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STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE**

TO ALL FULL COUNCIL MEMBERS

There will be a Meeting of the Full Council on Saturday 17th September, 2005 at 11.00am which is to be held at: Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrew's Road, Leicester LE2 8RE. Tel: 0116-2440028 Fax: 0116-2440645.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Request for permission to be absent.
3. Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 7th May 2005.
4. Matters/Actions Arising from the 7th May 2005 meeting which are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.

5. To receive the financial report from the Honorary Treasurer to include:
 - a) Update of budgets.
 - b) Year end Accounts to 31st March 2005
 - c) Receipt and approval of draft budget for presentation to the AGM and recommendation of the membership fees for the year 2006.
 - d) Ratification of year 2006 fees for Associate Bodies (Present fee £40).
6. To receive nominations for appointment of Fellow(s), details of other BMFA Awards for 2005 and nominations for Awards of RAeC and FAI Honours.
7. To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive.
8. To discuss inclusion on website of Full, Area, Tech Council Agendas and approved Minutes, plus AGM paperwork.
9. To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.
10. 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.
11. To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include:
 - a) Any events for inclusion in the 2006 International Calendar.
 - b) Ratification of fees for the year 2006 FAI Licences (Present fee £10; replacement book £5).
 - c) Venue of Nationals 2006 (including ratification of 2006 Nationals Co-ordinator).
12. To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.
13. To receive reports from all disciplines, on the 2005 Nationals.
14. Proposal from South Midland Area that Nationals results should be proof-read by the Nationals Coordinator prior to publication.
15. To approve revised Specialist Body 'Terms of Reference'. (Appended)
16. To receive a report from the Records Officer to include the following:
 - a) British Record ratification:

Name	Richard Fox – BMFA No 10782		
Class	R/C Aeroplane Electric Motor Duration – Rechargeable Cells		
Site	Tyldesley MFC	Date	26 th June 2005
Duration	54 mins 24.71 secs		
 - b) British Record ratification:

Name	K Mattock – BMFA No 50352		
Class	RC Aeroplane Electric Motor Duration – Rechargeable Cells		
Site	Gloucester MFC	Date	10 th July 2005
Duration	106 mins 8 secs		
 - c) British Record ratification:

Name	Mark Benns – BMFA No 72513
Class	IHLG (F1N)
Site	Kibbie Dome, Idaho, USA
Duration	84.8 secs
 - d) British Record ratification:

Name	Bruce Illingworth – BMFA No 74670		
Class	F3D Pylon		
Site	RAF Cottesmore	Date	22 nd May 2005
Duration	59.26 secs		

17. To receive a report from the FAI Delegate to include ratification of Information and Education Delegate to CIAM.
18. Proposal from South Midland Area that we note and support Minute E575/05/05 (8) and propose that the Chairman's letter to clubs also be published in the BMFA News, so that all individual members can participate in the debate.
19. Proposal from South Midland Area that the paragraph (A) on page 55 of the BMFA Members Handbook (2003 Edition) be amended as follows: "These posts are directly elected by postal ballot of all BMFA Members."
20. To receive any reports from the following delegates, (reports should be brief and preferably prepared in advance).
 - a) Royal Aero Club
 - b) GASCo
 - c) Joint Air Prox
 - d) CCPR
21. To receive any reports from the following:
 - a) CAA Team
 - b) UK Radio Control Council
 - c) Education Working Group
 - d) Computer Sub-Committee
 - e) Safety Review Committee
 - f) Achievement Scheme Review Committee
 - g) BMFA News Publishers
 - h) Flying Site Adviser
22. Any Other Business:
23. Date of next meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS.....

**BRITISH CONTROL LINE TEAM: 2 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS AND
6 CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS!**

F2A (Speed) European Champion and gold medal winner is Peter Halman; Bronze medal winner is Paul Eisner; Team Gold (Peter Halman, Paul Eisner, Dick McGladdery) for the 11th Year in succession.

F2D (Combat) European Champion and gold medal winner is Mike Whillance; Bronze medal winner is Mervyn Jones; Team Gold (Mervyn Jones, Mike Whillance, Dave Riley – pilots & Peter Grange & Graham Ives – pitmen).

