

# SOCIETY OF MODEL AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS LTD

(T/A British Model Flying Association)

## TO ALL FULL COUNCIL MEMBERS

There will be a Meeting of the Full Council on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2011  
at 11.00am at Leicester (Braunstone South) Premier Inn Hotel,  
Braunstone Lane East, Leicester LE3 2FW  
Tel: 0872 527 8588

## A G E N D A

- 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> January 2011.
- 5 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2011 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 6 To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer to include:
  - a The progress towards the year end Accounts.
- 7 To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer to include the following proposal from the Chairman:

*That this Council elects Martin Dilly FSMAE to the position of Vice President of the Society of Model Aeronautical Engineers.*
- 8 To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.
- 9 To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary to include:
  - a To receive the Affiliated Club List.
  - b To receive dates for Council Meetings in the year 2012.
  - c To discuss and agree the processes for the November elections.
  - d To receive the following proposals:
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- 12 To receive a report from the Records Officer to include the following:  
*To ratify British Record Claim (**pending receipt of official Record Claim Form**)  
 Paul Bardoe/Barrie Lever 82273/80934  
 F5D Electric Pylon Racing – RAF Wittering – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2011  
 Race time of 57.28 seconds*
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#### *Leaflet content*

*Prominence should be given to the following:-*

*a. The BMFA's part in representing the Sport at national and international level.*

*b. The BMFA insurance cover, flying site guidance, safety rules, Noise Code and Achievements Scheme.*

*c. Any sponsors or links to relevant organisations the BMFA has.*

*d. The web address of the link detailed in part 2 of the proposals.*

*e. How little farming land is required. Providing over-flight of adjacent fields is acceptable, all that is necessary somewhere to park, and somewhere to take off and land. Further details could be provided on the website.*

- 16 To receive updated briefings and reports from the Technical Committees & the Power Nationals Co-ordinator for all the BMFA National Championships.
- 17 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 Sport + Recreation Alliance (formerly CCPR)
  - e General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)
- 18 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

19 Any Other Business.

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

20 Date of next meeting.

Linda Harding  
Office Manager  
28<sup>th</sup> April 2011

**Circulation:** All Council Members

<b>Copies to:</b>	All Area Chairmen	Selected Area Officer R Allam
	All Area Secretaries	Power & S/F AS Controllers
	All Technical Committee Chairmen	Chief Executive
	All Technical Committee Secretaries	Development Officer
	Selected Fellows	Office Manager
	BMFA News Editor	Accounts Manager
	Flying Site Adviser	Club Support Officer

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PROPOSAL

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REASON:

With the recent loss of Vice President Ron Moulton (Fellow) it is felt that we should add a long serving and active member to the cadre of Vice Presidents of the Society.

**This proposition is placed before you with full support and recommendation of the Executive Committee**

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ELECTED OFFICERS:

Proposed by: *Robin I Gowler FSMAE*                      \_                      Elected Post                      *Chairman*

Date    28<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

Signature of Officer

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REASON:

Although the BMFA strongly advises clubs to ensure they have constitutions which detail expected standards of behaviour of their members, the BMFA itself has no procedures in place setting such standards (and potential disciplinary penalties) for its Elected Officers, Area Delegates and other co-opted personnel who are appointed as Directors of the SMAE. In the revision of the Council Handbook, the Executive believe this omission should be rectified and the attached proposal included as an Appendix to this revised Handbook. .

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ELECTED OFFICERS:

Proposed by: G R Sleight Elected Post Hon Secretary

Date 17 March 2011 Signature of Officer 

**Behaviour of Directors**

**General**

It is recognised that the Members of Full Council comprising the Elected Officers, Area Delegates and the co-opted members such as the Representatives of the various Technical Committees who thus become Directors of the Society, are all volunteers who seek to give something back to the sport of model flying. As such, all these volunteers come from different backgrounds, possess different skills and have various priorities on their time and availability. The Fellows of the Society have the appellation FSMAE in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the activities of the Society. Nonetheless for the efficient operation of the Society it is essential that all such Council members/Directors and Fellows of the Society play their part in an effective, fair, courteous and efficient way.

Thus, besides the various provisions of Section 6.1 of this document detailing the grounds for disqualification of a Director, Full Council members as Directors of the SMAE and also Fellows of the Society are expected at all times to behave in a way fully befitting their position and to implement the tasks required of them in a reasonably timely and efficient manner. In particular they must not act in any way

such that it brings the Society into disrepute and they must conduct themselves in a way as befits an officer or Fellow who holds such a position in the Society.

