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TO ALL AREA COUNCIL MEMBERS

There will be a Meeting of the Area Council on Saturday 5th June 2010 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. Email: admin@bmfa.org

A G E N D A

- 1 Apologies for Absence.
- 2 Request for Permission to be Absent.
- 3 Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Area Council Meeting held on 30th January 2010.
- 4 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 30th January 2010 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 5 To receive a proposal from the following Areas to appoint Chief Examiners:

- i) Western Area that John Harris, Membership Number 27760 is appointed Area Chief Examiner (Fixed Wing) for Western Area.*
- ii) Cornwall Sub-Area that Andrew Hothersall, Membership Number 132307 is appointed Area Chief Examiner for Cornwall Sub-Area.*

- 6 To receive reports from the Achievement Scheme Controllers.
- a) Power
 - b) Silent Flight
- 7 To receive a Proposal from the Honorary Secretary to adopt formal Terms of Reference for the ASRC. (Document appended).
- 8 Possible change to the Area Council Constitution.
- 9 To receive reports from committees or co-ordinators related to the business of this meeting.
- a) Achievement Scheme Review Committee
 - b) Flight Challenge
 - c) Education
- 10 To receive reports from Area Committees. (Please ensure your Area prepares a maximum of 1 x A4 page synopsis of your report for the meeting. Photocopying facilities are available at Chacksfield House if required.)
- 11 To receive any reports from the Office and any Elected Officers specifically relating to Areas Council.
- 12 To confirm date of next meeting.
- 13 Any Other Business.
- Note: Items for Any Other Business must be handed to the Chairman of the Meeting **IN WRITING** before the meeting commences. This will be strictly enforced.



Report on the Areas Council Meeting held on 30th January 2010 (Full Minutes can be obtained from the BMFA website)

Achievement Scheme

The following proposal was carried unanimously.

“When outside of their own area, Area Chief Examiners may only operate with Club Examiner status unless prior agreement has been sought from the Area Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator in the other area (e.g. an ACE cannot conduct a ‘B’ test without a second Examiner.)”

The inception date for the above proposal will be effective from the date of publication of the next BMFA News issue which is April 2010.

Awards Committee Representative

Gordon Warburton FSMAE was unanimously accepted as Areas Council Representative to the Awards Committee for 2010.

ASRC Members

The ASRC Committee were ratified as follows:

Terry Rounce – Chairman	Dick Whitehead
Mick Eames	Bob Mahoney
Chris Bromley FSMAE	Andy Symons
Peter Spurway	John Harris

Area Chief Examiners

Peter Spurway, Membership number 54587 was appointed Area Chief Examiner (Helicopter) for London Area.

Discussion whether the 'A' Certificate must be passed before the 'B' Certificate is attempted.

The following points were covered in the discussion:

- It seems logical that if someone has the ability to pass a 'B' they should be able to pass an 'A' however the requirements for the 'A' are not included in the 'B' test.
- To do both tests would only add about five minutes on to the test.
- The questions would follow both tests.

There was general agreement that the 'A' test should be passed before the 'B' and that it should be sequential.

An action was placed on the ASRC to submit a formal proposal to Areas Council.

Discussion re Constitution for ASRC

The meeting Chairman provided a draft document for discussion.

The comments on aspects of the document needing further work were identified as:

- The responsibility of the ASRC to supply relevant information to the rule books
- The need to formally seek, via a notice in the BMFA News, nominations for vacancies on the ASRC. The Areas could help in drawing potential candidate's attention to such vacancies.
- As with most other committees, elected members will be in post for two years with half of them coming up for election each year.
- As said above, the Area Council will elect members for vacancies on the ASRC drawing from nominations received. If (an unlikely event), a large number of nominations are received some sub group from Area Council could be constituted to conduct an initial filter out of unsuitable candidates. A key criterion is a need to have had adequate experience as an examiner.
- In electing nominees to vacant positions the Area Council will bear in mind the need to retain a balance of relevant skills and interests.
- To help standardise the process and help ensure that suitable candidates are properly considered, a pro-forma CV would be created defining exactly what CV information was sought and in what depth. This could be an appendix to the Terms of Reference document.

The Chairman thanked the meeting for all the constructive inputs received, as above, and undertook to have a further draft available by the June Area Council meeting. This should cover all points raised and will be a major step towards getting a voted on proposal in place for the September Area Council meeting.

ASRC Report

They are currently working on the Scale 'C' and the Indoor 'A' and 'B'. Hopefully there will be more to report after the next meeting in April.

Andy Symons added a comment that in general the feedback on the proposed Indoor achievement scheme from the aerobatic indoor flyers has been very positive, although a few changes will be necessary to some of the sequences.

The Technical Secretary stressed that it is quite important to note that the indoor achievement scheme is not aimed at F3P flyers. The F3P category models are very specialised and there is no reason why they cannot do the test, however the test is aimed at models that the average indoor aerobatic model flyer can achieve the test with.

Education

A new model was launched at the D&T Show in November 2009, which is the 'Sky Dart'. It is electric radio controlled, designed to fly both indoors and outdoors. It is aimed primarily at schools, science clubs, engineering clubs and youth organisations rather than individuals.

Technical Secretary

The Technical Secretary highlighted an issue that came to light recently in respect of insurance for event organisers. He pointed out that a members' individual insurance does not cover you for organising anything.

To invoke the organisers insurance an event must be organised either through an Area or affiliated club or specialist body.

PRO

The PRO offered his services in any way he can and urged Areas to contact him if they required any assistance with shows or events.

He will be attending the Rougham show in May. He implored Areas to encourage clubs in their Area to assist at local shows/events.

The PRO recommended the use of the on-line Members Handbook, which is always kept up-to-date. It is quite useful because it includes the additional information which is usually produced as addendum sheets for members and the additional information is printed in red.

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