

MINUTES

SOCIETY OF MODEL AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS LTD.

(T/A British Model Flying Association)

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 21st May 2011 at
Leicester (Braunstone South) Premier Inn Hotel,
Braunstone Lane East, Leicester LE3 2FW

Provisional until confirmed at the next Full Council Meeting.

PRESENT

Robin Gowler FSMAE	Chairman
Robin Sleight MBE	Honorary Secretary
Keith Lomax FSMAE	Honorary Treasurer
Jo Halman FSMAE	Competition Secretary
Chris Bromley FSMAE	Technical Secretary
John French	Records Officer
Nigel Barker	PRO
Peter Leavesley	East Anglia Area Delegate
Martin Dilly FSMAE	London Area Delegate & RAeC Delegate
Andy Symons	Northern Area Delegate
Tom Jones	North East Area Delegate
David Lloyd-Jones	North West Area Delegate
Jim Wright	South Midland Area Delegate Alt.
Keith Miller FSMAE	South East Area Delegate Alt.
Phil Durant	Western Area Delegate
Stuart Simpson	Southern Area Delegate
Peter Disney	South West Area Delegate & RNMAA Delegate
Paul Luby	RAFMAA Area Delegate
Andrew Potts	Mid West Area Delegate
Mike Francies	Free Flight TC Representative
Keith Barker	R/CPTC Representative & Northern Ireland Delegate Alt.
Ian Duff	R/C SFTC Representative
Ian Pallister	Scale TC Representative
Mike Colling FSMAE	Indoor TC Representative

Visitors

Sqn Ldr Dempster Hamilton

RAFMAA Chairman

In Attendance

Linda Harding

Dave Phipps

Office Manager / Minute Taker
CEO

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 8th January 2011.
- 5 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 8th 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.
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(d) An electronic version of the letterhead shall be made available, on request, to allow for formal electronic communications.
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- v) To add a new para (g) to the ASRC Terms of Reference and then re-number all subsequent paras. The new para (g) to read:
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If any significant class of competition is not represented on a Technical Committee either by Elected or Co-opted members or by a Specialist Body, the Committee shall issue an invitation to a representative of that discipline to attend Technical Committee meetings for the year in question on a non-voting basis.
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*To ratify British Record Claim (**pending receipt of official Record Claim Form**)
 Paul Bardoe/Barrie Lever 82273/80934
 F5D Electric Pylon Racing – RAF Wittering – 17th April 2011
 Race time of 57.28 seconds*
- 13 To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.
- 14 To receive a report from the FAI Delegate to include:
 a The receipt of the report of the recent CIAM Meeting.

15 To receive the following proposals from Southern Area:

- i) *That the BMFA considers supporting in whatever form it sees fit the options listed below to aid the development of a complete archived resource that would be available through the web of our modelling heritage. This support could be offered in several forms – for consideration the following are offered:*
- 1) *The BMFA procures (or contributes to the procurement of) a page scanner which can be added to the inventory of the Society for future use by all, this equipment can be lent out to any activity that is felt worthy of support. We should consider besides procuring a new piece of equipment that we may be able to buy a second user item that could reduce the initial investment, but this decision needs to be considered against the potential use of such equipment in the future. This scanner (medium speed full duplex) would enable the archiving to be completed in a professional manner.*
 - 2) *That the BMFA pays for the sub contract of this service to an external source. This may be cheaper initially but not felt to be necessarily a good long term investment. Sub-contracting the work would incur other (additional) costs. Potential cost for a new medium speed (circa 45 pages/minute) scanner is in the range £2500 - £3000.*
 - 3) *That through the BMFA we pull together all resources currently working on archiving our heritage and consolidate all efforts into a single venture. This probably would reduce overall cost and also ultimately be the most efficient way of producing the ultimate resource to the material that we need to preserve before it is lost. In this instance we suggest that Roger Newman is contacted as he has instigated much work already and is more than willing to support any venture that enable this directive to be achieved.*
- ii) a) *That the BMFA Central Office make available as a download a suitably designed leaflet for any affiliated club to use to canvas farmers/landowners for land to be used as a flying site.*
- b) *That the BMFA Central Office provide a link on the Association website providing additional information for any interested farmer/landowner who might be prepared to make an area of land available for use as a flying site.*
- c) *That the BMFA Central Office place advertisements in suitable magazines or periodicals when requested to do so by any of the Area Committees, the cost to be met from Central office funds. Alternatively, if central funding is not considered justified, the BMFA could provide guidance to clubs on the compilation of a suitable advert and where best to place it.*
- All parts of the above proposals should be complementary, that is the leaflets, the website and the advertisements should be of similar style and layout. The intention would be to impress upon farmers/landowners that model flying is recognised by the Government as sport, and that when renting out a field they can be assured that the club has the backing of the sport's national body, the BMFA. The establishment of a 'Brand Name' recognisable to farmers/landowners should greatly improve the prospects of clubs seeking new flying sites.*

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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.

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727/05/11 (1) Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from the following:
Chris Moynihan Vice-Chairman; Peter Halman FSMAE FAI Delegate; Ian Robb Northern Ireland Area Delegate; Vernon Hunt CLTC Representative.

728/05/11 (2) Request for permission to be absent.

There were no requests.

729/05/11 (3) To verify the voting strength of the meeting.

11.04am there were 23 members eligible to vote.

11.49am there were 24 members eligible to vote as Andrew Potts Mid West Area Delegate joined the meeting.

730/05/11 (4) Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 8th January 2011.

