

MINUTES

SOCIETY OF MODEL AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS LTD.

(T/A British Model Flying Association)

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 8th January 2011 at 11am at Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrews Road, Leicester LE2 8RE.

Provisional until confirmed at the next Full Council Meeting.

PRESENT

Robin Gowler FSMAE	Chairman
Chris Moynihan	Vice-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
Peter Halman FSMAE	FAI Delegate
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
Ian Robb	Northern Ireland Area Delegate
Peter Disney	South West Area Delegate & RNMAA Delegate
Paul Luby	RAFMAA Area Delegate
Mike Francies	Free Flight TC Representative
Vernon Hunt	Control Line TC Representative
Keith Barker	R/CPTC Representative
Ian Duff	R/C SFTC Representative
Ian Pallister	Scale TC Representative
Allan Weighell FSMAE	Indoor TC Representative

In Attendance

Linda Harding	Office Manager / Minute Taker
Dave Phipps	CEO

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for Absence.
- 2 Request for permission to be absent.
- 3 To formally receive the following delegates:
 - a The RAeC Delegate
 - b The RNMAA Delegate
- 4 To formally receive the Area Delegates to Council.~
- 5 To co-opt Technical Committee Representatives to Council.~
- 6 To verify the voting strength of the meeting.
- 7 To:~
 - a Note names of the Technical Committee Chairmen.
 - b Ratify the BMFA Delegates to other organisations.
 - c Ratify Council appointed sub-committees.
 - d Ratify Council appointed posts.
- 8 Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 11th September 2010.
- 9 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 11th September 2010 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 10 To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer.
- 11 International Teams for this year's World and European Championships:~
 - a Ratification of Teams, Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers (where permitted) from submitted proposals as follows:
 - i Indoor 2011 European Championships Team Manager.
 - ii F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D Teams for 2011 Control Line European Championships.
 - iii F3D 2011 World Championships Team Manager.
 - iv F3D 2011 World Championships Team.
 - v F3A 2011 World Championships Team.
 - vi F3C 2011 World Championships Team.
 - vii F3C 2011 World Championships Team Manager.
 - viii F3K 2011 World Championships Team.
 - ix F3J 2011 European Championships Team.
 - x Space Sen & Jun 2011 European Championships Teams.
 - b Receipt of declarations from any Technical Committees that has not yet finalised a proposed team that it does intend to send a team. ~
- 12 To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer to include:
 - a *Review publication of BMFA Rule Books.*
 - b *Review future of Top Gun.*

13 To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.

14 To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary to include the following proposals:

- i To add the following text to an appropriate place in the Council Handbook:
“The various documents and publications of the BMFA including but not limited to membership lists, contact information, rule books, member’s handbooks etc represent valuable intellectual property of the BMFA. Accordingly it is required that the master copies of all such documentation, in an editable form, reside at the BMFA Office and are under the control of the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive shall also ensure that back up exists for all such documentation and, to ensure adequate recovery from any potential disaster, such back up is stored in a secure location separate from the BMFA office.”
- ii To take the entire text of the paragraph concerning the appointment of “The Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator” (on page 3 of the Sub Area Constitution) and move it to be immediately below the text about the Honorary Treasurer (on page 2 of the document). Note this does NOT change any of the text, simply relative position of this paragraph.
- iii To add a new para (f) to the ASRC Terms of Reference and then re-number all subsequent paras. The new para (f) to read:
“The two Achievement Scheme Controllers will also be subject to election. Each will be elected for a two year period but may subsequently apply for re-election each year and the vacancy will be advertised in the BMFA News at the same time as the vacancies for the other elected members of the ASRC. In the event of more than one applicant for the vacant position of a Controller, the Full Council (not the Areas Council) shall vote to determine the elected Controller. Should no applicant for that vacancy exist or, in the view of the Full Council that no applicant has the requisite background, the Council has the right to appoint a Controller to the vacant position for the subsequent two year period of office.”
- iv To add the following into the page thereof the Sub-Area Constitution immediately after the text about the Education Co-ordinator.
“Sub-Area Chief Examiners and Sub-Area Chief Instructors
Who shall:
 - a) Run the BMFA Achievement Scheme within the Sub-Area to the standards laid down by the BMFA and to the satisfaction of the Sub-Area Committee.
 - b) Liaise with the Sub-Area Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator in the course of their duties.
 - c) Report annually to the Sub-Area AGM via the Sub-Area Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator.Sub-Area Chief Examiners and Sub-Area Chief Instructors will be non-voting members of the Sub-Area Committee. They may be initially recommended by the Sub-Area for ratification at Areas Council at any time but thereafter will be elected annually by the Sub-Area AGM, subject to confirmation by the relevant National Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator.
Items 10(f) and (g) do not apply to Sub-Area Chief Examiners and Sub-Area Chief Instructors.”

