

## MINUTES

### SOCIETY OF MODEL AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS LTD.

(T/A British Model Flying Association)

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 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
Keith Barker	PRO Alternate
Peter Leavesley	East Anglia Area Delegate
Peter Spurway	London Area Delegate Alternate
George Maynard	Midland Area Delegate
Andy Symons	Northern Area Delegate
Allan Weighell FSMAE	North East Area Delegate Alt
David Lloyd-Jones	North West Area Delegate
Peter Christy	South Midland Area Delegate
Keith Miller FSMAE	South East Area Delegate
Stuart Simpson	Southern Area Delegate
Ian Robb	Northern Ireland Area Delegate
Ian Pallister	Scale TC Representative
Mike Francies	Free Flight TC Representative
Les Eagle	R/CPTC Representative
Clive Needham	R/C SFTC Representative
Mike Colling FSMAE	Indoor TC Representative

#### Observers

Steve Ogden R/CPTC

#### In Attendance

Linda Harding	Office Manager / Minute Taker
Dave Phipps	CEO
Sian Sargeant	Accounts Manager
Kath Watson FSMAE	Archivist

#### 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 8<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

- 5 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2010 that are 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 2010.
  - 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.
  - c) Formal acceptance of Chris Moynihan as Silent Flight Achievement Scheme Controller for 2010.
  - d) Proposal to update the Specialist Body Requirements and Guidelines as follows:
    1. At clause 2.4, delete text regarding travelling expenses of the Specialist Body.
    2. Add a clause at 2.5 regarding the above.
    3. Add a clause at 3.1 regarding the number of members of a Specialist Body and re-number the subsequent clauses in that section.
    4. Amend clause 5.3 to reflect the proper procedure.
    5. Amend clause 5.3 to reflect the re-numbered paragraphs in Section 3.
 The full document showing the proposed changes is attached.
- 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) To receive a proposal with reference to the dissemination of information to the membership, the BMFA website is to be considered the primary publication mechanism of the Society.
- 12 To receive a report from the Records Officer to include the following British Record Claims:
  - a) Name Christopher Eifflaender (149669) / Anthony Eifflaender (64147)  
 Class British Goodyear  
 Site Barton, Manchester Date 15<sup>th</sup> May 2010  
 Time 8 mins 42.7 secs final
  - b) Name Rodney O'Neill (078813)  
 Class Living Room Stick Rubber Powered  
 Site RAF Digby Date 20<sup>th</sup> September 2009  
 Duration 7 mins 00 Secs
- 13 To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.

- 14 To receive a report from the FAI Delegate, to include:
  - a) 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 a proposal from North West Area that:
 

*BMFA Rulebooks (and amendments thereto) shall apply to all BMFA competition until superseded by an updated version of the official Rulebook which is readily available to all members. This will be taken to be one month after the availability of the updated Rulebook is announced officially in BMFA News. Technical Committee Newsletters and the like would not be considered as official announcements.*
- 19 CEO/Tech Sec to provide update with regard to contacting charger manufacturers, drawing attention to our concerns.
- 20 To discuss in more detail BMFA Archiving and Archiving facilities.
- 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 Council (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.
- 24 Date of next meeting.

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There was a two minute silence before the start of the meeting in memory of Sqn Leader John Crampton, Vice-President and Reg Bench (Honorary Member) Honorary Solicitor.

## **MINUTES**

### **679/09/10 (1) Apologies**

Apologies were received from the following:  
Chris Bromley FSMAE Technical Secretary, Nigel Barker PRO, Tom Jones North East Area, Phil Durant Western Area, Vernon Hunt Control Line TC, Peter Disney South West Area/RNMAA, Paul Luby RAFMAA.

### **680/09/10 (2) Request for permission to be absent.**

A request for permission to be absent was received from Martin Dilly FSMAE London Area/RAeC Delegate, which was duly granted.

### **681/09/10 (3) To verify the voting strength of the meeting.**

There were 23 members eligible to vote.

### **682/09/10 (4) Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2010.**

#### **Page 1**

- **List of those present** – Add Mike Colling FSMAE Indoor TC/Education to the list.

#### **Page 8**

- **First paragraph, last line** – Insert “Plenary” after “CIAM”.
- **Third paragraph, penultimate line** – Insert “CIAM” after the second “the”.

#### **Page 14**

- **Penultimate paragraph, first line** – Insert “Plenary” after “CIAM”.
- **Final paragraph, first line** – Insert “Plenary” after “CIAM”.

#### **Page 18**

- **Penultimate paragraph, first line** – Delete “those”.

#### **Page 19**

- **Penultimate paragraph, second line** – Replace “prestige” with “prestigious”.

#### **Page 20**

- **Bottom of page, list of copies to** – Delete “SpaceCom Secretary”.

### **The Records Officer proposed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2010 be accepted as a true record.**

Seconded by FAI Delegate

Vote: For: 21  
Ags: 0  
Abs: 2

Carried by a majority vote.

**683/09/10 (5) Matters/Actions arising from the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2010 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.**

**ACTION / NOTES**

**Page 5**

- **First paragraph, information on safe use of Lipo batteries** – Paul Bardoe had withdrawn from publishing information on the safe use of Lipo batteries as Bob Smith had prepared a document which is in circulation.

**Page 6**

- **Sixth paragraph, contact details for ESAG members** – The Competition Secretary suggested it would be useful to include contact details for ESAG members on the BMFA website. The CEO would arrange this.

CEO

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- **Halfway down the page, action Records Officer to inform Messrs Geb Jones/Ben Jones of Council decision to rescind their record claim F3D Pylon, RAF Wittering, 21 June 2009** – The Records Officer advised that he had spoken to Geb Jones. Geb Jones accepted the decision in a very gentlemanly manner.

- **Third paragraph from the bottom, Disposal of Mike Goldby modelling assets** - Just over £1300 has currently been raised and there are several hundred pounds worth of assets still to be sold. The amount raised should be sufficient to purchase a suitable trophy, hopefully with some money left over to donate to charity.

**Page 8**

- **Fourth paragraph, on-line membership** – Work in progress.