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- **First line** – Change “devise” to “device”.

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- **Third paragraph, third line** - Change “Kibble” to “Kibbie”.

Northern Ireland Area Delegate proposed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2011 be accepted as a true record.

Seconded by North West Area

Vote: For: 23
 Ags: 0
 Abs: 1

Carried by a majority vote.

731/05/11 (5) Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 8th January 2011 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.

ACTION / NOTES

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- **Council appointed Sub Committees, Awards Committee -**

It was confirmed that the following had been appointed as Tech Council and Area Council representatives to the Awards Committee respectively:

Mike Colling FSMAE and Terry Rounce.

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- **Third paragraph, Perkins Slade Trophy** – The CEO reported that the supplier of the Trophy that Perkins Slade had chosen have unfortunately let them down badly.

The situation now is that there will be two Trophies. Perkins Slade will provide one to give to Mick Henderson to keep, who was the recipient of 2010 Awards, in recognition of the fact that several months have passed and he has been without a Trophy. The other Trophy will be awarded to the 2011 winner.

The PRO commented that it is excellent that people want to donate Trophies and we are very accepting of that generosity however it might be prudent in future when we are formally accepting Trophies, we should not do so until we have physically been handed the Trophy.

- Fifth and Sixth paragraph, Technical Secretary to make the necessary changes to the General Rules in relation to proposal carried at the January meeting that the BMFA website is to be considered one of the primary publication mechanisms of the Society – The Technical Secretary advised that the main change has been done as requested however he has not done the consequential change because there has been no instruction from Council to do this. He was expecting a proposal at this meeting to make that change.

The Competition Secretary challenged the Technical Secretary's understanding of the situation. The Chairman asked that the Technical Secretary and Competition Secretary continue discussions on the matter outside of the meeting.

- Penultimate paragraph, RAeC Trust Bursary awards – The CEO advised that Shahid Banglawala who was one of the unsuccessful nominees for the CIAM Scholarship has been awarded the RAeC Trust Bursary award.

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- Fifth paragraph, action London Area Delegate to draw up a list of criteria for models we should consider worthy of accepting as archive material – London Area Delegate reported that Jim Wright South Midland Area Chairman had now taken on a great deal of the responsibility for this and has already compiled a model selection document. He has also spoken to numerous museums and visited numerous museums.

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London Area Delegate asked that the minutes record his thanks to Jim Wright for taking on the work.

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- Third paragraph, Top Gun event – No decision has been reached by the Executive yet on the future of Top Gun event other than it is to be taken out of the Power Nationals Showline operation. Discussion is ongoing.

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- Halfway down proposal carried that master copies of documents such as member's handbook, rule books etc in an editable form, reside at the BMFA office and are under the control of the Chief Executive – The Technical Secretary suggested that it would be prudent to review which documents this should apply to and where they are currently held. The Chairman agreed this should be done and placed an action on the CEO to look in to it.

CEO

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- **Third paragraph, FAI Licence Database issues** – The CEO advised that the FAI Licence Database is now up and running and working very well.

- **Halfway down, proposal passed for additional for Control Line Technical Committee to purchase a commercially built display system for Team Race competitions (TRDU)**

– The Competition Secretary reported on behalf of CLTC that the system has been built and used in a competition at the 'Barton Bash' event. It is an excellent piece of equipment. The CLTC and all the Control Line flyers asked that their appreciation is passed on to Council for agreeing to the financial support to provide the equipment.

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- **Fifth paragraph notice in BMFA News to clubs that if they area approached by a general aviation club or airfield to say that they should not be flying at the site, the model flying club should contact the BMFA office straight away** –

There was an action in the Minutes for the Chairman which he had overlooked but he will endeavour to get a notice put in BMFA News.

CHAIRMAN

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- **Halfway down, request that the problem re Epsom Downs is re-visited by the newly appointed Club Support Officer**–There is some discord amongst South East Area Committee and London Area Committee with regard to revisiting operational flying arrangements at Epsom Downs.

The Chairman recommended that a meeting is convened between representatives from both Areas to discuss the matter and sort out their differences.

This concluded matters arising.

732/05/11 (6) To Receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer.

a) **Progress towards the year end Accounts.**

The Accounts Manager has completed the provisional year end accounts. The Auditor will be making his annual visit and will submit a report in due course.

A document had previously been circulated – 'Proposed Policy for International Team Funding, 2012 onwards'. The document was put together as a result of a meeting with the Competition Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Accounts Manager.

The Honorary Treasurer asked Delegates to bring the document to the attention of their committees and discuss it at their next meeting and to contact him if they have any specific points they wish to raise.

**AREA & TECH
COMMS**

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.../contd The Honorary Treasurer will be submitting a formal proposal to the September Council meeting to adopt the policy.

The recent government budget announced an increase in the taxable threshold for mileage rates, previously capped at 40 pence per mile. The new rate is 45 pence per mile.

Therefore our new top rate which we pay for cars over 2ltrs once they have exceeded 2500 miles or, whilst towing will be 45 pence per mile.

He attended the Old Warden 'May Fly' and helped run the BMFA stand. The weather was very good. The activities of both days were focused on Ron Moulton memorial and David Boddington memorial.

The weekly return (copy provided to Delegates) indicates we are continuing to maintain a slight increase in membership numbers.

733/05/11 (7) To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.

CEO

The CEO informed Council that we are currently negotiating a review of our insurance terms and reference with the Insurance Brokers.