- 15 To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.
- 16 To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include:
- a Receipt and ratification of any outstanding contests for this year's FAI Calendar.
 - b Receipt of this year's BMFA contest fees.~
 - c To receive the following proposals:
 - i BMFA Record Book
Add a new sentence at the end of (2a) 2.8.1 (e) as follows:
(2a) 2.8.1 Verification of Measurements
d) **The measuring devise must be zeroed at the point of launch. If the device does not have such a facility, then the start (launch) point altitude must be established and recorded. A statement clearly indicating the altitude of the start (launch) point and the altitude attained, is required. This must be signed by the pilot and substantiated by the official observer(s) and must be included in the dossier.**
 - ii Appendix A of the BMFA Council Handbook: Formation of, and Terms of Reference for, BMFA Technical Committees, (Articles 32 (B) and 46).
(i) Definition (Article 46)
Amend to:
... Each Committee shall consist of not more than six directly elected representatives, no more than two from any one affiliated club **or recognised Specialist Body** plus one representative from each of the Recognised Specialist Bodies linked to that committee....
 - iii **Contest Rules Section 2a – Records Rules and Information**
NOTES
UK National Records
Insert a new 4th paragraph as follows:
For record claims set either in competition or as a dedicated record attempt, initial notification of the record claim should be made to the BMFA office within seven days of the flight taking place. The BMFA office should be in receipt of the Record Claim Dossier within 60 days of the flight taking place. If these conditions are not met then the record claim will be rejected.
A form to use for this 7-day notification appears at the end of this section.
 - iv **General Rules (Contest Rules) Sections 1 & 2 – see attached.**
- 17 To receive a report from the Records Officer to include the following British Record Claims:
- a Name Ben Jones/Geb Jones Mem No 089029/085217
Class F3D Pylon
Site Ballenstedt, Germany (Eurocup 2010) Date 17th September 2010
Final 0 mins 58.49 secs
 - b Name Rob Ashley-Roche/Mark Vandervelden Mem No 080677/043072
Class F5D
Site F5D World Champs USA Date 23rd August 2010
Heat 0 mins 58.91 secs

- c Name Elizabeth Robinson
Class Penny Plane (Novice) Rubber Powered
Site Kibbie Dome, Moscow, Idaho, USA Date 4th July 2010
Duration 10 mins 14 secs
- d Name D Heaton/K Morrissey/M Fleming Mem No 050550/002525/001976
Class Barton B Team Race Heat
Site Barkston Heath Date 30th August 2010
T/R Records Race Time Heat 3 mins 09.1 secs
- e Name D Heaton/K Morrissey/M Fleming Mem No 050550/002525/001976
Class Barton B Team Race Final
Site Barkston Heath Date 30th August 2010
T/R Records Race Time Final 6 mins 35.1 secs

18 To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.

19 To receive a report from the FAI Delegate to include the following proposal:
That Dave Cline BMFA No 11731, and Mike Francies, BMFA No 39222 be appointed as the two Alternate FAI Delegates for 2011 and that Dave Cline be notified to the FAI as the designated Alternate Delegate for 2011.

