	£8

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## RADIO CONTROL

### Notes

### RC Pylon (i/c)

<u>Juniors:</u>	All classes/all events	£N/A
<u>Season Tickets:</u>	Not available	£N/A
<u>Centralised:</u>	1st class	£15.00
<u>Team Selection:</u>	All classes	£40.00
<u>Nationals:</u>	1st class	£20.00 PER EVENT

### RC Pylon (electric)

<u>Juniors:</u>	All classes/all events	£N/A
<u>Season Tickets:</u>	Not available	£N/A
<u>Centralised:</u>	1st class	£15.00
<u>Team Selection:</u>	All classes	£N/A
<u>Nationals:</u>	1st class	£20.00

### RC Helicopter

<u>Juniors:</u>	All classes/all events	£N/A
<u>Season Tickets:</u>	Not available	£N/A
<u>Centralised:</u>	1st class	£30.00 F3C

Team Selection: All classes £10.00 PER ROUND  
TWO ROUNDS

Nationals: 1st class £30.00 (F3C)  
£25.00(SPORTSMANS)  
£20.00 (SCALE)  
£20.00 (F3N)

### **RC Aerobatics**

Juniors: All classes/all events £N/A  
Season Tickets: Not available £N/A  
Centralised: F3A £25.00

Team Selection: £25.00 PER ROUND  
FOUR ROUNDS

Nationals: £30.00

### **IMAC Aerobatics**

Juniors: All classes/all events £N/A  
Season Tickets: Not available £N/A  
Centralised: One day £N/A  
Two day £N/A  
Nationals £28.00 ALL  
CLASSES

### **Competition Secretary report**

I am very sad to report that the project for GBR to hold the 2010 F2ABCD & F4C WCh has fallen through. The sponsor was Flying Aces and the venue was to be Silverstone. The main problem appeared to be that the sponsor could not work within the time frame required. The FAI Delegate has informed the CIAM Secretary that the UK tentative bid has to be withdrawn.

It was agreed at the Executive meeting yesterday that the six British Records ratified by this Council in January 2009 and the three ratified by the Technical Council in October 2009 plus the record ratified today will be sent by the Records Officer to the RAeC so that the RAeC can issue their British Record Certificates to the new record holders.

With the exception of the ABR and F3 Aerobatics volumes, all the FAI Sporting Codes have been published – eight by the 22nd December and the other four between 4 & 6th January. I have forwarded the published volumes to Linda Harding, Office Manager and to Chris Bromley, Technical Secretary. The ABR and F3 Aerobatics volumes will be published within the next few days.

### **651/01/10 (17) To receive a report from the Records Officer to include the following British Record Claim.**

The Records Officer commended the following British Record Claim for ratification:

Name Ben Jones/Geb Jones Mem Nos 89029/085217  
Class: F3D Pylon  
Site: RAF Wittering Date 21<sup>st</sup> June 2009  
Heat: 0 Mins 56.88 secs

Seconded by the Competition Secretary  
Carried unanimously

**RECORDS OFF  
OFFICE MGR**

**652/01/10 (18) To receive a report from the PRO.**

He attended the funeral of Mike Goldby. He helped at The Flying Show which was fascinating. Our presence there created a lot of interest. Mostly the people there were interested in microlight flying but they were riveted to see how model flying has evolved.

Horizon Hobby's provided a phenomenal flying display on both days which captivated people. The PRO thought it was a great asset combining the commercial aspect in to the event and it worked very well.

He believes it is well worthwhile pushing out in to areas which are outside of aeromodelling in our show representation. We could do with opening the boundaries and it is something we are considering.

He is looking forward to attending the London Model Engineer Exhibition in a couple of weeks.

The PRO would be more than happy to receive PR material, be it video footage or stills to publicise any aspect of the sport.

Silent Flight asked whether the Power Nationals footage had been incorporated in to the promotional DVD and generally how it was progressing.

The CEO commented that the concept of a DVD originally started off as an educational aid for when we visit schools with the dart building workshops to act as a step by step guide. The idea is evolving and it will also incorporate additional supporting information on various aspects of model flying.

**653/01/10 (19) To receive a report from the FAI Delegate.**

He has only been in post since the AGM in November so therefore has nothing to report except for information for the Northern Ireland Delegate as he was not present during matters arising when it was reported, that Stephane Desprez takes over the post of FAI Secretary General from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010.

