

SOCIETY OF MODEL AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS LTD.

(T/A British Model Flying Association)

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 15th September 2007 at Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrew's Road, Leicester LE2 8RE.

Provisional until confirmed at the next Council Meeting.

PRESENT

Robin Gowler FSMAE	Chairman
Chris Moynihan	Vice-Chairman
Keith Lomax	Honorary Treasurer
Jo Halman FSMAE	Competition Secretary
Wayne Pendleton	Technical Secretary Alternate
John French	Records Officer
Jim Andrews	FAI Delegate
Nigel Barker	East Anglia Area Delegate
Martin Dilly FMSAE	London Area Delegate
George Maynard	Midland Area Delegate
Gordon Warburton FSMAE	Northern Area Delegate
Allan Weighell FSMAE	North East Area Delegate/Indoor Tech Comm Rep
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
Phil Durant	Western Area Delegate
Robin Jones FSMAE	Mid West Area Delegate
Mike Chignell	South West Area Delegate
Dave Clarkson	Free Flight Tech Comm Representative
Mike Goldby	Scale Tech Committee Representative
Steve Ogden	R/C Power Tech Comm Representative
Clive Needham	R/C Silent Flight Tech Comm Representative

In Attendance

Eric Clark	BMFA News Editor
Linda Harding	Office Manager / Minute taker
Dave Phipps	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Sian Sargeant	Accounts Manager

Visitor

Frank Buttery	South West Area Chairman
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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 5th May 2007.
- 5 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 5th May 2007 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 2007.
 - 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.
- 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 (ie lost or damaged in the current year): £5.
 - c Receipt of contest fees for Free Flight for next year.
- 12 To receive a report from the Records Officer to include the following:
 - a) British Record Claims:

Name Peter Watt – BMFA No 108095
Class Indoor Rubber Duration F1L
Site North Weald
Date 14th July 2007
Duration 9 min 42 secs

Name M White – BMFA No 124413
Class Open Indoor HLG
Site Elms School Colwall Indoor Sports Hall
Date 30th March 2007
Duration 21.45 secs

b) The Records Officer has been instructed by the Executive Council to place before Full Council for consideration, the following changes to the Awards Diplomas from that previously approved by this Council.

- i) That the legend, in the appropriate colours, Gold Silver and Bronze be replaced by the words First Second and Third in BMFA blue ink.
- ii) That the word "Award" be deleted.
- iii) As these Certificates have been in use for some time now various other changes can be affected ie the re-positioning and the appropriate modernisation of logos as required.
- iv) The changes will become effective from January 2008.

Sample facsimile of the current and changed diplomas appended to this Agenda.

- 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 Silent Flight Technical Committee that the BMFA Council provide funding for helpers in FAI World Championship events F3B & F3J where a pilot would not be able to compete without such assistance.
- 19 Adoption of Roger Bedford Memorial Trophy.
- 20 To receive any reports from the following Delegates (reports should be brief, preferably in writing and in advance).
 - a Royal Aero Club (RAeC)
 - b General Aviation Safety Council (GASCo)
 - c Air Prox
 - d Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR)
 - e General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)
- 21 To receive any reports from the following Committees (reports should be brief, preferably in writing and in advance):
 - a CAA Team
 - b UK Radio Control Council (UKRCC)
 - c Education Working Group
 - d Flight Challenge
 - e University Challenge
 - f Computer Sub-Committee
 - g Safety Review Committee

- h Achievement Scheme Review Committee
- i BMFA News Publishers
- j Flying Site Adviser's Report

22 Any Other Business.

23 Date of next meeting.

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

MINUTES

472/09/07 (1) Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from the following:

Stuart Marsden	- PRO
Graham Lynn MBE	- Honorary Secretary
Chris Bromley FSMAE	- Technical Secretary
Paul Bellingham	- RAFMAA Area Delegate
Howard Menary FSMAE	- Northern Ireland Area Delegate
Chris Barker	- Control Line Technical Committee Delegate
Mike Colling FSMAE	- Indoor Technical Committee Delegate /Education Co-ordinator

An issue was raised with regard to whether it is in order for Elected Officers to appoint an alternate. In this instance the Technical Secretary had appointed Wayne Pendleton as Technical Secretary alternate.

Chairman said he believed according to our Constitution this is correct. There were some objections raised against the principle that an Elected Officer could appoint an alternate and that Company Law does not allow it. On this occasion Council consented to the appointment and Chairman said he would seek clarification before the next meeting.

Action: Chairman

473/09/07 (2) Request for permission to be absent.

There were no requests.

474/09/07 (3) To verify the voting strength of the meeting.

There were 23 members eligible to vote at this meeting.

Chairman pointed out that everyone had been provided today with a copy of the transcript of the Special Minute from Full Council 5th May 2007. He apologised for the delay. He advised that we had only just received permission from our Solicitors to release the Minute.

475/09/07 (4) Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 5th May 2007.

ACTION / NOTES

Page 8

- **Fifth paragraph, second line** - Change "Secretary" to "Treasurer".

Page 14

- **Sixth paragraph, second line** - Add after Comp Sec "in her role as CLTC Sec. **Third line** - Delete "all the time", replace with "frequently"

- **Eighth paragraph, third line** - Delete "This", replace with "A link".

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- **Fifth paragraph, first line** - Change "is he" to "he is".

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- **Insert the following after voting to clarify voting figures** - "Hon Treasurer was out of the room at this point and R/C Power Tech Committee representative had left the meeting."

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- **Fifth paragraph** - Delete whole of paragraph and replace with the following - "Hon Treasurer was back in the room".