WHARFEDALE & DISTRICT AEROMODELLERS CLUB

50TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

Wharfedale Club are holding a reunion on Saturday 11th March 2006 and would like to contact the following ex members so that they can invite them to the celebration:

Malcolm Adams, Ray Atkinson, Graham Brown, Geoff Cage, Peter Coates, 'Dave' Cowburn, Eric Dodsworth, Phil Duckworth, Gordon Ghent, Andrew Gibson, Alan Greaves, John Humphries, 'Terry' Lee, Ddonald & Martin Lunn, Stuart Metcalfe, Malcolm Moorhouse, Jack Pickersgill, Roger Price, Geoff Richardson, Barry Rushworth (Founder Member), David Sanderson, Keith Scholfield, Charles Secker, John Simmance, 'Terry' Spence, Brian Stangroom, Alan & Steven Stocks, Tony Teasdale, Arthur Tipper, Roy Wadsworth, Ray Waud & Toni Welcer.

Please contact John Horton (Chairman & Membership Secretary) – Email john.horton9@btinternet.com Telephone: 01943 863438.

Report of the Full Council Meeting on 7th May 2005.

Honorary Treasurer Report

The Accounts are almost complete and the final figures will be prepared and circulated at the next meeting.

A proposal was put forward and accepted for a separate reserve fund to be set up for Top Gun.

Honorary Secretary Report

Dates were received for Council Meetings in 2006 as follows:

FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Sat 7th January 2006 Sat 6th May 2006 Sat 16th September 2006

AREA COUNCIL MEETINGS

Sat 4th February 2006 Sat 10th June 2006 Sat 30th September 2006

TECHNICAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Sat 4th March 2006 Sat 21st October 2006

Amended Bylaw document was accepted and will be forwarded to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM).

A new Specialist Body was accepted - FAIR (FAI Rocketry).

CEO Report

The following proposal was accepted:

The CEO shall have the authority, with the agreement of the Chairman and Honorary Secretary, to instruct the BMFA News Editor to remove any text that is deemed inappropriate for publication. The CEO is required to report back to Council with full details for the reason behind the decision taken, whenever this authority is exercised.

A proposal was passed giving the BMFA News Publishers the authority to proceed with a new format for BMFA News for a trial period. It will comprise 40 pages, 90gm cover page, 65gm content pages, quarter-fold size, with effect from October 2005 issue. Any costs incurred will be financed from the BMFA News fund.

CEO advised that we are looking towards a move to electronic retention of paperwork for Council Minutes, ultimately with a view to electronic distribution. He requested the help of Delegates in submitting their reports in electronic format where possible.

CRB Clearance of Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers

There was an in depth discussion on the above and a proposal was tabled and carried as follows:

That the BMFA will use best endeavours to ensure that Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers of teams, which include members under the age of 18 years at the time of the competition, have appropriate CRB clearances.

Carried by a majority vote.

Proposal from South Midland Area that Council consider ways of avoiding clashes between World, European and UK National Championships.

A lengthy debate took place considering various options put forward to alleviate the problem. The Chairman said there was no decision to be made at this time as the proposal was to consider ways of avoiding clashes and he felt reasonable debate had been allowed.

Comp Sec Report

A proposal to reduce FAI Licence fee for Juniors from £10 to £5 was carried unanimously.

UKRCC report

Hon Sec reported that OFFCOM had taken over from Radio Communications Agency and have been very pro-active. A meeting was held which he attended with other representatives from BMFA. It was apparent they shared our concerns on importation of non-standard radio control equipment, predominantly 27, 35 and 30MHz band and that it warranted a statement on where we are with the situation.

Education Working Group

Education Working Group coordinator advised that work is ongoing with regard to the proficiency scheme for children. It is aimed at providing beginners and youngsters with a goal to aim for until they achieve a level when they can compete in competitions competently.

Computer Sub-Committee

There has recently been an update on the database for achievements and a further update is due later in the year. Computers are running well. Computer stocks are increasing due to more external use required by Staff and Directors. However costs are still within the annual upgrade budget of £3000 which is very good value for money.

Safety Review Committee

Tech Sec reported that a meeting had been held, mostly concerned with slope soaring sites that are seemingly under threat. It has been identified that there are slope soaring sites at risk because of perceived flora and fauna problems. We know this does not exist on flat field sites as a study was undertaken to provide scientific evidence. Unfortunately at present there is no such evidence for moorland and hillsides but hopefully sometime in the future this will be achieved.

Report of the Area Council Meeting held on 11th June 2005

Chief Examiner ratifications:

Robert Graham (Mem No 55945) Fixed Wing and Helicopter for Northern Ireland Area. 'C' Certificate
A proposal was put forward to accept the 'C' Certificate as part of the BMFA Radio Control Achievement Scheme. The document was discussed at length. An amendment was passed and the proposal, including the amendment was carried by a majority vote. The 'C' Certificate will be implemented in three months time and dates will be posted on the website and information published in BMFA News.