A meeting was held recently at Chacksfield House with representatives from the CAA, LMA, SAA and BARCS. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and review a draft update of CAP658.

The search continues for a venue to hold the Silent Flight Nationals.

Post Meeting Note – RAF Cottesmore has been secured as the venue.

Arrangements are all in place for the Free Flight Nationals next weekend.

The CEO handed round a BMFA Calendar. These can be purchased from the office for £6.

The Chairman's Conference at Husbands Bosworth in March was very well received.

He attended the Indoor Scale Nationals. He complimented Ian Pallister on the excellent organisation.

He attended the RAeC Awards. The following BMFA members were the lucky recipients of RAeC Awards:

Cont/d... Peter Watson – Gold Medal
Alf Tunnicliffe – Certificate of Merit

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John David Jones – Certificate of Appreciation
Jamie Griffin – Certificate of recognition for being nominated for the President's Breitling Trophy.

With the exception of Jamie Griffin all were able to attend the ceremony to receive their awards. The Chairman received the award on behalf of Jamie Griffin.

We had a visit recently from Kevin Dodd, CEO of the MAAA in Australia. It was a very interesting meeting and it was useful to find out how sister organisations operate in other parts of the world.

The University Challenge will be taking place on 4/5 June at Elvington. Flight Challenge will be taking place on 16 July at RAF Duxford.

He has been approached by an organisation that are involved with the rehabilitation of injured servicemen asking if there is any way in which air sports can assist in that process. The CEO feels there is some potential for model flying to fit in quite nicely with this organisation and will be following this up.

The CEO advised that the current webmaster has decided that he will be standing down during the course of this year. We have several expressions of interest from people interested in tendering for a new website and he will be following these up in the next few weeks.

There will be costs incurred for the new website however we have recently introduced some trial banner advertising on the classified ads site to monitor whether or not it would be a viable proposition. The idea is it should generate a reasonable revenue which can be offset against the website costs.

It was mentioned earlier that Shahid Banglawala received the RAeC Trust Award along with Richard Smith who is also a BMFA member. The Trust however were disappointed that only a small number of aeromodellers submitted nominations.

We are currently exploring different options for membership payment methods, including Direct Debit.

Chairman

He keeps in touch with the CEO and has regular meetings with him at Chacksfield House.

He attended the following:
Scale Indoor Nationals. He echoed the sentiments of the CEO.
The funeral of Laurie Barr Fellow.
GASCo meeting at Farnborough.
Club Talk with the Development Officer.
RAeC Awards Ceremony.

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CAA meeting at Chacksfield House.
Meeting with the CEO of MAAA at Chacksfield House.
Chairman's Conference at Husbands Bosworth.

A question was asked whether First Person View (FPV) flying was discussed at the recent meeting with the CAA representatives.

The Technical Secretary advised that the new CAP658 will contain, virtually word for word the BMFA directive for FPV flying.

This concluded the Chairman's general report.

The Chairman put forward the following proposal:

“That this Council elects Martin Dilly FSMAE to the position of Vice President of the Society of Model Aeronautical Engineers Ltd.”

CHAIRMAN/CEO

Seconded by Honorary Treasurer
Carried unanimously.

The new Vice President thanked Council for their confidence and support and vowed to do the best job he can for the Society.

734/05/11 (8) To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.

There was no report.

735/05/11 (9) To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary.

Whilst working on updating the Council Handbook it became apparent that the Articles of Association of the Society also required a review and update, which is work in progress for the future.

The Honorary Secretary continued with the main agenda items:

- a) To receive the Affiliated Club List.
The list is showing clubs with less than five members and it was pointed out that the purpose of the list is that a club is not a club until it has been accepted by this Council. This was noted and will be looked into. We also need to look at the possibility of providing an electronic copy of the list.

**OFFICE
MGR/CEO**

The Affiliated Club List was accepted.

- b) To receive dates for Council Meetings in the year 2012.

The list was accepted with the proviso that the date of the first Technical Council Meeting is reviewed and consideration given for the first Technical Council meeting to be held three weeks prior to the CIAM Plenary Meeting in 2012.

The Honorary Treasurer pointed out that the Council Handbook specifies the date of 12th September as the deadline for receipt of the Director's Annual Report. This was duly noted and will be reviewed.

**CHAIR/HON
SEC/CEO**

- c) To discuss and agree the processes for the November elections.

The Honorary Secretary proposed that for the 2011 elections we continue with the procedure adopted over the last couple of years which is 'one man one vote'.

Seconded by RNMAA

Vote: For: 22
Ags: 0
Abs: 2

Carried by a majority vote.

- d) The background for the next few proposals are all associated with the Council Handbook. This document was last amended in 1996 and it has required a considerable amount of work to try to bring it up-to-date.

The Honorary Secretary had produced and circulated copies of the updated document with new text printed in red, most of which is non-controversial and basically updates the document in line with either current custom and practice or to recognise the various resolutions that have been passed over the years. The areas of side-lined text in red are the limited topics which he believes requires some Council agreement before being incorporated.

To receive the following proposals:

- i) To include a completely new Appendix to Council Handbook dealing with the behaviour of Directors. Council were provided with copies of amended text that applies to section 2 Procedure for a Perceived Breach of Council Handbook.

Seconded by South West Area

General consensus was that we do need a guidance document of this nature. It was agreed that the document should be adopted without the text and at some point in the future we seek guidance and expertise of a professional HR person to assist with suitable wording for the document.