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- **Fourth paragraph, Honours Boards** – The Honours Boards have been made and are currently awaiting sign writing.

**Page 11**

- **Third paragraph from the bottom, nomination deadline for the Perkins Slade trophy** – For clarification purposes, with the exception of this year the deadline for receipt of nominations for the Perkins Slade trophy will be the same as for all other Trophies/Awards which is 6<sup>th</sup> August. Consideration will be given for nominations covering achievements in the rolling year from August to August.

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- **Fourth paragraph from the bottom, action Hon Sec to investigate possibility of limiting the number of attendees at Area Council Meetings** – The Hon Sec confirmed that this action was completed. The last Area Council Meeting agreed the minor change to limit representation to one person per Area.

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- **Amendments to “Code of Practice for the Operation of Gas Turbine powered model aircraft”** – The Chairman tasked the CEO to look in to implementing the up-date to the document and also arranging for the amended document to be put on the website.

CEO

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- **Penultimate paragraph, Indoor Nationals** – The Indoor Nationals will be taking place on 25 -26 September at Boulby Potash mine near Whitby.

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- **Final paragraph, BMFA News debt** – Council were advised that a further debt of about £450 had been accrued in relation to BMFA News advertising. The Company in question had gone in to liquidation.

We are looking at implementing new safeguard procedures for the future.

This concluded matters arising.

**684/09/10 (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 2010.**

The Accounts Manager presented a break-down of the statutory accounts and supplementary information for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010. Copies of the documents were provided.

A request was made that for the future, Indoor Scale Nationals is incorporated into the Accounts as a stand alone event. Council agreed this action. Indoor Scale Nationals organiser must ensure the Accounts Manager is provided with the relevant information.

**ACCTS MGR/  
INDOOR SCALE  
NATS  
ORGANISER**

R/C Power queried Top Gun costs. The Honorary Treasurer explained that a detailed break down is not relevant for the Accounts however if there is any specific information required it can be provided.

R/C Power asked for clarification of who has the responsibility for Show Line at the Power Nationals. The Chairman explained that as it stands at the moment Show Line is the responsibility of this Council, who has responsibility of the Power Nationals and this Council delegates it to the Co-ordinator and the Power Nationals Planning Meeting. The Co-ordinator appoints a Show line organiser to run the event on his behalf.

**The Honorary Treasurer proposed that the Annual Report and Accounts of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 be accepted.**

Seconded by Silent Flight  
Carried unanimously.

The Honorary Treasurer proposed a vote of thanks to the Accounts Manager for her work in producing the Accounts documents and presenting them in a way that is understandable. Council applauded.

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

The Auditor was pleased that we had taken on board and implemented his recommendations from 2009. He has no immediate concerns.

He made a couple of observations not recommendations, to do with the asset register and irrecoverable VAT, which we will consider.

The Honorary Treasurer again congratulated the Accounts Manager.

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

A copy of the budget had been circulated.

Treasurer provided a résumé of the budget which is presented mostly as like for like with the previous year.

**The Honorary Treasurer commended the draft budget for presentation to the AGM.**

Seconded by the Records Officer  
Carried unanimously

**d) The recommendation of the membership fees for 2011.**

The recommendation is that there is no increase in membership fees for 2011. Therefore the recommended fees for 2011 are as follows:

<b>Senior</b>	<b>£29.00</b>
<b>Junior</b>	<b>£15.00</b>
<b>Family Senior</b>	<b>£29.00</b>
<b>Family Partner</b>	<b>£19.00</b>
<b>Family Junior</b>	<b>£11.00</b>

**e) The ratification of the fees (currently £40) for Associate Bodies for 2011.**

The Honorary Treasurer recommended the fee for Associate Bodies remains the same at £40 for 2011. Council accepted the recommendation.

Honorary Treasurer personal report –

He has been busy assisting the Accounts Manager with preparing the budget. He was heavily involved with the Power Nationals. He attended three shows since the last Council Meeting.

**685/09/10 (7) To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.**

**CEO**

BMFA Website –

Due consideration was given to the suggestion to charge members to place adverts on the classified section however our policy is that it is a service that is provided to members. Administering a small payment would not be cost effective from the income it would generate. We therefore have no plans to introduce charges.

We are considering commercial advertising such as headline banners, which would probably generate quite significant revenue given the level of activity we have on the site.

A suggestion from R/C Power was put forward that we introduce an 'alert' notice on the website home page when any new documents are placed on there. The CEO would look in to this.

**CEO**

The CEO reported that since the last meeting most of his time has been dominated by the Power Nationals as he had been deputising in the absence of the Power Nationals Co-ordinator.

Sadly our Honorary Solicitor Reg Bench has passed away which means we need to give some attention to how we will fill the void that he has left in terms of legal advice.

The CEO reminded Council Members that the deadline for their Annual Report is this coming Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

Progress towards the elections is going well. There is only one contest which is a ballot for the Silent Flight Technical Committee.

A selection panel comprising CEO, Development Officer, Chairman and Vice-Chairman appointed Terry Eato as Club Support Officer. Terry will be joining us on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

A Chairman's Conference is being organised for 6<sup>th</sup> November in Northern Ireland.

The CEO requested notification of dates as a matter of urgency for use of Barkston Heath for 2011. One of the issues we have is the increase in demand for use of Barkston Heath and sometimes it is difficult to fit everybody on at the same time. If we get an overwhelming demand it will be something he in turn refers to Technical Council to give some consideration to.

#### **Chairman**

He was involved with the interviewing process for the Club Support Officer vacancy.

He attended the funerals of Sqn Ldr John Crampton Vice President and Reg Bench Honorary Solicitor.

He attended the following competitions – University Challenge at Elvington; Power Nationals, which took up a great deal of his time; RAFMAA Championships at Honington.

#### **686/09/10 (8) To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman**

Activities since the last meeting include participating in the selection process for the post of Club Support Officer; Charing the Safety Review Committee Meeting; Chaired the Awards Committee Meeting; Assisted in the VIP duties at the Power Nationals; Attended Executive Meetings.