**654/01/10 (20) To receive the following proposals.**

The Chairman informed the meeting that due to an oversight a second name should have been listed on the agenda for consideration for the post of Alternate to the FAI Delegate. Therefore there were two nominees as listed below and copies of CV's for both candidates were made available.

- a) **Proposed by the retired FAI Delegate Jim Andrews FSMAE that Mike Francies be elected to the post of Alternate to the FAI Delegate for 2010.**

Seconded by RNMAA

**Proposed by the current FAI Delegate that Dave Cline be elected to the post of Alternate to the FAI Delegate for 2010.**

Seconded by PRO

The FAI Delegate put forward a suggestion that he would like to see more people involved with being the Alternate FAI Delegate because the more people we get with experience at CIAM the more chance we have of influencing the results of technical votes and just generally getting it to be an improved organisation.

He would like to see a different Alternate appointed next year and he would take along an Alternate who happened to have a Technical Meeting in the year in which he was Alternate. That way he would get knowledge on the Plenary Meeting and also he would get experience of the Technical Meeting.

Scale suggested that we appoint two Alternates with the agreement that they attend in the year in which there is a Technical Meeting for their discipline. This met with the favour of Council and Scale was asked to make a formal amendment to the original proposals.

*The voting figure changed to 20 at this point as the Honorary Secretary had left the meeting.*

**Scale proposed an amendment that two Alternates to the FAI Delegate are appointed. At the discretion of the FAI Delegate one of them will attend the Technical Meeting in the relevant year for their discipline.**

Seconded by Vice-Chairman  
Carried unanimously

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- b) **Proposal from Jim Andrews FSMAE 2009 FAI Delegate that Mike Colling FSMAE be elected to the post of Education Delegate to the FAI for 2010.**

Seconded by FAI Delegate

There was no other contender for this post therefore Mike Colling FSMAE was elected to the post of Education Delegate to the FAI for 2010.

- c) **Proposal from R/C Power Technical Committee that the “Code of Practice for the Operation of Gas Turbine Powered Model Aircraft” be amended.**

The Chairman deferred this item to Full Council Meeting in May as the R/C Power Alternate had not been fully briefed on this matter.

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**AGENDA ITEM MAY FULL COUNCIL MEETING** – Proposal from R/C Power Technical Committee re amendment to “Code of Practice for the Operation of Gas Turbine Powered Model Aircraft”.

**R/C POWER  
OFFICE MGR**

Supporting background information was made available for Delegates and the same information will also be appended with the May Agenda.

- d) **Proposal from Free Flight Technical Committee to revise the allocation of the Junior Kit Rubber and Junior Kit Glider trophies at the Free Flight Nationals. We propose that these two trophies should still be allocated to the novice event which will continue to be a combined rubber/glider event for nominated models.**

There was a drafting amendment to the above wording in the proposal to replace “novice” with “Junior”.

**The revised trophy allocation will be:  
Junior Kit Rubber to the highest placed rubber model  
Junior Kit Glider to the highest placed glider model  
In the event of there being no entries in a particular discipline then that trophy will not be awarded in that year.**

Seconded by Competition Secretary

Vote: For: 19  
Abs: 0  
Ags: 1

Carried by a majority vote.

**RECORDS OFF**

- e) **Proposal from South Midland Area to expedite the setting up of on-line membership applications and renewals.**

The CEO advised that we are almost ready to set up the facility for on-line payments and will be looking at membership renewals for country members. If this were extended to include club payments the banking charges would be much greater than payment by cheque.

South Midland withdrew the proposal and will report back to the Area Committee.

- f) **Proposal from South Midland Area to formalise the constitution of the Achievement Scheme Review Committee.**

The Chairman suggested a way of implementing the above proposal is that we charge the Honorary Secretary to come back to Full Council with a suitable paper to cover formalisation of the ASRC. It would be necessary for Full Council to ratify the document.

South Midland Area was happy with this action.

Scale seconded the above proposal.  
Carried unanimously.

**HON SEC**

The Alternate for Chris Bromley FSMAE Director vigorously opposed the proposal. He believes the premise on which the proposal is based is flawed **flawed**.

It was pointed out that having a formal document will eliminate the destructive in-fighting that has been going on now for several years.