The Chairman accepted the Honorary Secretary's withdrawal of the proposal as it stands and to consider the modified proposal as follows:

Leave the wording "Appendix B – Behaviour of Directors and Fellows", delete text and replace with "to be inserted"

Seconded by South West Area

Vote: For: 23
Ags: 1
Abs: 0

HON SEC

Carried by a majority vote.

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Proposed by the Honorary Secretary
Seconded by the PRO

Drafting amendments were accepted as follows:-

Second paragraph of the above text in italics (relevant to 3.2(c) Pg 12 of Council Handbook) should now read:

"Proposals should be submitted on the BMFA proposal form available from the BMFA office. This form is available in either electronic or hard copy format."

3.2 (d) pg 12 of Council Handbook –
Replace "the hard copy" with "a hard copy".

3.2 (m) pg 12 of Council Handbook –
Replace "discussed" with "approved".

Vote: For: 23
Ags: 0
Abs: 1

Carried by a majority vote.

iii) To allow electronic copies of BMFA letter blanks to be made available by adding the following paragraph to section 4.2 of the Council Handbook –

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iv) To completely revise and update the Council Handbook plus all its Appendices to be as per the new draft document which was made available to Council Members. (Note all new/changed text is in red. Text subject to the foregoing resolutions is sidelined in addition).

Drafting amendment Appendix E of Council Handbook, Terms of Reference for Areas Council –

Delete section (t).

It was proposed that we adopt the document with the relevant drafting amendments and inclusion of heading only on section “Behaviour of Directors and Fellows”.

Seconded by the Competition Secretary

HON SEC

Vote: For: 22
Ags: 1
Abs: 1

Carried by a majority vote.

v) To add a new para (g) to the ASRC Terms of Reference and then re-number all subsequent paras. The new para (g) to read:

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Proposed by the Honorary Secretary
Seconded by the PRO
Carried unanimously

736/05/11 (10) To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.

Rule Books were completed and issued in good time. He will be producing an addendum sheet for the Member's Handbook towards the end of the year.

The Technical Secretary will produce a notification of the changes to CAP 658 as soon as they are finalised, for publication in BMFA News.

The Technical Secretary was reminded that it will be necessary for him to inform the BMFA News publishers when the Member's Handbook addendum sheet is ready for publication to discuss and agree when the insert will be going in.

TECH SEC

This concluded the Technical Secretary's general report.

To receive a proposal from the Technical Secretary on behalf of Technical Council that Council shall instruct all Technical Committees on a year by year basis to review the active disciplines represented on those Committees. This shall be part of the first meeting set agenda for the Committees.

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proposal

If any significant class of competition is not represented on a Technical Committee either by Elected or Co-opted members or by a Specialist Body, the Committee shall issue an invitation to a representative of that discipline to attend Technical Committee meetings for the year in question on a non-voting basis.

Seconded by the Competition Secretary.
Carried unanimously.

TECH SEC

The Chairman accepted the following proposal from the floor by the Technical Secretary:

That a sentence is added to the Rule Books that specifies a time limit of four weeks from the date of publication of any notification of a rule change on the web site.

Seconded by the Competition Secretary

Vote: For: 22
Ags: 0
Abs: 2

Carried by a majority vote.

TECH SEC

737/05/11 (11) To receive a report from the Competition Secretary.

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

Free Flight gave notice of the following events for 2012 – Stonehenge Cup and Equinox Cup.

The Competition Secretary reported that she had ratified teams and team managers after the January Council Meeting and team changes as follows:

Teams Ratified

F1D Sole team member: Geoffrey Lefever (dual role).

F4C Dave Toyer, Mick Reeves, Richard Crapp.

F1E Ian Kaynes (dual role), Stephen Philpott (dual role), Doug Bartle.

F3A Ashley Hoyland.

Team Managers Ratified

F3K Mike Fantham. F3A Ashley Hoyland.

F3J Peter Allan (withdrawn as team member).

F4C Neil Tidey.

SM Mike Francies (dual role).

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Mutations in the teams necessitating ratifications

F4C Championships cancelled: only four entries including GBR.

F1E Two withdrawn; two reserves don't wish to go: Ian Kaynes (sole member/dual role).

F3J Ian Duff moved from reserve to team member (as Peter Allan moved from team member to TM).

SM All withdrew: too costly to attend.

She also reported:

1. That the first of the British National Championships, Scale Indoor, has taken place and was a very successful Championships with the "Fun Fly" day being hugely popular.
2. That the Power National Championships entry forms will be on the website sometime next week when the webmaster is back from holiday.

She continued that the completed CIAM Competition Registration form should be sent direct to her for any 2012 International Competitions.

738/05/11 (12) To receive a report from the Records Officer.

To ratify British Record Claim (pending receipt of official Record Claim Form):

Paul Bardoe/Barrie Lever 82273/80934

F5D Electric Pylon Racing – RAF Wittering – 17th April 2011
Race Time of 57.28 seconds

The Records Officer withdrew the above Record Claim at this time pending receipt of the official Record Claim Form. He is happy to submit the Record Claim on receipt of the Record Claim Form.

The Records Officer had prepared a document on the induction of a trophy into the Society and copies of this were provided to Council for information.

The Records Officer advised that a trader, Overlander, is donating a trophy for F5D Electric Pylon Racing. The trophy should be made available in time for him to bring to the September Full Council for formal adoption into the Society and hopefully will be awarded in the usual manner at the Society Annual Awards evening.

He has made it quite clear to Overlander that if the trophy is not made available for adoption at the September Council meeting, there will be no presentation at the 2011 Annual Awards evening.