The Vice-Chairman reported brief highlights from the SRC meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September – Unfortunately claims are up this year both personal and public liability. They involve the usual occurrences; fingers in props and damage to cars however there were a couple of burnt crop claims.

Complaints have been received that the under foot conditions at Spitalgate are unsafe. Efforts will be increased to try to find an alternative location within a reasonable radius of Barkston Heath however Spitalgate will continue to be booked until an alternative venue has been sourced.

The CAA are considering including the Aero Tow sites that are registered with them on the airspace UK map as permanent features. This will be discussed further at the annual meeting with the CAA in December.

There has been a report of a fatal accident in Switzerland that took place at an aeromodelling show. There is also a report of a fatality in North America however no details have been made available.

There has been no response from the Swiss Authorities on the offer from our organisation to assist with any research or investigative reporting.

It has been reported that in East Germany and possibly North America in F5D Electric Pylon discipline they are using carbon fibre blades with a serrated leading edge. We are keeping a watching brief on the situation. At this stage there is no reported use in the UK that we know of.

Free Flight reported at the SRC meeting that there are concerns within the Free Flight fraternity that Lipo batteries are being used to destruction in the sake of competition efficiency. It is hoped Free Flight will be discussing this issue at their next meeting.

Bob Smith has completed at the request of R/C Power Tech Committee a three page summation of how best to use Lipo as electric power. It is a very detailed document. As soon as R/C Power have agreed the document it will be available as an information document for members.

The Vice-Chairman advised that Item 19 on the Agenda for this meeting *“CEO/Tech Sec to provide update with regard to contacting charger manufacturers, drawing attention to our concerns”* is no longer relevant.

The concern was the fact that manufacturers produced chargers which did not have any peak detection limitation on them because they were generally designed for NiCad charging.

Manufacturers are now selling wall chargers with peak detection built in, therefore the users are now are at risk for example if you place a default or ineffective NiCad pack with NiMhs, which is what most people do. An article will be published in BMFA News advising members to be aware. They will be referred to the information document produced by Bob Smith, which is mentioned earlier.

**687/09/10 (9) To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary.**

**\*\*\*\*\* WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX A)**

North West commented on the final paragraph in the Honorary Secretary report that they could not understand why the limit has been changed for representation at Areas Council.

The Honorary Secretary explained that the key objective for the change was to make Areas Council Meetings more manageable. Also it should not be necessary for two representatives from the same Area to attend the meeting, if they are doing their job properly and reporting back to their Area Committee members.

It was also confirmed that the change becomes effective from the Areas Council Meeting at the end of this month.

**a) Presentation of updates to the Affiliated Club list and adoption of any new clubs.**

These were duly accepted.

**b) Annual ratification of Honorary Members.**

D Bishop, E Clark, Mrs P Gowler, Mrs N Hadlow, D Hardman, K McCormick, Mrs M Nicholls, Dr M P Sun, P Valentine, T Watson, J Worth, J French, R Bellingham.

**The Honorary Secretary proposed that the Honorary Members listed above be accepted.**

Seconded by North East

Carried unanimously

**c) Formal acceptance of Chris Moynihan as Silent Flight Achievement Scheme Controller for 2010.**

Council accepted the recommendation that Chris Moynihan is appointed Silent Flight Achievement Scheme Controller for 2010. **ALL**

**d) Proposal to update the Specialist Body Requirements and Guidelines as follows:**

1. At clause 2.4, delete text regarding travelling expenses of the Specialist Body.
2. Add a clause at 2.5 regarding the above.
3. Add a clause at 3.1 regarding the number of members of a Specialist Body and re-number the subsequent clauses in that section.
4. Amend clause 5.3 to reflect the proper procedure.
5. Amend clause 5.3 to reflect the re-numbered paragraphs in Section 3.

An amendment was put forward to change the wording of clause 3.1 to read as follows:

**3.1 A Specialist Body shall have a membership which comprises at least a reasonable proportion of the active participants in that discipline.**

North West proposed the change.  
Seconded by the Competition Secretary  
Carried unanimously

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**APPENDIX B – SPECIALIST BODY AND REQUIREMENTS GUIDELINES, AMENDED VERSION**

The substantive proposal is as follows:

**3.1 A Specialist Body shall have a membership which comprises at least a reasonable proportion of the active participants in that discipline.**

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

e) **Proposal that Full Council endorse the (unanimous) decision of the Areas Council to adopt formal Terms of Reference for the ASRC.**

Proposed by the Honorary Secretary  
Seconded by the Records Officer

Vote: For: 22  
Ags: 1  
Abs: 0

Carried by a majority vote.

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**APPENDIX C – ASRC TERMS OF REFERENCE**

South Midland – There is no formal procedure for appointing the Achievement Scheme Controllers.

The Honorary Secretary said he hoped Council would endorse the document as it stands, any subsequent changes required can be dealt with accordingly after that.

Loose ends need addressing. Accept action to consider this further for possible future amendment.

**The Vice-Chairman proposed an action on the Honorary Secretary to consider and make recommendations to this Council as to how the Power and Silent Flight Achievement Scheme Controllers should be identified, selected and appointed.**

Seconded by South Midland

Vote: For: 22  
Ags: 0  
Abs: 1

Carried by a majority vote.

HON SEC

**688/09/10 (10) To receive a report from the Technical Secretary**

No report submitted.

**689/09/10 (11) To receive a report from the Competition Secretary.**

Since my last report to the May Council meeting I have been away at a number of meetings in the UK and spent some considerable time abroad on FAI-CIAM business including FAI Jury President at the F2 World Championships in Hungary. On my return from Hungary I was plunged straight into the preparation for the CL element of the British National Championships.

I am still catching up with outstanding emails and issues thereof and enquiries passed on to me from the BMFA office.

The Radio, Scale & Control Line British National Championships over the August Bank Holiday week-end suffered dreadfully from the gale force winds and almost all classes had restricted flying and some could not be flown at all. It is too early to make a detailed analysis of this. Given the importance to our fliers of the National Championships, the work and training they put in during the preceding months then I can only say that, this year, they were betrayed by the weather.