*The voting figure changed to 19 at this point as the Vice-Chairman had left the meeting.*

**655/01/10 (21) To receive any reports from the following Delegates.**

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**a) Royal Aero Club – WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX D)**

There is a slight modification to the written report. Bingo Lotto has now ceased. It has been necessary to re-schedule the next RAeC meeting due to bad weather. The RAeC Awards Ceremony will take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April at the RAF Museum Hendon.

**b) GASCo**

At the last meeting there was a lecture on the use of UAV's however it mainly concentrated on the larger invasion type UAV's as used by the RAF in overseas theatre of operations.

**c) AIR PROX**

There was no report from the Development Officer. The CEO however provided information relating to an incident at a SAM 35 event at Lodge Farm, which is approximately one and a quarter miles from the threshold at RAF Cranwell.

We were asked to investigate which we did. There are some recommendations coming from that in that there is now a procedure in place between anyone using Lodge Farm and the control tower at Cranwell. There is also tighter control of the type of model and event run at Lodge Farm

d) **CCPR** – No report.

e) **GAAC** – No report.

**656/01/10 (22) To receive any reports from the following Committees.**

- a) **CAA Team** – No report however the Honorary Secretary touched on a couple of points in his written report.
- b) **UKRCC** – No report.
- \*\*\*\*\*c) **Education Working Group WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX E)**
- d) **Flight Challenge** – The CEO reported that we are hoping the event will take place at Duxford again however we are awaiting confirmation. We are hopeful of sponsorship from the Navy but again subject to confirmation.
- e) **University Challenge** – ACE Europe are sponsoring the event for 2010.
- f) **Computer Sub-Committee** - Nothing to report other than what has already been reported earlier in the meeting.
- g) **Safety Review Committee** – No report.
- h) **ASRC** – Indoor 'A' and 'B' and Scale 'C' are ongoing.
- i) **BMFA News Publishers**  
BMFA News Publishers would like to celebrate issue 100. Ideas are still being discussed but it will incur additional money.

**The Honorary Treasurer proposed that up to £18,000 is released to the BMFA News Publishers to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> edition of BMFA News.**

Seconded by South Midland  
Carried unanimously

**BMFA NEWS  
PUBLISHERS  
ACCTS MGR**

- j) **Flying Site Adviser's Report** – Report previously circulated to Council by email.
- \*\*\*\* k) **BMFA Archivist Report – WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX F)**

**657/01/10 (23) Any Other Business.**

There was none.

**658/01/10 (24) Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting was confirmed as **8<sup>th</sup> May 2010** at 11am.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 4.03pm.

Linda Harding, Office Manager  
29th January 2010

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**For Discussion at Full Council Meeting, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2010**  
**Guidelines for use of Training and Excellence Budgets**

**Principles**

1. Training and Excellence (T&E) Budgets for Technical Committees are intended to be used for initiatives to improve the prospects of GB teams winning medals at World and European Championships.
2. This funding is additional to the International Teams budget, and should be used in a way that (a) represents “best value” to the membership (from whom the money originates) and (b) best helps the team members.
3. No team member or official should make any financial gain from T&E money.
4. All claims are paid on receipt of approved BMFA expenses claim forms, with receipts. Under no circumstances will payments be made to anyone other than the claimants.

**Intended Recipients**

The intention of T&E is that the money should be used by the current members of the team, including reserves, and for judges/coaches, where applicable, for that discipline.

**Allowable Expenses**

Out of pocket travel expenses

- Mileage to be paid at half of normal BMFA rates, to cover the cost of petrol only (in this case it is not appropriate for BMFA to make a contribution towards the fixed costs of running a car, as the competitor ultimately benefits from the training).
- All other travel costs should use the lowest available fare (including booking sufficiently in advance to achieve relevant online discounts).
- Consider car sharing where possible.
- Any hotels should be budget style or if in UK B&B may be a cheaper alternative.
- Meals should be “pub meal” or equivalent, not expensive hotel meals.

**Venue hire**

In some cases it may be desirable to hire a venue for either practice sessions or team building events for “Intended Recipients” detailed above. In these cases, the following guidelines should be applied:

- T&E money should not be used to subsidise the cost of a venue that would have been hired anyway for another event.
- “Best value” principles must be applied at all times. Make use of the BMFA Office staff to arrange venues where appropriate, and wherever possible use facilities at Chacksfield House for meetings.