739/05/11 (13) To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.

His activities during the intervening period from the last Council meeting include:

Attended the Chairman's Conference at Husbands Bosworth purely as a matter of interest. He found it very interesting and believes it provides an excellent opportunity for clubs to come together and maybe learn from each other.

Attended the Rougham Show with the trailer. It is good to work with the LMA and build relations further between different aspects of our sport.

He is very keen to help support and initiate attendance at shows with stands to anyone who asks for assistance and guidance however it is important that people come forward and ask for help.

He hopes to attend the Free Flight Nationals over the May Bank Holiday.

740/05/11 (14) To receive a report from the FAI Delegate.

***** WRITTEN REPORT – (APPENDIX B)

741/05/11 (15) To receive the following proposals from Southern Area.

Proposals i) 1) 2) 3) and ii) a) b) c) are listed in full in the above agenda.

The proposals were discussed at length. Southern Area, after giving due consideration to Council's comments and opinions decided to withdraw all proposals.

However whilst it has been withdrawn Council accept proposal ii) a) b) c) as listed in the agenda as a matter of principle and will consider the implications.

CEO

742/05/11 (16) To receive updated briefings and reports from the Technical Committees & the Power Nationals Co-ordinator for all the BMFA National Championships.

Indoor Scale – Very successful event. Competition entries were slightly up on last year but disappointingly numbers on visitors was down. Nevertheless they made a small surplus of just under £50.

Nottingham University, although provisional dates are booked for three years, have increased their prices considerably and it may be necessary to seek an alternative venue. Nottingham Trent University is a possible alternative.

Ian Pallister advised that he has handed over the organisation of the Indoor to Andy Sephton.

Following the agreement at the last Council meeting a qualifying requirement has been introduced at this year's outdoor R/C Scale Nationals. A list of those eligible is being maintained by the R/C Comp Sec and published on the Scale web site. They are not proposing to restrict F4C entries.

Jon Elkington has resigned from the Scale Technical Committee due to business pressures and Andy Sephton has been co-opted as a replacement.

Scale have issued an open invitation to Area Examiners, with the agreement of the ASRC, to attend any of the Scale meetings being held this year to be briefed and accrue some practice in assessing manoeuvres which will be used in the Scale 'C' Certificate.

Free Flight – Everything is on track for the Free Flight and Space modelling Nationals next weekend.

Organisation of the World Cups is in place.

Silent Flight – A venue is still to be secured to hold the Silent Flight Nationals. Options are being investigated.

F3F Slope Nationals – the Records Officer requested results of the F3F Nationals as soon as they are available and also details of any SAA members eligible for the Challenge Cup.

The Calendar co-ordinator requested details of the F3F events.

Indoor – Everything is in place and progressing as normal for the Indoor Nationals.

R/C Power – Have re-considered the use of metal rotor blades for helicopters. They believe we should seek expert advice and subsequently referred the matter to Technical Council to look in to.

Both the Safety Review Committee and Technical Council did review the use of metal rotor blades for helicopters. They felt they did not have sufficient technical expertise on the matter. They did however give the matter some consideration and felt that if a proposal was submitted for limited use on models over 7kgs with the exception of aerobatic and gas turbine powered models.

Technical Council have passed it back to R/C Power TC and the AHA to put together a proposal.

If we decide to go this way we would need to send written notification to the CAA who would give us a written extension for the limited use we have agreed.

If this happens it is likely that the CAA permission will be granted through the BMFA office. We will be the point of contact and each case will be judged on its own merits.

Power Nationals – Everything is on course.

Control Line – Organisation is progressing in the usual way.

743/05/11 (17) To receive any reports from the following Delegates:

a) **RAeC**
***** **WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX C)**

RAeC Delegate suggested Control Line and R/C Aerobatics might want to consider entering the RAeC Queen's Cup competition.

The deadline for entering is the end of September beginning of October.

b) **GASCo**
There is nothing to report.

c) **AIR PROX**
Out of interest the CEO mentioned an incident involving a UAV which was in effect a powered model glider, in close proximity to a full-size Helicopter.

The pilot of the helicopter was a model flyer and he thought there was something quite odd about it. He turned back to have another look and the glider was following a grid pattern and it transpires it was a UAV conducting crop-monitoring.

Once launched in to the air it was controlled by GPS and once it came back down to ground it was landed as a model glider.

Consequently it was not classed as a model air prox.

d) **Sport + Recreation Alliance** – No report.

e) **GAAC** – No report.

744/05/11 (18) To receive any reports from the following Committees:

- a) **CAA Team** – The Technical Secretary reported that the CAA were considering applying the flight and take-off/landing limitations for over 7kg models (30 metres for landing, 50mtrs for flying) to all models. Thankfully they saw sense very quickly and reverted.

- b) **UKRCC** – A meeting is being held in approximately six weeks time.
- c) **Education Working Group** – Mike Colling FSMAE reported that his absence at the January Council meeting was due to his attendance at the ASE in Reading. It was very well attended and the feedback was very good.

We have reached a milestone of 125,000 Darts being built and 250,000 education kits made overall.

He has been approached by an organisation called Kingsbridge Centre of Excellence in Wigan who are funded by approximately ten primary schools and six high schools in the Wigan area to do some workshops.

Effectively this equates to twelve 2 hour workshops 1 day a week for twelve weeks plus a teachers workshop at the end of it.

He recorded his congratulations to Oliver Witt who was the first CIAM scholarship winner.