Examples of such unacceptable behaviour include, but are not limited to: financial irregularities, gross discourtesy to other members of the Society, repeated failure to implement, in any timely manner, duties as are required by their relevant BMFA appointment or any activity which may be considered to bring the Society into disrepute.

**2. Procedure for a Perceived Breach**

In the event of a perceived and significant breach of these obligations, the Chairman shall arrange for a review panel to be constituted comprising three members of the BMFA Executive, preferably not including any member who was a direct witness to, or involved with, the incident or incidents which are claimed to represent the breach of the Director's or Fellow's obligations.

The review panel shall collect all possible witness statements, including a statement from the Director or Fellow concerned and shall then interview that Director or Fellow to establish the full facts. The Director or Fellow concerned may bring a friend or advisor with him to this interview. The review panel shall then report to the Executive with their findings and conclusions. The Executive shall then determine the appropriate action which may be (a) a dismissal of any complaint, (b) the issuing of a Formal Warning or, (c) in extreme cases, a recommendation to go to Full Council for the disqualification of that Director or, in the case of a Fellow, remove the right to that appellation plus any rights and privileges relevant to a Fellow.

Any recommendation by the Executive for disqualification of an Elected Officer is required to be put to a General Meeting by a Special Resolution before becoming effective. For Area Delegates a Special Resolution is required to be put to the relevant Area Committee. For Co-opted members of Council a Special Resolution is required to be put to a Full Council meeting. The generation of such a Special Resolution for this purpose could reasonably be expected to result in the resignation of the person involved because of the obvious loss of confidence in him by his colleagues.

If no resignation is received then the recommendation to disqualify shall be considered by a General Meeting, Area Committee meeting or Full Council (as described above) and, if the motion is supported by relevant meeting, then the person involved shall be disqualified as a Director of the Society. In view of the seriousness of the matter, a 2/3 majority (using a secret ballot) at any such meetings shall be required to confirm any such motion of disqualification. A similar procedure to that for Elected Officers, with a similar majority requirement, shall apply in the case of any recommendation by the Executive to remove the appellation of FSMAE and associated rights and privileges from any Fellow.

The Director or Fellow involved may, as already prescribed in section 1.6 (F) of the Council Handbook, subsequently appeal about his disqualification/loss of appellation by Full Council. However to lodge an appeal the Director or Fellow must have the support of five (5) Seconders. These Seconders must be either current Directors or Fellows of the Society. This appeal will be placed on the Agenda for the subsequent Annual General Meeting of the Society. This AGM will thus, given an appeal, provide final confirmation of the disqualification or removal of the appellation of Fellow, or if the appeal is successful, require Full Council to re-consider the disqualification or restoration of the appellation at the next Full Council meeting.

**3 Co-option and Re-election**

Once a resolution for disqualification of a Director has been confirmed by the relevant meeting, the officer concerned will be regarded as being no longer in post regardless of any possible lack of a resignation. In the case of an Elected Officer, the Executive

is then empowered to co-opt a replacement person or, preferably, to seek to fill the vacated post by a voted in candidate during the normal cycle for elections of Officers and so regularize the position at the next Annual General Meeting.

Should the incident or issue merit a Formal Warning then this shall be recorded in the Minutes of the Executive meeting at which the decision is taken and confirmed. Only a 50% majority vote is required to support a decision to issue a Formal Warning.

However any repetition of the type of behaviour which occasioned the Formal Warning will generally be expected to lead to a proposal for disqualification or, in the case of a Fellow, the removal of the appellation and associated rights and privileges, using the procedure as set out above.

Should a Director be disqualified under the above procedure, he may not stand for re-election within a three year period of such disqualification. A Director in receipt of a Formal Warning may stand for re-election in the normal way. However in each case, the Executive Committee has the right to post in the issue of the BMFA News in which the candidate's details are announced, a short précis covering the circumstances which led to the disqualification or the Formal Warning.

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**ELECTED OFFICERS:**

Proposed by: G R Sleight

Elected Post: Hon Secretary

Date: 26 April 2011

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**REASON:**

To formalise and democratise a process for such appointments. Whilst doing so this process will ensure accountability to the Full Council of the appointed Controller and the Council will also be able to ensure that a candidate with a suitable background is appointed to this important position. This is a re-submission of a proposal put to Council in January but with additional words added to make the meaning clear.

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**ELECTED OFFICERS:**

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**PROPOSAL to FULL COUNCIL**  
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**Reasons**

The results of elections and co-option and the specific representation covered by specialist bodies can sometimes lead to significant gaps in the coverage of competition and other flying.