**Guest Speakers / Experts**

It may be beneficial to use the services of subject experts (for example experienced international judges for the relevant event). In this case, it may be necessary to pay for a higher standard of travel or hotel accommodation in order to attract suitably qualified people. Costs should be reasonable, and at the lowest level necessary to achieve the objectives of the event.

**Budgetary Submissions**

Each technical committee should submit a cost forecast and timing schedule for the proposed T&E expenditure for their discipline, showing the nature of the training event(s).

Keith Lomax,  
 Honorary Treasurer,  
 December 2009

## Hon Secretary's Report

(for the Jan 2010 Council Meeting)

The Specialist Body, Aerobatic Helicopter Association (AHA) has changed its name to The Association of Helicopter Aerosports. It thus remains as the AHA with the same elected officials and constitution but the name change reflects the fact that their objective is looking after all aspects of model helicopter flying rather than just aerobatic helicopters. They feel that name change will allow a better general understanding of their aims and objectives.

Events in the South West Area rumble on and separate AGMs are now scheduled for Cornwall and Devon on February 9 & 10. I anticipate that the BMFA Chairman, Chief Executive and myself will attend such meetings to try and move things onto a firm, elected and constitutional footing for the future as quickly as possible.

At the annual meeting with the CAA in December 09, the following issues were discussed.

- (a) The request from 'First Person' that the flying criteria for their models as required by the BMFA are relaxed. This applies to camera equipped models where 'First Person' wants to fly on the camera picture (alone). The CAA stated that they completely supported the BMFA view which is that line of sight must be maintained and a safety pilot with 'buddy box' control was considered to be the person in charge of the model.
- (b) The CAA had increasing concerns about the airworthiness of large gliders (20 – 70kg) especially as these very large gliders generally get flown at aero tow events with the paying public present. As nearly all such very large gliders are composite, factory built this is not easy to implement but BARCS were requested to consider this issue for possible recommendations by the time of the December 2010 meeting with the CAA.

Overall the Hon Secretary's job is greatly eased by the office staff who filter most of the relevant incoming correspondence, and I would like to record my thanks for their continued efforts.

Robin Sleight, January 2010

## Technical Secretary's Report

First of all my apologies for not being at the meeting. My last heart procedure was on Tuesday but they've extended my 'no driving ban' from the expected two days to five. However, everything seemed to go well and I look forward to attending future meetings.

The rule books are quite well advanced and most of them will not present problems. However, I've not yet heard from Scale, Space, or Silent Flight and I'm particularly concerned about the latter. Perhaps the delegates might be able to report to this meeting so that some information at least can be passed on to me about rules progress.

I should also remind one or two of the Technical Committees that this Council changed their terms of reference in September to specify that they HAD to appoint a rules officer with specific responsibilities to get rules to me by certain dates. These dates are fast approaching.

I also understand that at least one Tech Committee specifically did not appoint such an officer, contrary to their terms of reference.

I would also like to comment on the proposal from South Midland Area concerning the ASRC.

(1) The ASRC is a sub-committee of Areas Council, set up under the precepts of the SMAE Constitution. As such, full Council has no remit to change the make-up or terms of reference of the ASRC; only Areas Council can do that.

(2) If Full Council wishes to take control of the ASRC and make it an elected body, they must also be prepared to take control of the Achievement Schemes too or the chain of command is broken. I think that this would be unwise, considering the vast strides forward that the schemes have made since Areas Council took responsibility for them.

(3) Many of the 'facts' supplied by the South Midland Area are incorrect, especially concerning the experience of the members of the ASRC. A study of the CVs supplied by the members will show the narrowness of South Midland's information.

(4) South Midlands have the make up of the ASRC completely wrong. Initially, interested parties at Areas Council volunteered to serve on the committee. I volunteered as both Technical Secretary and as the required Full Council member on the committee.

The Chairman of the committee was chosen at its first meeting and membership has been fairly stable since then, with one or two leaving and others being invited to join (including, I should add, the South Midland ASC who is also one of their Chief Examiners).

Also, when the committee is ratified at the first Areas Council meeting of the year, NO POSTS are quoted in the proposal. If anyone other than Terry Rounce wished to be Chairman of ASRC, there would be a vote at its first meeting.

Incidentally, I still serve as the required Full Council member on the committee.