- d) **Flight Challenge** – Taking place on July 16th at Duxford.
- e) **University Challenge** – Taking place at Elvington in two weeks time. Entries are slightly up this year.
- f) **Computer Sub-Committee** – No report.
- g) **Safety Review Committee** – No report.
- h) **ASRC** – Scale ‘C’ will be put before Area Council in September as will hopefully Indoor Aerobic achievement.

It was brought to the attention of ASRC that a buddy box was being used during achievement scheme testing. As a consequent it was deemed necessary to add a note in the Achievement Guidance notes and the Handbook that the use of a buddy box is not allowed during achievement scheme tests.

In future all Achievement Scheme Standards booklets will be re-issued annually and will show the current year.

- i) **BMFA News Publishers** – The current printers of BMFA News, Mortons Print are putting together a facility for web-based back issues for BMFA News on line through their website.

Thanks were extended on behalf of John Irish our advertising agent to the CEO and relevant office staff for arranging the initial website banner advertising.

j) **Flying Site Advisers Report** – Report previously circulated.

k) **Archivist Report**

WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX D)

Martin Dilly FSMAE reminded Council members to have a look at the archive selection criteria document, the bulk of which was produced by Jim Wright and circulated earlier in the meeting.

745/05/11 (19) Any Other Business.

Council were advised that we had a lucky escape recently in that the company who produced and stored the Member's Handbooks went in to liquidation. The CEO had very little time to arrange for a haulage company to retrieve the stock, however this was executed and all stock recovered.

RAFMAA Delegate highlighted the need to publish awareness that a BHPA/BMFA information document "Shared use for hang gliders and paragliders" is available.

The CEO will contact BHPA to discuss the matter.

CEO

746/05/11 (20) Date and venue of next meeting.

The Chairman proposed that the next meeting is held at Premier Inn (Braunstone South) Leicester.

Seconded by Scale TC

Vote: For: 10
Ags: 12
Abs: 2

Defeated by a majority vote.

The overall consensus was that Chacksfield House was better suited to hold the Council meetings.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Saturday 10th September 2011 at 11am, to be held at Chacksfield House, Leicester.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 1700hrs.

Linda Harding, Office Manager
10th June 2011

BMFA Museum and Archive Selection Criteria

Basis of acquisition for display or archive should be based on the table below. This provides guidelines to give a 'score' for the selection and acquisition of items into the BMFA/SMAE museum and archive. The intention is to minimise subjective selection and focus on the objective.

However, the score from this list should not be treated as the only basis for acquisition and Technical Committees or SAM36/1066 should be consulted on more unusual or unique items.

Model Name _____
Type/Class _____
Brief description _____
Size (span) _____
Current owner _____
Contact details Address: _____
 (or model location) _____

 Email: _____
 Telephone No's: _____

Selection points	Selection Criteria <i>Each criteria should be applied to models and equipment (e.g. engines) as well as complete models</i>	Score (circle no.)
1. Importance	Model has placed in top 3 at World Championships	5
	Model is true flying scale of historic aircraft	
	Model is well know classic of its time	4
	Model is of very unusual design or unorthodox	
	Models built by many modellers (plan or kit) by historic company or designer	3
	Popular or classic model representative of its era	2
	Example appropriate to complete type/class on display	1
2. Condition	In 'flyable' or excellent condition and original. OK to Display	5
	Needs minor refurbishment to be suitable for display	4
	Needs major refurbishment to be suitable for display	3
	In poor condition but could be displayed 'as is' (poss refub later)	2
	Incomplete or badly damaged. Some parts need rebuild	1
3. Origin/builder	Built be designer (prototype or follow up version)	5
	Built by successful competitor or well know modeller	4
	Built as replica to exhibition standard	3
	Builder/owner unknown but important to exhibit	2
	Builder unknown but needed to complete class/type	1

Total (circled) Score

Total Score - proposed action

Maximim Score from above is 15 points

Total Score 11 - 15 Model/item should be accepted into museum for earliest display without further question.

Total Score 6 -10 Model/item should be accepted into collection for display or archived until condition or space allows display. (assuming storage available)

Total Score 1 - 5 Politely decline for acquisition unless there is some overriding reason why the model/item should be accepted. Keep record of whereabouts and ask holder to keep safe

Prepared by Jim Wright and Martin Dilly (REV B – 16 May 2011)

FAI Delegate's Report on the 2011 CIAM Plenary Meeting

The 2011 Plenary meeting took place in the Olympic Museum Lausanne on 15th and 16th April and it was attended by 36 voting delegates plus a number of other technical experts. The BMFA delegation consisted of four people plus myself as Delegate. Fortunately, unlike 2010, there were no problems with travel in 2011.

Before the first afternoon session began, the CIAM President gave a short eulogy for Ron Moulton; this was followed by a period of silence to remember Ron. On the second day of Plenary the CIAM President allowed the United Kingdom Delegate to announce the death of, and pay tribute to Laurie Bar, who had died on Friday 15th April. This was followed by a short period of silence to remember Laurie.

Mr Bob Skinner was returned as the CIAM President. Dave Brown who had been First Vice President for a number of years announced his retirement. Gerhard Woebeking was elected in his place, and Antonis Papadopoulos was elected Second Vice President with Andras Ree remaining as Third Vice President and Treasurer.

Massimo Semoli was elected as the CIAM Secretary. Following the problems with the Italian NAC which led to his removal by the FAI as CIAM Secretary, he has become a member of the Swiss Aero Club; he is entitled to do so because he lives and works for most of the year in Switzerland.