20 To receive the following proposals:

- i From Control Line Technical Committee
That some additional funding is provided for the purchase of a commercially built display system for Team Race competitions (TRDU). The total cost would be £4,380 inc VAT at 20%. However, £1837 remains from the original budget and the CLTC has unanimously agreed to contribute £1,163 from the CL Contest Account which is funded entirely from CL contest entry fees. This brings the fund available up to the original £3000 agreed by Council. An additional £1,380 is, therefore, requested to complete this project using the commercial company as outlined in the attached paper.
- ii From North West Area that in General Rules, Section 2, add to the end of rule 2.5.2. (d)
“Notification that an updated Contest Rule Book (or amendment sheet) is available to the membership is to be announced in BMFA News together with an implementation date that is at least four weeks later.”
- iii From Silent Flight Technical Committee that helpers at F3B Euro and World Championships should be funded in the same way as they are for F3J competitions i.e. as pilots.
- iv From Free Flight Technical Committee to reallocate the David Brawn (Nordic), Mick Duce and Pete Buskell Memorial trophies to suitable replacement events and to best accommodate them reallocate the Astral and Weston trophies to classes at the Free Flight Nationals.

Details of the transfers are given on the continuation sheet attached.
- v From Mid West Area that the Areas Council is represented on the Full Council by the Area’s Council Chairman and one delegate elected from the members of the Areas Council. The Delegate to be in post for one year. This delegate to carry the total number of votes of the Areas Council i.e. one per Area delegate. Resignation of this delegate, for whatever reason, will result in the election of an alternate who will hold office for the remainder of the year.

In the event that a matter for discussion is of particular interest to an Area, other than that of the elected delegate, that Area's Delegate may also attend the appropriate Full Council meeting.

- vi From Scale Technical Committee to introduce a qualifying requirement for entry into the R/C Scale events (F4C and Flying Only) at the Power National Championships.
- 21 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 Committee (GASCo)
 - c Air Prox
 - d Sport + Recreation Alliance (formerly CCPR)
 - e General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)
- 22 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 – *The Publishers wish to bring to the notice of the Council the listing of Power Nationals results on page 27 of issue 103 (John French Co-Publisher)*
 - j Flying Site Adviser's Report
 - k BMFA Archivist Report

23 Any Other Business.

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

24 Date of next meeting.

MINUTES

703/1/11 (1) Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from the following:
Duncan McClure South Midland Area Delegate.

704/1/11 (2) Request for permission to be absent.

A request had been received from Mike Colling FSMAE Indoor TC & Education Co-ordinator, which was duly granted.

705/1/11 (3) To formally receive the following delegates:

Martin Dilly FSMAE Royal Aero Club
Peter Disney RNMAA

706/1/11 (4) To formally receive the Area Delegates to Council

EAST ANGLIA	Peter Leavesley
LONDON	Martin Dilly FSMAE
MIDLAND	George Maynard
NORTHERN	Andrew Symons
NORTH EAST	Tom Jones
NORTH WEST	David Lloyd-Jones
SOUTH MIDLAND	Duncan McClure
SOUTH EAST	To be confirmed
SOUTHERN	Stuart Simpson
WESTERN	Phil Durant
MID WEST	Andrew Potts
SOUTH WEST	Peter Disney
NORTHERN IRELAND	Ian Robb
RAFMAA	Paul Luby

707/1/11 (5) To co-opt Technical Committee Representatives to Council.

FREE FLIGHT	Mike Francies
CONTROL LINE	Vernon Hunt
R/C POWER	Keith Barker
R/C SILENT FLIGHT	Ian Duff
SCALE	Ian Pallister
INDOOR	Mike Colling FSMAE

Proposed by the Vice-Chairman
Seconded by the Honorary Treasurer
Carried unanimously

708/1/11 (6) To verify the voting strength of the meeting.

There were 27 members eligible to vote.