- **Sixth paragraph, fourth line** - Change "hardware" to "software". **Following paragraph, second line** - same change.

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- **Second paragraph, second line** - Add after "Comp Sec", "in her role as a member of the CIAM Bureau".

FAI Delegate proposed that the minutes of the Meeting held on 5th May 2007 be accepted as a true record.

Seconded by London Area.

Vote: For: 21

Ags: 0

Abs: 2

Carried by a majority vote.

476/09/07 (5) Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting of 5th May 2007 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.

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- **Third paragraph, LCD display equipment to be used for Control Line Team Race at this years' National Championships** - FFTC asked if Control Line could comment why the equipment was not available for the August Nationals.

Comp Sec, in her role as CLTC Secretary advised that there was a delay in getting the equipment finished. However she hopes to report back to a future meeting that the project was completed successfully and agreed that it was a great pity that it was not available for use at the August 2007 C/L, R/C, Scale Nationals.

- Penultimate paragraph, consider Silent Flight request to be considered for inclusion in share-out of 'Power Nationals' surplus - Hon Treasurer advised that there would be a review of Silent Flight contribution towards camping at the Power Nationals before the split is decided.

Comp Sec brought to Council's attention that everybody who enters the Power Nationals pays a £5 registration fee and Silent Flight National competitors did not pay this fee. She feels it would be remiss of the SFTC to be requesting a proportion of the surplus.

Vice-Chairman, in his role as SFTC Delegate, suggested that this information provided by Comp Sec is taken into consideration when the split is considered. **HON TREAS**

Comp Sec also raised the point that Competitors pay a reduced fee for camping and she would question how many Silent Flight people come to the Power Nationals and do not go to the Silent Flight Nationals. The point being until we can ascertain whether a surplus can be determined that is specific to the Power Nationals from Silent Flight flyers, she does not see how they can be considered for part of the Power Nationals surplus.

Chairman commented that we cannot do anymore until we have a breakdown of the figures.

Page 11

- Penultimate paragraph, request for input from Tech Comms regarding a fundraising event for teams - London Area asked if there had been any input from Tech Comms.

CEO confirmed that the only input received was from Scale, who did not wish to participate. It was suggested maybe this is because some of the Tech Comms had not held a meeting since the last Council meeting.

It was noted that two Tech Committees had not held a meeting subsequent to the Council meeting in May.

Page 12

- Second paragraph, proposal to look into secure online payment - London Area pointed out that there was no proposal on the Agenda.

Hon Treasurer advised that he was a little premature in raising this item at the last meeting. This is something the CEO and Tech Sec are looking into incorporating into the new website.

Page 13

- Sixth paragraph, Child Protection Policy update -

Chairman asked CEO what the position was.

CEO advised that we are awaiting a further response from the CPSU (Child Protection in Sport Unit).

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- Sixth paragraph, posting competition results on web site

- Silent Flight said the process for posting results on the website was very longwinded.

Comp Sec explained that Tech Committees should contact the webmaster and ask for a password which will enable them to post the results via the News page. To archive them at the end of the year you need to make a request to the webmaster to do this because at this moment in time Tech Committees do not have the facility to do this. She is however working on this so that the facility is made available.

Records Officer pointed out that Tech Committees are required to submit all results to the Records Officer for archiving purposes as this is part of his job.

- Penultimate paragraph, posting of results on website -

London Area asked whether the latest Indoor Championship results had been posted on the website.

Comp Sec advised that the information had been forwarded to the office. This is in accordance with an agreement set up through the PRO with the office for this information to be posted on the web.

CEO advised that he had received a very brief note from the Team Manager, which said that further information would follow but this has not been received.

Comp Sec said that brief details are all we need to post a newsflash on the front page.

CEO would ensure this is on the website. Chairman stressed that it is the responsibility of Team Managers to get this information to the office. It would be posted on the website within hours of receiving it.

CEO

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- Sixth paragraph, confirmation of Honorary Members -

Chairman pointed out that Keith Miller would no longer appear on the Honorary Member list as he was now a Fellow of the Society.

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- Fifth paragraph from the bottom, record information on the website - East Anglia asked if the Records information had been updated and made available on the website. Comp Sec confirmed that the Records had been updated. There has also recently been a review of the Records Book and an update is currently underway.

Mid West Area pointed out that the Records information should be updated on a regular basis and the information provided on the website.

Comp Sec advised that there are plans to be able to get much quicker updating of those records as they are ratified at the relevant Council meeting.

Chairman said he would be keeping a close eye on this situation to ensure that this is done.

London Area said it would be useful if we could have the same as the FAI do and include pending claims on the website. Comp Sec advised that the FAI include a history of records on their website but not pending claims. She did think it was a good idea though.

Chairman said this would be taken on board.

Page 21

- Third paragraph, PRO initiative in conjunction with major retailer - London Area asked if there had been any progress. In the absence of the PRO Chairman advised that he understands the initial interest in getting a retailer on board is dwindling.

- Third paragraph from the bottom, travelling with model boxes - North West Area suggested it might be useful to inform the non-competitive members who might not be aware of some of the issues of travelling with model boxes, with any information we can provide particularly in respect of the Goron Olsson site referred to at the last meeting, through the BMFA News.

Comp Sec advised that the information on the Goron Olsson site is not very comprehensive.

London Area commented that information is provided in the Team Managers Guideline booklet.

Hon Treasurer, in his role as BMFA News Publisher suggested that if someone writes an article and submits it to the Editor and the Editor considers it has merit and interest to the membership, he will publish it. We cannot instruct Council to provide that information.