The Swiss Aero Club was delighted to give their permission for him to stand for election. Jo Halman remains as Technical Secretary.

Horace Hagen retired as Chairman of the F3C Sub-committee. He has been replaced by Dag Eckhoff from Norway. There were no changes to the Chairmen of the other Sub-committees.

Oliver Witt GBR became the first recipient of the CIAM Scholarship.

At the beginning of the first afternoon session, the Plenary meeting was addressed by the new FAI President Dr John Grubbstrom who outlined his vision for the future of the FAI. There may be a WAG in 2013, the bidding process is underway and a decision is expected by late August 2011. A World Games for sports which are recognised by the Olympic Association but which do not take part in the Olympic Games will be held soon, Parachute Spot landing and Paraglide will take part. Indoor Aerobatics will be a demonstration sport.

There were no UK nominations for awards in 2011.

The BMFA delegation attended many of the technical meetings; I attended F3 Soaring, Trevor Grey F1 Free Flight, Bob Ailles F3 Aerobatics, George Sheering F5 Electric and Mike Colling the Education meeting; a report on the Education meeting by Mike Colling is attached.

A list of the results of all the voting appears as an Annex to this report. There were a number of notable decisions: wrist straps stay for F2C and F2F despite proposals from USA and Australia. F3N and F3P were both granted World Championship status with effect from January 1st 2012; both to hold their World Championships in odd number years. The Championships for F3N are conditional on being held alongside F3C. There had been no bids for F3C 2012 European Championships so I persuaded the German Delegate to offer to run both F3C and F3N in Germany 2012. He is required to confirm the bid to Bureau within the next month; Plenary approved the process. F3R "limited technology" Pylon Race, F3S Jet Powered Aerobatic Models, F5J Electric Thermal Duration (Limited Altimeter/Motor Run) and F5H Open Electric Motor Powered Glider all became provisional classes. A new

class F6E Aerobatic Regatta was introduced for the promotional classes. This regatta event is a vast improvement on the 2010 proposal and with correct presentation it could become quite a good spectator friendly event.

The meeting was reminded of the importance of the TUE. Doping tests are being carried out in airports, and at least one pilot had failed a dope test during 2010. The FAI office now has a good system in place to issue and control TUE's. We were also reminded that the FAI Licence Database is the only verification of an FAI Sporting Licence.

Full details of the amendments may be seen when the Minutes of the Plenary and Technical Meetings are published which will happen in due course. The new format for the Technical Meeting Minutes which was prepared by the CIAM Technical Secretary has greatly improved the clarity of those minutes.

Peter Halman
CIAM Delegate
29th April 2011

Report on 2011 CIAM Plenary Meeting.

I was unable attend the 2010 CIAM Plenary Meeting due to the eruption if an Icelandic volcano stopping flights at the last minute. As with the last few years I found that there are two low cost airlines flying out of the North West to Geneva, EasyJet operating out of Liverpool and Jet 2.com operating out of Manchester. The EasyJet flight out of Liverpool was £4 less than the Easy Jet flight out of Manchester however I can travel by train to Manchester airport making a great saving as opposed to travelling to Liverpool airport. The EasyJet total quote for the two flights and one-trip travel insurance was £105.96 this year this was up on the cost of flights last year by £38.54. However with the current exchange rate of 1.4578SF to the Pound the hotel cost was bound to be more expensive.

I decided that, as the Aulac Hotel is the closest to the Meeting that it would be the best for me. There was no problem with the EasyJet flight from Manchester or with the train from Geneva to Lausanne. Regarding accommodation, the Aulac Hotel proved to be as good as ever.

As a member of the Education Committee, my main effort was to support the Chairman and ensure that there was good representation at the Education Meeting. I have included a copy of the CIAM Education Sub Committee Minutes.

Comments on the minutes of the CIAM Education Sub Committee Meeting.

There were only seven people attending the meeting, this was nearly half the number that attended two years ago. The need to attract more people from the other Sub Committees (or NAC's) still needs to be addressed.

The minutes as published by Gerhard Wöbberking (the Chairman) are a good record of what took place at the meeting (please find copy attached).

Item 1. I am delighted that the subject of running simple model aircraft events involving youngsters at full size FAI events to promote air sports is being looked into. At the FAI general conference in 1994, I presented a paper on how full size air sports could make use of models to promote their sport to the young. It only received a lukewarm reception. It is good that they have seen the light.

Item 2. This was started with a discussion document I wrote two years ago (copy attached) which I wanted to pursue at last years meeting but was unable to attend. However it seems to be moving along albeit rather slowly.

Time at the meeting was limited due to a late morning start (to encourage better attendance). We must encourage the National Model Aircraft Clubs to send their Education specialists to CIAM as much as they encourage their contest specialists to attend.

Comments on the Plenary meeting.

It was good to see that Oliver Witt of the UK had been selected to be the recipient of the first CIAM Scholarship. However it would be good to see a few more candidates being nominated.

I was also concerned that there were no nominations for the Frank Ehling Diploma this year.

During the rest of the meeting, I assisted the FAI Delegate with the results of the voting.

Mike Colling, Fellow
BMFA Education Working Group.

CIAM SC Education

Technical Meeting April 15th, 2011

Dave Brown (USA), Martin Dilly (New Zealand), Kevin Dodd (Australia), Mike Colling (Great Britain), Capt. Joe Dimble (Ireland), Wout Heijne (Netherlands), Gerhard Wöbbeking (Germany, Chairman).