There is a precedent for this in that SAM 35 is a designated member of the Free Flight Technical Committee but their spread of interests has already led Council to authorise their representation on other technical Committees on a non-voting basis.

Chris Bromley, FSMAE.  
BMFA Technical Secretary  
For Technical Council  
24<sup>th</sup> April, 2011

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**REASON:** Part of the responsibility of the BMFA must be to protect our rich history of achievement over the past years and to also ensure that it is made available to the widest audience for preservation as well as for the enjoyment and recreation of the modelling movement. As technology moves on so does the opportunity to catalogue this history in a form that will ensure it reaches the widest audience, but this technology does have a price and as an individual spend this can be prohibitive to those willing to undertake and manage the task .Today we have individuals who have already started to catalogue data and information before it is lost, a task that will take considerable time and effort but to those committed a task they dearly wish to complete. This activity is being co-ordinated across several countries including New Zealand, USA and Slovakia. Here in the UK, the active member group is SAM1066 with Roger Newman leading the task The nature of capturing magazine data requires the use of modern facilities and after much investigation the use of a medium speed page scanner is felt to be the most productive way forward – this can be either new or secondhand, since both seem to be available. Purchase of this equipment would also be an investment for the Society to aid other activities which we know are being pursued to create a Society archive .This request is therefore to support the initiative already taken by SAM 1066 and to add a facility to the inventory of the BMFA that will offer future opportunities to others interested in preserving our modelling history. Such activity also has the potential for enabling the distribution of our Societies rich history to a wider audience through use of the World Wide Web.

If the full amount cannot be granted for purchase of new equipment, then we request the Society considers an allowance towards this venture which would offer the opportunity to purchase suitably adequate second hand equipment, such that work can be commenced in parallel with seeking opportunities for additional support in the longer term.

As the Southern Area of the BMFA is supporting this request, we suggest that a subsidy from the area funds may also be considered to reduce the net effect from HQs budget.

**AREA COMMITTEES**

Proposed by: **Steve Flood** Club Waltham chase

Seconded by: **Peter Turley** Club Petersfield Aeromodellers

Date of Area Meeting: **16 February 2011** Voting Results:

Signature of Club Delegate\*

Signature of Club Delegate\*:

**For all members present (13)**

Against **none**

Abstentions **none**

AREA: **SOUTHERN AREA**

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**Leaflet Content**

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- a. The BMFA's part in representing the Sport at national and international level.*
- b. The BMFA insurance cover, flying site guidance, safety rules, Noise Code and Achievements Scheme*
- c. Any sponsors or links to relevant organizations the BMFA has.*
- d. The web address of the link detailed in part 2 of the proposals.*
- e. How little farming land is required. Providing over-flight of adjacent fields is acceptable, all that is necessary is somewhere to park, and somewhere to take off and land. Further details could be provided on the website.*

**REASON:** Today the future of our sport is dependant on our ability to retain current flying sites and for new and existing clubs to develop new sites where and when the need arises . This requirement is fundamental to the existence of our sport and the most critical aspect supporting the development of new clubs in the UK . It therefore follows that all relevant information supporting this need should be prominent on the central HQ web site such that information is easily accessible not only for clubs to review but for prospective landowners to access also. It is recognised that we do have leaflets available and that these can be obtained if one knows the routes to follow – however due to the importance of this issue it is felt that we need to make access to this information much easier as well as guidelines to its source more prominent on the web site. Likewise we should also make more visual the codes of practice that we advocate to protect land owners , the countryside , animals ect such that we advertise a considerate and professional attitude whilst participating in our sport of model flying. We should be able to direct any prospective landowner to a link on the BMFA web site from which he can easily understand how we operate as an organisation and the controls we implement to protect the environment ,his land and others , a clear and concise overview of model flying answering all the questions any landowner would ask before granting permission . This proposal is not being submitted to degrade the value of the current BMFA pamphlet , but in todays environment we need to bring its message to the top of the list , make it easier to access for all and be more professional in the way we support the development of new flying sites

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**AREA COMMITTEES**

Proposed by: <b>Firebirds MFC</b>	Club	Signature of Club Delegate*:
Seconded by: <b>Waltham Chase Aeromodellers</b>	Club	Signature of Club Delegate*:
Date of Area Meeting: <b>16<sup>th</sup> February 2011</b>	Voting Results: For	<b>All members present ( 13)</b>
	Against	<b>none</b>
	Abstention	<b>none</b>
	AREA:	<b>SOUTHERN AREA</b>