709/1/11 (7) To note names of the Technical Committee Chairmen, Ratify the BMFA Delegates to other organisations, Ratify Council appointed sub-committees, Ratify Council appointed posts.

a)Tech Committee Chairmen

FREE FLIGHT	Mike Woodhouse FSMAE
CONTROL LINE	Chris Barker
R/C POWER	Paul Bardoe
R/C SILENT FLIGHT	Ian Duff
SCALE	Ian Pallister
INDOOR	Allan Weighell FSMAE

b) BMFA Delegates to other Organisations

Royal Aero Club (RAeC)	Martin Dilly FSMAE
GASCO	Robin Gowler FSMAE
Airprox	Development Officer
Sport & Recreation Alliance (formerly CCPR)	Graham Lynn MBE FSMAE
General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)	Development Officer

Proposed by the Honorary Treasurer
Seconded by the FAI Delegate
Carried unanimously

c) Ratify Council appointed sub-committees.

BMFA Safety Review Sub Committee

Vice Chairman
Technical Secretary
Development Officer
Flying Site Adviser
ESAG
Specialist from each Tech Committee as required
NB: Information to be copied to Technical Secretary

Awards Committee

Vice Chairman
RAeC Delegate
Allan Weighell FSMAE
Gordon Warburton FSMAE
Jim Andrews FSMAE
Tech Council Representative
Areas Council Representative

CAA

Chris Bromley FSMAE
Graham Lynn MBE FSMAE
CEO
Development Officer

UK Radio Control Council
(UKRCC)

Chris Bromley FSMAE
Graham Lynn MBE FSMAE

Education Working Group

Mike Colling FSMAE
Trevor Faulkner
Stuart Lodge
Area Co-ordinators

BMFA News Publishers

Kath Watson FSMAE
John French
Keith Lomax FSMAE

Computer Committee

Chris Bromley FSMAE
Dave Phipps – Chief Executive
Linda Harding – Office Manager

<u>Areas Council</u>	Members as detailed in the Areas Council Terms of Reference
<u>Technical Council</u>	Members as detailed in the Technical Council Terms of Reference
<u>The Executive</u>	The nine elected Executive Officers Chief Executive

The above Council appointed sub-committees were ratified en bloc

Proposed by the FAI Delegate
Seconded by East Anglia Area
Carried unanimously

d) **Ratify Council appointed posts**

<u>PAS Controller</u>	Peter Spurway
<u>SF AS Controller</u>	Chris Moynihan
<u>Archivist</u>	Kath Watson FSMAE

The Honorary Treasurer proposed that Council ratify the above named to the relevant Council appointed posts.

Seconded by the RCPTC
Carried unanimously

710/1/11 (8) Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 11th September 2010

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- **First paragraph, second line** – Insert “Trust” after “Club”.
- **Third paragraph, second line** – Replace “30th April 2011” with “1st May 2011”.

The Records Officer proposed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2010 be accepted as a true record.

Seconded by the FAI Delegate

Vote	For:	19
	Abs:	8
	Ags:	0

Carried by majority vote.

711/1/11 (9) Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 11th September 2010 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.

ACTION / NOTES

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- **Second paragraph, contact details for ESAG members on website** – The CEO had put a request in to the webmaster to include details on the website of the new Electrical Safety Advisory Group however this has not yet been done. He will chase up the webmaster.

CEO

- **Penultimate paragraph, Honours Boards** – The CEO advised that the Honours Boards are currently in the process of being sign written.

Post meeting note: Honours Boards are now displayed on the walls in the Council meeting room.

- **Final paragraph, Perkins Slade Trophy** – The CEO will chase progress of the Perkins Slade Trophy with the Insurance Brokers. **CEO**

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- **Third paragraph from the bottom, 'alert' notice on website home page** – We are able to manually include an alert notice on the home page however the CEO has asked the webmaster to investigate the possibility of an automated notice.

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- **Fifth paragraph from the bottom, proposal carried that the BMFA website is to be considered one of the primary publication mechanisms of the Society** – The Competition Secretary reminded the Technical Secretary, as he was not present at the September meeting, that as a consequence of this proposal a change is required to the General Rules section 2.5.2 e).

The Technical Secretary was unhappy to proceed with making the change until formally requested to do so. The Chairman formally required the Technical Secretary to make the necessary changes to the General Rules.