But to end on a happier note: our British teams have again had a number of medal successes at the World & European Championships:

\*F1A European Championship Individual Bronze - John Carter

\*F2A World Championship Individual Silver - Peter Halman

F2A World Championship Individual Bronze - Ken Morrissey

F2A World Championship Team Gold - Peter Halman, Ken Morrissey, Paul Eisner

\*F2D World Championship Junior Individual Silver - Jamie Griffin

\*F4C World Championship Individual Silver - Peter McDermott

F4C World Championship Team Gold - Peter McDermott, Dave Knott, Mick Henderson

\* F1A: Free Flight Glider

\* F2A: Control Line Speed

\* F2D: Control Line Combat

\* F4C: Radio Control Scale

I have had reports that there were a number of irregularities at the Space Modelling World Championships some of which adversely affected our British team and I shall pass this information onto our FAI Delegate for investigation.

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

2011 contests listed as follows:

Stonehenge Free Flight Cup; Equinox World Cup for Space Modelling.

**b) Ratification of fees for FAI Licences for 2011.**

**FAI Stamp: Seniors £10 & Juniors £5; Booklet £5; replacement licences including the FAI stamp (i.e. lost or damaged in the current year) £5.**

**COMP SEC  
ACCTS MGR  
OFFICE MGR**

Proposed by Competition Secretary  
Seconded by Honorary Treasurer  
Carried unanimously

**c) To receive a proposal from the Competition Secretary with reference to the dissemination of information to the membership, the BMFA website is to be considered the primary publication mechanism of the Society.**

Seconded by FAI Delegate

The following change of wording was accepted as a drafting amendment:

**To receive a proposal from the Competition Secretary with reference to the dissemination of information to the membership, the BMFA website is to be considered one of the primary publication mechanisms of the Society.**

Vote: For 21  
Ags: 2  
Abs: 0

Carried by a majority vote.

**690/09/10 (12) To receive a report from the Records Officer.**

The Records Officer recorded a vote of thanks to the relevant participants who provided the first, second, third results for the Power Nationals.

Notification will be sent out shortly to recall the trophies from the 2009 recipients, followed soon after by invitation letters to the 2010 recipients.

Arrangements for the AGM are in place and there will be no change from last year.

The following British Record Claims were considered en bloc for ratification:

- a) Name Christopher Eifflaender (149669) / Anthony Eifflaender (64147)  
 Class British Goodyear  
 Site Barton, Manchester Date 15<sup>th</sup> May 2010  
 Time 8 mins 42.7 secs final
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 Class Living Room Stick Rubber Powered  
 Site RAF Digby Date 20<sup>th</sup> September 2009  
 Duration 7 mins 00 Secs

Seconded by Competition Secretary  
 Carried unanimously

**REC OFFICER /  
 OFFICE MGR**

**691/09/10 (13) To receive a report from the PRO.**

No report provided.

**692/09/10 9(14) To receive a report from the FAI Delegate.**

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

Mike Colling FSMAE has agreed to continue in this role.

Proposed by FAI Delegate  
 Seconded by Records Officer  
 Carried unanimously

There were three applications for consideration for the CIAM Scholarship: Shahid Banglawala; Josun Cole; Oliver Witt.

The Scholarship will be awarded once a year from CIAM funds. It is for people 21 or under in the year in which they apply for the Scholarship. It is worth 2,000 Euros to the successful applicant.

There is a special sub-committee of the Education Committee who will be reviewing the applications to make a presentation to CIAM Plenary of their recommendation for the Scholarship.

The monies will be paid to the relevant NAC who will look after it for the successful applicant. The money can be used to assist with education requirements for the successful applicant. It will be incumbent on the NAC to ensure the money is spent wisely.

There was an overwhelming show of hands in favour of Oliver Witt. **FAI DEL**

The Chairman will write to all the applicants and notify them of Council's decision.

It was suggested the two unsuccessful applicants should be considered for the Royal Aero Club **Trust** Bursary award. Hopefully the RAeC Delegate who is unfortunately not present today will be able to process this.

RAeC DEL

**693/09/10 (15) Next year's Major Events.**

**a) To discuss venues.**

The dates have been submitted and agreed for use of Barkston Heath for the Free Flight & Space Nationals and Power Nationals 2011.

Scale Indoor Nationals is booked for Nottingham University ~~30<sup>th</sup> April, 2011~~ **1 May 2011**. There has been a change of management at the University and although the dates have been provisionally agreed for the next four years this could be subject to change. Negotiations will be starting soon.

The CEO should be informed of any other dates and venues.

**b) To accept co-ordinators**

Scale Indoor Nationals - Ian Pallister will continue as Co-ordinator for 2011 however he asked for it to be put on record that 2011 will be his last year.

Control Line at the Power Nationals - Competition Secretary.

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**AGENDA ITEM JANUARY 2011 COUNCIL MEETING – To accept Co-ordinators for Free Flight Nationals; Silent Flight Nationals; Indoor Nationals.**

OFFICE MGR

**c) To ratify the Power Nationals Co-ordinator.**

There is some doubt whether Chris Bromley FSMAE who has been the Power Nationals Co-ordinator for the past 18 years will be in a position to continue in the role for 2011.

Council fully agreed with a recommendation from the Chairman that we appoint Dave Phipps CEO as acting Co-ordinator for the Power Nationals until a formal appointment is made at the January Council Meeting.

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**AGENDA ITEM JANUARY 2011 COUNCIL MEETING – To ratify the Power Nationals Co-ordinator.**

OFFICE MGR

**694/09/10 (16) To receive a report from the Power Nationals Co-ordinator and the appropriate Technical Committees on the BMFA National Championship0s held since the last Council Meeting in May.**

**Power Nationals (CEO)**

There was some trepidation this year with the absence of Chris Bromley FSMAE. However we had a fantastic team of volunteers, which Chris Bromley had put in place over the years and everybody knew exactly what they needed to do. Everyone pulled together to fill in any blanks.

From an operational point of view it was one of the smoothest running Nationals that the CEO had attended.