I. Children's competition alongside of FAI events

There was only one issue of this year's Technical Meeting. Programs should be defined in order to run a competition with suitable simple models alongside of FAI events (like WAG). The programs – that was the task - should contain a workshop with building of the models, followed by a trimming and training session and finalized by a competition to be flown in a hall or on the air field. At the award ceremony, the organiser might award one of the CIAM-sets of medals which cannot be used for international championships any more; 57 are stored as leftover.

Six programs have been identified so far. Each one is different and fulfils other demands regarding timeframe, airfield, interested visitors and – of cause – the Cat.1-event which is thought to be accompanied. The idea was that little gliders may go with F3B or full-sized gliders, and little helicopters with F3C/F3N events. The competitors mustn't be inexperienced youngsters; most programs equalize previous knowledge or experiences, allowing parents to compete together with their children.

Within this report, the six programs can only be briefly mentioned. The S/C Chairman will present them at the Plenary Meeting of the Education Commission CIEA end of April and – agreed within the S/C – publish within CIAM and FAI.

1. Balsa-Towline glider

About 1400 simple towline gliders of one single type are being built year by year in the schools of the Netherlands. Depending on the glue, they demand two days for construction followed by trimming and the towline-competition.

2. Dart-Rubber Models

The famous little models can be built almost within an hour and trimmed and tested within halls. An exciting competition demands either a big hall or calm weather outdoors. Good rubber and winders enhance the performance considerably.

3. Rockets with Streamers

Special kits allow to build simple rockets within 2 or 3 hours, to be equipped with a streamer for recovering. The design of the streamer is crucial for the overall flying time. Accelerated with small engines, no big fields are needed.

4. Foamies for Indoor

No special design or flying task yet defined, but - either rubber driven or radio controlled with electric motor - many variations are already flown within club events.

5. Easy Fly – Electric Free Flight

The Graupner-Kit provides a model which is easy and fast to build, and surprises with excellent performance. Contest programs are well proved, needing either a good hall or a big airfield.

6. Small Electric Helicopters

Kids are not shy at all trying RC for everything that seems to be flyable. Within little space a daily program can be flown, like: landing on four spots within the shortest time. 10 minutes to introduce into the control.

II. "Limited classes" leading to Competition Classes (leftover)

The current rulebook leaves simpler than FAI classes mainly to the discretion of the NAC. This is not in line with the mission of FAI and CIAM. 2009 Mike Colling raised already the question whether the related CIAM Sub-committees are willing to discuss their panels in order to integrate appropriate classes as guidance on the route to the classes of international championships. The Bureau is going to review the current class system and the Education S/C is interest to act within this process.

Gerhard Wöbbeking (<http://www.woebeking.de>)

ROYAL AERO CLUB DELEGATE'S REPORT – April 2011

I attended the RAeC AGM and Council meeting on April 5th. Most of the business discussed concerned manned aviation but the following matters may be of interest to model flying.

- 1) The AGM saw all officers re-elected, including Robin Gowler as Medals and Awards
- 2) The RAeC Awards Evening will be at the RAF Club, Piccadilly on May 11th, starting at the earlier time of 1700. The presentations will be made by Battle of Britain pilot W/Cdr. Bob Foster.
- 3) The work done by the BMFA office on RAeC matters was again commented on favourably.
- 4) The Queen's Cup presented by Buckingham Palace for air racing, will this year be for speed aerobatics, run by BAeA at Duxford on May 29th. The aim is to complete a planned series of manoeuvres in the shortest possible time, and the event is likely to have considerable spectator appeal. One wonders whether the concept might be of interest to RC aerobatic flyers.
- 5) Innovative bids from other disciplines for events that could loosely be considered 'air racing' are invited.
- 6) The funding that the RAeC receives for representatives on international bodies is being considered by UK Sport.
- 7) I mentioned the fact that the BMFA is actively looking at the possibilities for a museum of model flying, perhaps in collaboration with another museum or air sport, and asked for any organisation interested to get in touch.

Martin Dilly
RAeC Delegate

7.4.11

ARCHIVISTS REPORT TO THE FULL COULCIL MEETING 21st MAY 2011

I am pleased to report that the archiving is progressing well. I have been managing to get into the office for about three hours each week.

Dave Phipps and I collected books and memorabilia bequeathed by Ron Moulton, Fellow from his home and later Terry and I went to his son, Jonathan's house to collect even more that his children had decided we should have. Then last Saturday (7th May) which was the Ron Moulton Memorial Day at Old Warden, I again met with his family, who gave me more items. One item was a very large cup and saucer white with blue and gold decoration with the SMAE logo, does anyone have any knowledge of these being produced and what were they for?

Further to this I understand other items are to be auctioned this week and that we have put in a bid, I am sure the Chairman will update you on this at the meeting.

Other books and equipment arrive from time to time and I am ever hopeful that we shall get round to looking at and recording them all, it is a very interesting and pleasing task but is, as you will understand, never ending.

As advised I am using excel to record all of this, but have experienced some problems when it has asked if I want this to effect all and have indicated yes because I had not noticed the questions, this once required me to re- input a lot of the work I had already done any advise would be welcome.

My thanks to Terry Watson Hon.Mem. and Eric Clark, Hon.Mem. for their help and assistance.

We would like to express appreciation to the office staff for their help and support and especially the cups of tea/coffee. Thank you.

Kath Watson, FSMAE.
Vice President & Archivist
18th May 2011