TECH SEC

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- **Penultimate paragraph, Oliver Witt nomination to CIAM for CIAM Scholarship** – The FAI Delegate advised that the nomination for Oliver Witt for the CIAM Scholarship had been put forward to CIAM, which will be decided at the Plenary meeting in 2011.

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- **First paragraph, RAeC Trust Bursary awards** – The FAI Delegate pointed out that there is a notice on the BMFA website and in the current BMFA News about the RAeC Trust Bursary award. It also reminds everybody that the deadline for receipt of nominations is 31st March 2011.

The RAeC Delegate will be putting forward the names of the two unsuccessful nominees for the CIAM Scholarship to the RAeC at the forthcoming meeting, as possible nominations for the RAeC Trust Bursary.

RAeC DEL

- **Penultimate paragraph, to ratify the Power Nationals Co-ordinator at the January 2011 Council Meeting** – The Chairman advised that it was unanimously agreed at the Executive meeting that the CEO Dave Phipps should be recommended to Council to the appointment of Power Nationals Co-ordinator for 2011.

The FAI Delegate proposed that Dave Phipps BMFA CEO is appointed as Power Nationals Co-ordinator for 2011.

Seconded by Scale TC

Carried unanimously

A vote of thanks was extended to the Technical Secretary from this Council in recognition of the 18 years that he has taken on the role of Co-ordinator of the Power Nationals.

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- Third paragraph from the bottom, additional facilities to accommodate archive material and base for the Archivist to work from – The CEO reported that since the last meeting the Accounts office has relocated to another office within Chacksfield House.

The old accounts office has been refurbished and is now dedicated to archives.

A discussion ensued with regard to whether we would be accepting donations of model aircraft and what space would be made available. If so what models would we consider to be worthy of archiving.

London Area accepted a request to instigate and draw up a list of criteria for models we should consider worthy of accepting as archive material and bring to the next Full Council meeting.

**LONDON
AREA
DEL**

Although storage is currently a problem if something was offered that we thought was worthy of keeping we would take it and find space for it. Various options to solve the problem of extra storage space are constantly being reviewed.

The Honorary Secretary advised that the National Aerospace Museum at Farnborough is now exhibiting and holding a number of models and it may well be an option to expand it further with some of the memorable models we acquire. He has discussed this with the Archivist who will hopefully investigate it further.

The CEO advised that we have also received an offer from the Trustees at RAF Hendon Museum to use the facility for storage if we ever needed to.

This concluded matters arising.

712/1/11 (10) To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer.

This period in the year is fairly quiet for the Honorary Treasurer however the Accounts and office staff are very busy processing memberships.

The Honorary Treasurer advised that with effect from 1st January 2011 mileage rates for expense claims will be increased.

He attended the funeral of Ron Moulton FSMAE. It was apparent from the eulogies read out in the Church and old photographs the family displayed at the house, that there was so much Ron did in his life that not everybody knew about. The whole day was more of a celebration of his life and it was very fitting.

A question was raised whether it would be possible for clubs to pay membership fees by bank transfer. The Honorary Treasurer advised that we have been looking in to the possibility of web-based payments however this is ongoing. We can look in to the possibility of bank transfer payments maybe for renewal in 2012.

CEO/HON
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713/1/11 (11) International Teams for this year's World and European Championships.

a) Ratification of Teams, Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers

Before proceeding with the ratification of Teams and Team Managers the Competition Secretary advised that the F1 World Championships are being held very early this year and it has therefore been necessary for her to ratify the Free Flight Team in advance of this meeting. Details are listed below.