A representative from the CAA made a visit on the Saturday. He was very impressed with what he saw. His only comment was in relation to the interaction between the Scale Line and Show Line where he observed some air space infringements.

The First Aid report can generally be quite comical however this year there were a few more serious emergencies. The Fire Brigade also attended and fortunately it was a false alarm. The Police were also called as a result of an altercation between some of the campers. The offending camper was asked politely to leave, which he did without question.

The CEO paid tribute to the following people:

Andy Symons, Keith Lomax FSMAE, Tony Butterworth, Wayne Pendleton, Linda Harding and Christine.

The CEO also thanked Mark Wigley and his roping crew who did a fantastic job, Nikki Hadlow, Robin and Poppy Gowler and John French.

Linda was one of the last people on the airfield on Monday evening litter picking and also one of the first on the airfield at 6am Tuesday morning helping tidying the airfield.

We were grateful to the Marquee supplier who sent a team out to us on the Sunday to secure the marquees that were being subjected to adverse weather conditions.

The Honorary Treasurer reported that the current indication is that we should still make a surplus however figures are significantly down on last year.

The Competition Secretary paid tribute to the roping crew who came to her assistance when the Control Line Speed tent collapsed.

\*\*\*\*\* **Control Line – WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX D)**

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

**R/C Power** – Adverse weather conditions dominated events during the course of the weekend for most of the disciplines.

The extra flight line which covered two disciplines at Helicopter was very successful.

**Silent Flight** – There was an increase in entries this year overall.

**695/09/10 (17) To receive a report from the Chairman of the Awards Committee.**

The Awards Committee met at the Power Nationals. The Vice-Chairman commended the outcome of the Awards Committee Meeting as follows:

**BMFA Certificate of Merit**

Henry Hannant  
Alf Tunnicliffe  
Geoff Armstrong  
Dave Oldfield

**Henry J Nichols Trophy**

Jamie Griffin

**Ray Malmstrom Trophy**

Flitehook

**Arthur Mullet Trophy**

Maurice Doyle

**RAeC Medal of their choosing**

Alf Tunnicliffe

**RAeC Presidents Breitling Trophy**

Jamie Griffin

**RAeC Certificate of Merit**

John David Jones  
Tom Walker

**RAeC Silver Medal**

Peter Watson

There were no nominations or recommendations for Fellowships, Honorary Members.

The newly acquired Perkins Slade Trophy will be awarded on an annual basis for a 'Pilot of the Year'. The deadline for receipt of nominations in writing from Technical Committees for this award has been extended until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2010. Deliberation by the Awards Committee will take place by email.

**TECH COMMS**

Nominations should be addressed to the 'Chairman of the Awards Committee' and sent via the office.

It was agreed that in future if there are no nominations submitted by the deadline for receipt of all Awards nominations, 6<sup>th</sup> August, for the 'Pilot of the Year' Award, it shall be the gift of the Awards Committee to make a recommendation.

**AWARDS CTTEE**

For ease of processing a nomination form will be available as of next year for Award nominations.

**The Vice-Chairman proposed the above recommendations by the Awards Committee are accepted en bloc.**

Seconded by R/C Power  
Carried unanimously

OFFICE MGR  
VICE CHAIR  
ACCTS MGR  
RECORDS OFF

**696/09/10 (18) To receive a proposal from North West Area.**

*That BMFA Rulebooks (and amendments thereto) shall apply to all BMFA competition until superseded by an updated version of the official Rulebook which is readily available to all members. This will be taken to be one month after the availability of the updated Rulebook is announced officially in BMFA News. Technical Committee Newsletters and the like would not be considered as official announcements.*

North West withdrew the above proposal.

**697/09/10 (20) To discuss in more detail BMFA Archiving and Archiving facilities.**

The CEO advised that the plan is to move the Accounts office from the current location in to the back room upstairs which had previously been used to store spare computer equipment.

This will free up the old Accounts office so that it can be used for archive storage and as an office base for the Archivist.

If further additional space is required we are looking at other options. One of them would be to reduce the size of the Conference room. The only meeting that uses the entire space is Full Council and we would probably look at using the facilities at one of the nearby hotels to hold the three Full Council Meetings each year.

The Archivist made a request to Council Members for them to contact her with their thoughts with ideas on the kind of things we should be archiving.

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**699/09/10 (21) To receive any reports from the following Delegates**

**\*\*\*\*\*a) Royal Aero Club – WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX F)**

The CEO highlighted an item in the RAeC Delegate reported that RAeC Trust currently store all RAeC archives at the RAF Museum at Hendon and evidently they have some additional space available and are extending the offer to store archive material for other air sport Associations.

- b) **GASCo** - The Chairman reported that there are no complaints or issues with regard to model flying within general aviation.
- c) **Air Prox** – Nothing to report.
- d) **CCPR** – Nothing to report.
- e) **GAAC** – Nothing to report.

**700/09/10 (22) To receive any reports from the following Committees.**

- a) **CAA**  
The next meeting is scheduled for early December.  
  
The Vice-Chairman advised that the Development Officer had prepared an excellent report on the Weston Park Show a copy of which was sent to the CAA who applauded the content and nature of the report.
- b) **UKRCC** – Nothing to report.
- c) **Education Working Group** – This is the first September Council Meeting the Chairman of the Education Working Group has attended for the last ten years. This is because he was running a workshop in Aberdeen. Over those ten years over 60,000 youngsters built and flew rubber powered helicopters.  
  
Sadly the event has not taken place this year due to a lack of sponsorship.  
  
Sale of kits produced by the Chairman of the Education Working Group during the last twelve month period has dropped by 25% over the previous year.  
  
Hopefully things will pick up again very soon.
- d) **Flight Challenge**  
Unfortunately the event will not be taking place this year as we have been unable to secure a venue.  
  
We are renewing efforts to find a suitable venue for 2011.
- e) **University Challenge**  
The event was very successful again this year.
- f) **Computer Sub-Committee**  
Nothing to add to what has already been reported on during the meeting.
- g) **Safety Review Committee**  
Covered earlier in the meeting.
- h) **Achievement Scheme Review Committee**  
Nothing to report.