(5) From a personal point of view, I volunteered to take on the obligation of presenting the ASRC's proposals to Areas Council. It's a job I also do for other committees that I sit on. In addition, I think that I resent the implication that I might have 'conflicts of interest'. I don't think that anyone in this room could accuse me of being partisan towards any one discipline or area within model flying and I have never had any problem doing the job attached to the hat I'm wearing at any given time.

Chris Bromley, FSMAE,  
7<sup>th</sup> January, 2010

ROYAL AERO CLUB DELEGATE'S REPORT – OCTOBER 2009

I represented the BMFA at the RAeC Council meeting on Oct. 1st; there was little of immediate BMFA relevance, but the following points may be of interest.

- 1) The forthcoming FAI General Conference in Korea may potentially result in several changes in policy. It is seen by the RAeC as important that the airport commissions (such as CIAM) should retain their ability to control their own disciplines; a proposal that members of the Board should not also hold Commission posts could distance the various disciplines from the politics of FAI management. The RAeC strongly opposes plans to hold the World Air Games annually and prefers a four year cycle; the World and Continental Championships are seen as far more important.
- 2) There is progress with the RAeC website up-dating and two possibilities are being considered. However, as with our own website, the need for a proactive editor to target stories and news is vital to make it relevant.
- 3) Bingolotto tickets are now also being sold via Tesco; association members are urged to encourage the purchased of these and an increased income to airports is expected from the programme.
- 4) John Smythe of the BPA is the new chairman of the Medals & Awards Committee.
- 5) The next RAeC Council meeting will be held on Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> at the RAF Museum, Hendon; it will be preceded by the M&A Committee meeting. The Museum has provided generous facilities for the display of RAeC memorabilia, which will give an opportunity to promote the various airports to aviation-minded visitors.

Martin Dilly  
RAeC Delegate

2.10.09

Ratified

## Education Working Group Report BMFA Council 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 2010

As you know I have sent my permission to be absent as I am on the BMFA Education Stand at the Association of Science Education annual meeting this year held at the Nottingham University. This is the best place to come in to contact with up to 5,000 science educators of all levels. I was also absent from the Society's AGM as I was running the BMFA stand at the D & T Show at the NEC.

It has always been the aim of the Education Working Group to promote model aircraft building and flying as a good educational tool for both Craft Design & Technology and Science.

At the D&T Show we launched the BMFA's new Education model, the SkyDart. The SkyDart is a 53cm (21") wing span radio controlled electric powered training aircraft kit. It has been specifically designed by Flight Line Plans, in collaboration with Micron Radio Control and Sky Hi Products, as an introduction to radio controlled models that can be flown outside on a calm day or inside in a large school hall or gymnasium. Although this model can be made by an individual person, it also lends itself to being built by a group, such as a science or engineering club or youth group and the instructions have been written and the kit made to facilitate this. Adhesives, paint, motor and radio equipment are required to complete this model. Reaction from people attending the D&T Show was quite favourable.

As I am writing this report at the end of December it may be of interest to look at the BMFA Education Programme in terms of kits sold. Total production of education kits produced by Sky Hi Products has reached 223,482 of which 116,941 are BMFA Darts. Kits produced for 2009 was 19,895. This was an increase of 3666 on 2008.

It may be interesting to note that in 2009, 47.4% of all production is sold by the BMFA Office, 46.7% of production went directly to schools, 8.8% of production went directly to youth organisations and the remaining 3.7% to private individuals. Comparing this with 2008 figures the number of kits sold to schools has gone up by nearly 20% whilst the kits sold to youth organisations went down by over 14%. Make of this what you will.

Mike Colling  
Education Working Group.

**ARCHIVISTS REPORT TO THE FULL COULCIL MEETING**

The response from members for archive items has been good and continues to be sent in on a regular basis however, a report on our meeting at the Nationals and a further appeal, written by Eric Clark, failed to get into the last issue of the BMFA News, I am told it will be in the next one.

Gordon Rae has offered some of Reg Parham international models, as Nick Neve, Fellow is in the same Area and knows Gordon well he is dealing with this for me.

The collection of materials and archiving continues as usual when I am able to get into the office.

I was intending to attend your meeting later in the day to give this report in person and spend the earlier part of today archiving our book collection; unfortunately material I ordered over three weeks ago, to do this task, has not yet been delivered. Therefore I decided that as the weather is so bad, it would be wiser to stay in doors.

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