2011 F1 World Championships, La Cruz, Argentina – 02-09-May 2011.

Team Manager	Martin Dilly 7851 Croydon & DMAC
Assistant Team Manager	Peter Brown 153422 Grantham MAS

F1A	
Peter Williams	52853 Richmond MFC
John Carter	50520 Grantham MAS
Richard Jack	08315 Tynemouth MAC

Reserves	
Chris Edge	64198 Scotia
John Williams	63375 Country Member

F1B	
Russell Peers	27418 Grantham MAS
Mike Woolner	57957 East Grinstead MFC
Mike Woodhouse	34262 Vikings FFG

Reserve	
Bob Cheesley	43647 Crookham Club

F1C	
Alan Jack	56873 Tynemouth MAC

The Competition Secretary asked Council to consider before ratifying the following Teams/Team Managers that although Teams have been put forward for ratification today for F3K, F3J and Space Modelling, no Team Managers have been put forward.

Council were subsequently advised that in respect of F3K and Space Modelling, confirmation of Team Managers is imminent. F3J however do not yet have a prospective candidate.

The meeting proceeded to ratify the following Team Managers and Teams en bloc.

i) 2011 Indoor European Championships to be held in Belgrade - Team Manager Nick Aikman, 115898 Cleveland Indoor Group.

ii) 2011 F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D Teams for Control Line European Championships to be held in Czestochowa, Poland 23 – 31 July.

F2A

Peter Halman FSMAE	050198 Sharston
Paul Eisner	057093 Elmbridge
Ken Morrissey FSMAE	002525 Barton

F2B

Robert Kitley	121912 Nuneaton
Roy Cherry	063577 Chiltem Flyers
Barry Robinson	068248 Shildon
Reserve Bill Draper	040352 Nottingham

F2C

Eifflander/Broadhead	149669/37494 Country/Barton
Fitzgerald/Thomason	33566/87971 Calderdale/Country
Barker/Cuthbert	51784/51781 RAFMAA/Barton
Reserves Toogood/Bollen	40188/73762 Country/Country

F2D

Mike Whillance	88347 Urmston
Andrew Shields	160831 SAA
Martin Coe	135194 Scampton
Reserve Martin Johnson	28779 Novocastria
Pitmen	
Dave Riley	89913 Novocastria
Graham Ives	88421 Novocastria
Junior Pilot Jamie Griffin	151116 Novocastria

iii) 2011 F3D World Championships to be held in Bundaberg, Queensland Australia, 10 – 14 August - Team Manager Kate Jones, 175189 Country.

iv) 2011 F3D World Championships Team to be held in Bundaberg, Queensland Australia, 10 – 14 August

Pilots

Ben Jones	89029 Cambridge MAC
Bruce Illingworth	74670 Country
Peter Harvey	29202 Country

Cont/d...

Int
Teams
cont/d...

Callers	
Geb Jones	85217 Cambridge MAC
Chris Illingworth	175063 Country
Joe Harvey	135708 Country
Aternate	
Barrie Lever	80934 Country

v) 2011 F3A World Championships Team to be held in Muncie, USA 23 – 31 July.

Keith Jackson	22351 Mid Cheshire
Richard Christopher	36195 Army Air Corp
Matthew Hoyland	30848 North Anston
Reserve	
Kevin Caton	72281 Teeside MFC

vi) 2011 F3C World Championships Team to be held in Italy 18 – 28 August.

Mark Christy	59602 Hastings
Roger Mayo	125835 Watford Wayfarers
Steven Paul Roberts	43791 Phoenix MFC
Reserve	
Matthew Ian Reuben	45735 Corsair MFC

vii) 2011 F3C World Championships to be held in Italy 18 – 28 August – Team Manager.

Jason Markey	104820 Horam
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viii) 2011 F3K World Championships Team to be held in Sweden 4 – 10 July.

Snr Team	
Richard Swindells	053602 Country
Mike Stern	136207 Country
Nick Chitty	120796 Country
Jnr Team	
Liam Hawes	165609 Country
Reserves	
Martin Halston	154828 Country
Simon Jones	110922 Country

ix) 2011 Space Sen & Jun European Championships Teams to be held in Romania 20 - 27 August.

Snr Team	
Nigel Bathe	63592 Elmbridge
Mike Francies	39222 Liverpool
John Jacomb	108203 SERFs
Benedykt Klejnow	140191 Country
Jnr Team	
Callum Ginder	168385 Newport
Catherine Jacomb	150720 SERFs
Jon Jacomb	157449 SERFs

The Competition Secretary proposed the above Team Manager, Assistant Team Manager and Team proposals are ratified en bloc.