- i) **BMFA News Publishers**  
Nothing to report
- j) **Flying Site Adviser's Report**  
Previously circulated to Council Members.
- k) **BMFA Archivist Report**  
Nothing further to report.

**701/09/10 (23) Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

**702/09/10 (24) Date of next meeting.**

This was confirmed as **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2011.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 4.20pm.

Linda Harding, Office Manager

### Hon Secretary's Report for September Council Meeting

Various proposals have been prepared for this Council meeting to consider.

Since that last Council meeting, I attended the F3J pre World Championship Open International in France. The site used had serious restrictions not appropriate for a World Championship albeit it was a full sized airfield. The flying standard, as expected, was extremely high and the UK team did not fare too well; a situation exacerbated by a pre-event sudden vicious squall which damaged some of the UK models.

The Silent Flight Nationals at Spittlegate (in which I flew) suffered, like the Barkston events, from very windy conditions this year but all events were flown and results achieved. Some issue with the right of access to the site were raised by a local resident and this will be clarified, for the future, with the MoD.

Although I anticipate this Council meeting will endorse the Areas Council meeting agreement over the Terms of Reference for the ASRC, these Terms of Reference need a formal "home". I anticipate that will be as a new appendix to the Council Handbook which will be updated at some stage over the next few months.

The Areas Council also agreed to a minor revision to their Constitution to bring it in line with the agreed Constitution for the Devon and Cornwall Sub-Areas. This now limits the attendees, from the Areas, at Areas Council meetings to the Area Representative (who can be the Area Chairman, either as the Area Representative or as the designated Alternate) instead of both the Area Representative and the Area Chairman.

G R Sleight, 10 Sept 2010.

## Specialist Body Requirements and Guidelines

### 1. General

- 1.1 Status as a Specialist Body may only be conferred by the BMFA Council and may be rescinded by Council should it be felt that the Specialist Body is no longer acting in a fair, democratic or representative manner.
- 1.2 A proposal to Council to recommend or rescind Specialist Body status may be made by any Technical Committee, Area Committee or any current Director of the Society.
- 1.3 A Specialist Body may surrender its status as a Specialist Body by notification, in writing, to the BMFA Chief Executive Officer. A notice period of six months is required after which the Specialist Body ceases to be such. This period of notice is effective from the date of receipt of the notification by the Chief Executive Officer who will notify the appropriate Technical Committee on receipt of any such notification. The Specialist Body is expected to fulfil all its obligations as usual during the period of notice.
- 1.4 Applications for recognition as a Specialist Body, together with the prospective Specialist Body's declared Constitution that clearly sets out its aims and objectives, should be sent to the Chief Executive Officer at the BMFA's Leicester office in sufficient time to meet Council agenda deadlines. Other relevant information that should also be provided are initial membership numbers, fees (if applicable), competition details and Committee details.
- 1.5 Council shall decide on which Technical Committee the Specialist Body shall hold a seat.
- 1.6 The Specialist Body should diligently maintain a close liaison with its Technical Committee and the BMFA Council.
- 1.7 Any Specialist Body may be called upon to organise, on behalf of the BMFA, its particular event at the National Championships.
- 1.8 The Specialist Body may be called upon to hold Open team trials or team selection events and may recommend teams to the appropriate Technical Committee for participation in World/European Championships. In exceptional circumstances Council may ratify a team selected from performances other than team trials or team selection events.

### 2. The Specialist Body may also:

- 2.1 Recommend to the appropriate Technical Committee, after an appropriate democratic procedure, one BMFA member to act as British Team Manager for its discipline if applicable, although the Technical Committee is not necessarily obliged to act on this recommendation.
- 2.2 Recommend to the appropriate Technical Committee any changes to BMFA/FAI rules relevant to its discipline.
- 2.3 Submit names to the appropriate Technical Committee for the FAI Judges & Jury and the Technical Experts lists, from BMFA members within its discipline.
- 2.4 Send a representative to attend the appropriate Technical Committee meeting. Such a representative shall have the right to vote at those Technical Committee meetings.

- 2.5 The Technical Committee shall fund that representative's travelling expenses in the same way as it does for elected or co-opted members of the Technical Committees.

### 3. Specialist Bod Requirements

**Specialist Bodies of the BMFA are required to fulfil the following commitments:**

- 3.1 A Specialist Body shall comprise as a minimum, a reasonable proportion of the active participants in that discipline.
- 3.2 Every UK flying or organising member of the Specialist Body shall be a BMFA Member.
- 3.3 A list of all members of the Specialist Body and its sub-organisations shall be forwarded to the BMFA Membership Secretary by 31st March each year. This list should highlight which of the people on it are non-flying or non-organising members of the said Specialist Body, and must include BMFA numbers in all other cases.
- 3.4 A written report or minutes of any meetings of the Committee or any Sub-Committee of the Specialist Body must be forwarded to the BMFA Chief Executive Officer within a reasonable period of the said meeting.
- 3.5 Each January, the BMFA office issues a blank Specialist Body Return to all the Specialist Bodies. This must be completed with the details of the elected officers of the Specialist Body along with the other details requested on the form. The Minutes of the last AGM must accompany the completed Annual Return when it is returned to the office no later than the stated deadline.
- 3.6 The Specialist Body shall be responsible for organising and running events within its discipline, for and on behalf of the BMFA. These events shall be open to any BFMA member and must be advertised as such.
- 3.7 The Specialist Body shall forward details of the dates, venues and contact details for any events or competitions it or its sub-organisations intend to hold during the coming year, to both the BMFA Competition Secretary and the compiler of the BMFA Contest and Event Calendar, currently the Technical Secretary, via the Leicester office as soon as they are available.
- 3.8 The Specialist Body shall send the results of its BMFA/FAI competitions to the Results Officer of the appropriate Technical Committee who shall then forward the said results to the BMFA Records Officer within the time specified in the BMFA General Competition Rules.
- 3.9 The Specialist Body should at all times operate in accordance with its declared constitution.