'C' Certificate Guidance Booklet

A proposal was put forward to accept the 'C' Certificate Guidance Booklet as part of the BMFA Radio Control Achievement Scheme. The document was discussed and relevant changes will be incorporated into the final copy. The proposal was carried by a majority vote.

'A' 'B' 'E' Certificate Re-tests

A proposal was put forward as follows:

- (1) Any Club or Area may apply to their local Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator (ASC) to have any member re-tested for 'A', 'B' or 'E' certificates.
- (2) The ASC will pass on any such requests to the appropriate Scheme Controller who will arrange for a Chief Examiner (CE) from an adjoining Area to conduct the re-test by arrangement with the candidate.
- (3) Any costs involved with travelling will be borne by the organisation that requests the re-test.
- (4) If the candidate fails the re-test, the CE will be authorised to revoke the candidate's certificate or appointment and re-grade the candidate as required. For instance, a candidate who failed a 'B' test could be re-graded as an 'A' certificate. These actions will be ratified by the Scheme Controller after receiving the report of the CE.
- (5) If the candidate for the re-test does not co-operate with the designated CE then they will be deemed to have failed the re-test.
- (6) If a candidate fails a re-test and is re-graded, they will not be allowed to re-take the test for six months from the date of the failed re-test

Generous debate was given to this proposal and it was carried by a majority vote.

Northern Ireland stated that they were vigorously opposed to it in its present form.

The date for inception will be 1st January 2006 and will be published in full detail in the December issue of BMFA News.

Tech Sec Report

He reported that we now have scientific evidence in support of the 2 mile separation distance between clubs. The evidence was collected by Mainlink and they will be producing a report of their findings. They advised that 2 miles is the lower limit and this should not be lowered.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, EXHIBITION AND SEMINAR
26TH NOVEMBER 2005

THIS will be held as usual at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Coventry. Signing in will be from 10 a.m. and the Morning Seminar, in the main meeting room again this year, will commence at 10.30 a.m. This will be a presentation by André J Clot from the UAVS Association on UAV's (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles).

Exhibitions of models from the various Technical Committees will be on display. Lunch will be available from 12 noon until 1.30 p.m.

The AGM will start at 1.30 p.m.

The Dinner and Prizegiving will be held in the evening commencing at 7.15 p.m.

Dinner Tickets will be £22 and the overnight room charges will be £30 for a single room and £58 for a double room (two people sharing) all including full English breakfast. Dinner Tickets and overnight booking forms will be available from the BMFA office from the 3rd October 2005.

Toasts and short after Dinner speeches will be made and the presentation of the Society's Trophies to the current years' winners will take place. It is quite a spectacle to see all the gleaming trophies lined up – if you've never seen it, you don't know what you're missing!!

After the excitement of the Award presentations, we adjourn to the music and dancing accompanied by a late bar to help things along.

The Free Flight Forum starts at 10 a.m. on Sunday morning 27th November, or you could visit the Sports Centre in the hotel, so why not make a weekend of it.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Menu for AGM Dinner

Smooth Brussels Paté with Crisp Ciabatta & Chutney

Roast Sirloin of Beef with Mushroom, Red Wine and Tarragon Sauce

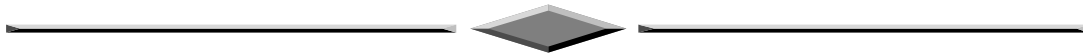
*Vegetarian Alternative
Mille Feuille of Tortillas with Fine Ratatouille*

Profiteroles with Chocolate Sauce

Freshly Brewed Tea or Coffee

SPECIAL DEAL ON MEMBERSHIP

**JOIN TODAY AT THE NEW
REDUCED RATES AND
RECEIVE A CREDIT TO SET
AGAINST YOUR 2006 FEE.**



The fees from 1st July will be as follows for the remainder of the year:

	Seniors	£19	Juniors	£11		
Families:	Seniors	£19	Fam Partner	£12	Fam Jun	£8

In addition the following CREDITS will be issued:

	Seniors	Juniors	Fam Partner	Fam Junior
NATS & Sept	£8	£4	£5	£2
Oct	£9	£5	£6	£3
Nov	£10	£6	£7	£4

*THE MEMBERSHIP YEAR OF THE BMFA RUNS
FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER EACH YEAR*