Seconded by East Anglia
Carried unanimously

OFFICE MGR
COMP SEC

2011 F3J Euro Championships Team to be held in Bovec Slovenia 22 – 28 August.

Peter Allen	40963 ISA
Colin Paddon	07343 Horsham MFC
Austin Gurrier	023551 ISA

Reserves	
Ian Duff	018894 Country
Mike Rabone	51420 Country

The Competition Secretary proposed that the above Team is ratified.

Seconded by South Midland

Vote:	For:	26
	Ags:	0
	Abs:	1

Carried by a majority vote.

OFFICE MGR
COMP SEC

The end of December was the deadline for applications for F2 Control Line Team Manager and Assistant Team Manager applications. CLTC voted unanimously in favour of the applications for both positions.

The Competition Secretary asked if Council would accept ratification of F2 Control Line Team Manager and Assistant Team Manager as follows:

Team Manager

John James	058506 Country
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Assistant Team Manager

Val James	156772 Country
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Council had no objections to the ratification of the above.

- b) **Receipt and declaration from any Technical Committee that has not yet finalised a proposed team that it does intend to send a team.**

F3B – No Team.

F4C – Team Manager and Team selection is ongoing.

F1D & F1E Team selection ongoing.

The Competition Secretary stressed that she was becoming a little concerned at the number of World and European Championships being held (one new one and two others next year) that impacts on the International Teams Budget. She was thinking of putting forward a different way of funding teams.

714/1/11 (12) To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.

CEO

Since the last meeting the AGM was held which on the whole was very successful.

The CEO activities include the following:

Attended the Chairman's Conference in Northern Ireland in December which was very well attended and well received. The next Chairman's Conference is being held on 12 March 2011 at Husbands Bosworth in the Midlands

He assisted on the stand at the Flying Show organised by the British Microflight Aircraft Association, at the NEC in late November. One of the concessions they offered in return for our involvement was a reduced entry fee for BMFA members. We were the only organisation that provided actual flying at the show which was quite a draw;

He attended the Electric Indoor Masters in December in Bradford which went very well and was well attended;

Site visits to explore alternative venues for Silent Flight Nationals;

He attended the funeral of Ron Moulton FSMAE. We gratefully accepted a bequest from Ron of some of his archive material, which hopefully will be collected sometime in January.

The CEO reported that a repeat of a wildlife study conducted in 2003 by Leo Batten at the Chesham Model Flying Club site has taken place as the Club advised that since the first study the wildlife population had increased.

The study was very positive; in 2003 there were 72 breeding bird territories per 10 hectares, after completion of the study this year it was up to 95 which is a fairly significant increase in breeding bird territories.

Other species of wildlife present on the site included 22 species of butterflies which represents a third of all the species present in the British Isles. The result of the study demonstrates quite well that model flying can co-exist quite comfortably with wildlife and that wildlife can actually thrive.

Copies of the study in a précis format will be available in due course.

The CEO advised that Barkston Heath has been booked for 36 days for 2011 which includes Free Flight & Space Nationals and Power Nationals.

The Technical Secretary asked that it is recorded in these minutes that in respect of the late Ron Moulton FSMAE the BMFA endeavoured over the years to nominate Ron for the New Years Honours list. The BMFA has been subjected to a lot of criticism over the years because it seemed we were not doing anything however as people are aware we were not able to say anything as the rules did not allow it.

Chairman

He attends regular meetings at Chacksfield House with the CEO and has been involved with much of what the CEO has reported on.

The Chairman commented on the funeral of Ron Moulton and concurred with previous comments that it was indeed a celebration of his life.

He also attended the Chairman's Conference in Northern Ireland.

Forthcoming activities include attending the London MEX in January at Alexandra Palace.