### 4. The BMFA's Obligations

**The BMFA shall:**

- 4.1 Extend the normal BMFA insurance to cover the Committees and competition organisers of the Specialist Bodies.
- 4.2 Maintain its affiliation to the national aero club, in order to allow continued representation within the FAI.
- 4.3 Support teams properly selected & recommended by the relevant Specialist Bodies.

- 4.4 Publish a contest calendar, including details of the events as submitted by the Specialist Bodies, in an official BMFA publication.
- 4.5 (a) Include in its rule books, competition rules as supplied by the Specialist Body provided that such rules or amendments have been officially submitted through the appropriate Technical Committee in time to meet the printing deadlines.  
(b) Publish these rule books, and make them available at a nominal cost or free as BMFA website downloads.
- 4.6 Distribute, at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer, to any persons requesting it, such information on the Specialist Body as has been provided by it for distribution.
- 4.7 Give the Specialist Body sufficient opportunity to comment either via the appropriate Technical Committee or directly, as the situation dictates, on technical matters and queries within its discipline at whatever level is deemed necessary.
- 4.8 Refer general enquiries coming into the office on topics relating to the discipline of a Specialist Body to the Secretary of that Specialist Body for comment or answers as deemed necessary by the Chief Executive Officer.

## 5. Recommendations

The following points are recommendations from the BMFA Council to the Specialist Body:

- 5.1 The Specialist Body should have at least three officers elected by its membership at an Annual General Meeting. These should be Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. Any of these officers may have a dual role as Competition/Event Secretary.
- 5.2 Elections to the Committee of the Specialist Body may be bi-annual.
- 5.3 A General Meeting should be held annually, or in accordance with the Specialist Body's Constitution, and other Committee Meetings as necessary throughout the year. Minutes should be taken at these meetings. (See items 3.4 & 3.5.)
- 5.4 The Treasurer should make available to the members of the Specialist Body copies of the accounts if membership fees are charged.
- 5.5 The Specialist Body should forward copies of any newsletters and interim reports on its activities to the delegate of the appropriate Technical Committee to ensure adequate representation at Council level in between Technical Committee meetings.

## AMENDMENTS

- 10/01/98 - Minute 509/01/98 (13a) Acceptance by Council of revised document written by the RC Power Technical Committee.
- 07/01/06 Minute 358/01/06 Acceptance by Council of the revised document written by the Competition Secretary.
- 11/09/10 Minute 687/09/10 (9d) Acceptance by Council of the revised document amended at paragraphs 2.4; 2.5; 3.1, 4.5, 5.4.

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**ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME REVIEW COMMITTEE  
TERMS OF REFERENCE  
A Sub-Committee of Areas Council**

- (a) The Achievement Scheme Review Committee (ASRC) is a sub-committee of Areas Council constituted under articles 32(b) and 46 of the Society's Articles of Association. The ASRC is set up to:
- (i) Consider and report back on any achievement scheme related items presented to Areas Council and any other items referred to the ASRC by Areas Council.
  - (ii) Deal with correspondence on achievement scheme matters.
  - (iii) Receive and consider reports from the Achievement Scheme Controllers and report to Areas Council as necessary.
  - (iv) Constantly review the operation of the achievement schemes with the aim of raising standards and making those standards universal amongst those involved in the schemes at Area and Club level.
  - (v) Constantly review the achievement schemes with the aim of improving the options offered to model flyers at Area and Club level to improve their flying skills.
  - (vi) Act as a focal point for advice to Instructors and Examiners and monitor how effectively the concept of Area and Club Examiners and Instructors is operating.
  - (vii) Suggest any relevant input to the rule books as pertinent to the achievement scheme and its operation
- (b) The membership of the ASRC shall consist of the two achievement scheme controllers and seven elected members. The elected members of the ASRC will be those members elected by the first Area Council meeting of the year to fill the vacancies on the ASRC. This first Area Council meeting of the year will include in the agenda for that meeting: the election of members to fill the ASRC vacancies. One of the ASRC members must be a Full Council member and if no candidate is a Full Council member, one will be appointed to the ASRC by Areas Council. An ASRC meeting requires a quorum of five people (from the seven, elected or co-opted, members and the achievement scheme controllers).
- (c) Notice of vacancies on the ASRC shall be posted in the BMFA News to appear in September seeking candidates to apply for such vacancies. Applications must include a CV based on the pro-forma which is the Appendix to these Terms of Reference. Applications in response to the BMFA News posting should be sent to the Honorary Secretary c/o the BMFA Office to be received by the end of October. Potential members should be experienced flyers, preferably with experience as scheme examiners and or Instructors and they must have an overriding interest in the Achievement Schemes.
- Four members of the ASRC shall retire every even year and the other three in odd years but they may apply for re-election. Applications for membership of the ASRC shall be considered at the first Area Council meeting of each calendar year and **appointment of the applicants to ASRC membership will be accomplished by votes from accredited members of the Area Council**. In filling the vacant post, the Area Council must be cognisant of the important need to maintain a balance of relevant skills, experience and interests on the ASRC.
- (d) If the membership of the Committee's standing members is not filled, the Committee may co-opt to bring the number of standing members up to seven.

- (e) The Chairman of the ASRC will be elected annually by the ASRC members at the first meeting of the ASRC each year. Prior to the first ASRC meeting following the elections by the Area Council, the Area Council Chairman will delegate one of the ASRC members to act as an interim Chairman pending the election of a Chairman by the ASRC members.
- (f) The Committee shall hold a minimum of two meetings per year.
- (g) Each of the members of the ASRC present at a meeting of the Committee shall have one vote. In the case of a tied vote, the Chairman shall have a casting vote. Exceptionally, in the case of urgent matters, the Chairman is authorised to call for an e-mail vote of the members.
- (h) The Chairman shall be the budget holder for the Committee.
- (i) The ASRC will seek guidance from specialist bodies and other expert persons/groups where appropriate and the Chairman is authorized, and expected to, invite any member of any specialist body and anyone else with suitable expertise to provide help and advice to the committee when required.
- (j) The Chairman shall ensure that agendas and minutes of their meetings are produced and are circulated to all ASRC members plus a copy to Admin at the BMFA offices for onward distribution as relevant. These minutes shall be generated by the ASRC appointing, from their elected or co-opted members, a Secretary who shall have the responsibility of producing and retaining such minutes and all other documents produced by the ASRC or received by them.
- (k) The proposed agenda for forthcoming ASRC meetings shall be provided to ASRC members and to the Chairmen of the various BMFA Technical Committees, three weeks prior to the intended meeting date
- (l) Where proposals or motions are debated and voted on by the ASRC, the topic discussed and the votes resulting, should be recorded in the resulting minutes.
- (m) Applications for ASRC membership should be made by using the appended form.

**Control Line Nationals Report for Council Meeting 11th September 2010**

The infrastructure provided for the Control Line (CL) flight lines was very good and our thanks go to Dave Phipps and his excellent team of helpers.

Control Line flying was severely restricted by the gale force winds. Speed had only four flights on the Saturday, none on the Sunday and just 16 official flights and 10 practise flights on the Sunday even though flying was extended by two hours to 17.00 hours. Speed is, of course, run on a handicap classification system which means that each class flight is classified as a percentage against that class's record. The top three placings were all over 100% of their class records. First & second places were the "Fast Jet" class and although both were over 100% of the class record only the first place will be submitted as a British Record claim. The third place was in the Open 0.15 class and that flight, too, will be submitted as a British Record claim. So, three record-breaking flights and two British Record claims is a remarkable achievement given the weather conditions.

For the first year Vintage Speed was not run as a combined event with Handicap Speed. It had its own dedicated circle and officials. It was a great pity that the weather so constrained the Vintage Speed flying for this first stand-alone Vintage Speed Nationals competition.

In Aerobatics, Team Racing and Combat, there was, some flying on the Saturday, none on the Sunday and frantic "catch-up" on the Monday. But all the classes were restricted in the number of flights. In Aerobatics, Class 2 was not run; in Team Race, 1/2A was not run; in Combat, 1/2A, F2F and Oliver Tiger were not run. Carrier Deck managed more flying than any other CL class on the Saturday but even they were restricted in the number of flights made overall.

It is intended to re-assess the CL circles on the east/west runway for the 2011 National Championships.

Jo Halman  
CL Nationals Co-Ordinator  
09/09/10

**Report to the Council meeting on 11/09/10 on the 2010 British National Championships from the Scale Technical Committee**

The Scale Nationals for R/C, C/L and F/F were held successfully at RAF Barkston Heath during the August Public Holiday. Despite the very strong winds for most of the weekend, results were obtained in all bar the C/L classes. R/C flying was interrupted for about an hour on Saturday due to rain and Sunday was almost completely blown out. This reduced both the F4C and Flying Only competitions to only 2 rounds but both finished on time. F/F was similarly affected and whilst the entry numbers were quite healthy, only a handful of brave souls risked their models in the challenging conditions.

Pre-entries in the R/C events were very strong with 20 in F4C and 24 in Flying Only. In order to accommodate these numbers it was necessary to drop one manoeuvre from the flying schedule. There is a groundswell of support to reinstate some form of Clubman competition to bridge the gap between Flying Only, which is becoming dominated by ARTFs, and the now very high standards of F4C. How this might be achieved on a single flight line remains to be seen and will be a challenge for the STC.

Following comments made last year on the inadequacy of the commentary we used the Indoor PA system powered from a generator which was much more effective, although the wireless microphone requested failed to materialise. The strong crosswind was also a challenge for even the most seasoned competitors. Having the sterile area roped off to allow an into wind approach was essential but it is understood that some models may have encroached beyond the downwind boundary above parked cars. This was not clearly evident to the pilots concerned or the judges and the STC is already considering the need to place a ground observer, possibly with a flag or other marker system, to police this aspect should similar weather conditions prevail in future.

The STC would like to thank the CD, Graham Kennedy, for keeping the flying on track in difficult circumstances and all of the judges and other helpers without whom the event could not be run.

Finally, it is with sadness that I acknowledge the loss of John Millar who was due to judge F4C flying at the Nationals and died unexpectedly a few weeks before the event. John was a highly-respected Scale judge and his wit and good humour were sorely missed.

**Ian Pallister**  
Council Delegate Scale TC  
9 September 2010

## ROYAL AERO CLUB DELEGATE'S REPORT – July 2010

I represented the BMFA at the RAeC Council meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>; the following items may be of interest to Council.

- 1) Patrick Naegli of the BGA has been elected as vice-chairman, replacing Ben Ellis of the BMFA and BAeA, who resigned due to a house move.
- 2) Tenders are being sought for a re-design of the RAeC website, but it was stressed that without an input of news from the associations the site will be ineffective.
- 3) A paper was tabled on the role of the RAeC. This mainly involves regulatory matters and its central role in coordinating the views of several airport organisations in negotiations with government is vital to avoid any attempts by outside authorities to divide and rule. There needs to be a proactive campaign for change, rather than simply countering unacceptable proposals as they are thrown up.
- 4) The FAI subscription has been paid and, despite currency fluctuations in the interim, is close to the budgeted figure.
- 5) The CCPR has contributed £3K from their fund for influencing international strategy.
- 6) The RAeC Awards Evening was made possible this year largely to the efforts of Dave Phipps and the BMFA staff, and this was much appreciated by Council. The volcanic ash problem kept the Medals & Awards Committee chairman out of the country in the week before the event and the frequent and very short notice changes of plan from the Duke of York's office added to the difficulties.
- 7) The present M & A committee chairman, John Smyth, is unable to continue in post, partly due to his royal protection duties, and a replacement is needed. It may be possible to divide the job between the chairing of the committee and the organisation of the Awards Evening itself. Volunteers are sought, not necessarily from the RAeC Council, and a decision is needed before Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 8) The BGA and BHPA have moved to a new headquarters on the outskirts of Leicester. It is suggested that the RAeC registered office address should be changed to that of the BMFA.
- 9) It might be worth investigating the possibilities of archiving some of the SMAE/BMFA material at the RAF Museum at Hendon.

Martin Dilly  
RAeC Delegate

17.7.10