It has been necessary to re-schedule the date for the BMFA AGM in 2011 to 12th November 2011 which was originally rejected at the AGM in November 2010 in favour of 19th November 2011. The reason for the change is because the venue cannot accommodate us on 19th November.

Details will be published on the website.

CEO

The Executive have considered the possibility of moving the venue for Full Council meetings to a nearby hotel, the reasons for which were explained by the Vice-Chairman.

The Chairman asked if this Council would agree to a trial at the new venue for May Full Council, which they agreed to.

OFFICE MGR

a) Review publication of BMFA Rule Books

The Technical Secretary provided an update on the Rule Book publications:

Free Flight was issued 5 January 2011;
Proof copies of Control Line books 1 & 2 will be with the CLTC Secretary in a few days;
RC Power books 1 & 2 – awaiting information from RCPTC;
Records Book – awaiting ratifications from this meeting;
Scale – awaiting information from Scale TC;

Silent Flight books 1 & 2 – Proofs circulated to RCSFTC on 3 January;
Space – Proofs circulated to FFTC on 5 January.

The Technical Secretary commented that the requirement for Tech Committees to appoint a Rules Officer seems to be working very well and they are doing a very good job.

The Technical Secretary was congratulated on the work he has put in to getting the Rule Books published in good time in spite of the health issues he has had to endure.

The Competition Secretary expressed concerns that the February deadline for receipt of rule changes is far too late and would like to see that changed. The Chairman requested that the Technical Secretary and Competition Secretary discuss the matter outside of the meeting and present Council with a proposition in time for publication of 2012 Rule Books.

COMP SEC
TECH SEC

b) Review future of Top Gun event.

The CEO advised that this item has been included on the agenda today in accordance with Council agreement three years ago that Top Gun event would be placed on the Show Line at the Power Nationals for a period of three years after which time it will be reviewed.

Financially the last of the Top Gun reserve fund was used to help towards costs for the event held in 2010. The Honorary Treasurer provided a brief history of the finances over the past three years.

The PRO proposed that we withdraw Top Gun from Show Line for 2011 and refer to the Executive for further consideration as to its future.

EXEC

Seconded by FAI Delegate
Carried unanimously

715/1/11 (13) To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.

Like many others he attended the funeral of Ron Moulton FSMAE. He found it very a moving, eloquent and impressive celebration.

He performed his duty as MC at the BMFA Annual Dinner and prize giving event and thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

In conjunction with the CEO and other members of the SFTC they are still actively seeking an alternative venue for the Silent Flight Nationals. A visit was made recently to Arena UK, which is a short distance from Barkston Heath however we are still awaiting a decision from the owners as to whether they would consider it a viable proposition if we rented the space.

He unfortunately was unable to attend the CAA annual meeting in his capacity as BARCS member. However he appointed Robin Sleight MBE a fellow member of BARCS to represent BARCS at the meeting in his stead.

716/1/11 (14) To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary.

WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX A)

One point of interest which he feels is worth noting in relation to the meeting with the CAA, is that the CAA are prepared to include on the aeronautical charts, sites that are used regularly for glider aero tow type activity.

The Development Officer will be following this up and hopefully information will be forthcoming from the glider community to help the Development Officer to create a database.

He has been tasked with updating the Council Handbook, which he is progressing.

The Honorary Secretary introduced the following proposals:

i To add the following text to an appropriate place in the Council Handbook:

“The various documents and publications of the BMFA including but not limited to membership lists, contact information, rule books, member’s handbooks etc represent valuable intellectual property of the BMFA. Accordingly it is required that the master copies of all such documentation, in an editable form, reside at the BMFA Office and are under the control of the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive shall also ensure that back up exists for all such documentation and, to ensure adequate recovery from any potential disaster, such back up is stored in a secure location separate from the BMFA office.”

Seconded by East Anglia

The Technical Secretary commented that he would not be happy for this proposal to go forward without an undertaking that the relevant documents which he is personally responsible for as Technical Secretary would not be edited.

The Chairman responded that the proposal has nothing to do with who should handle the relevant documents but purely a safeguard of the material by bringing it in to the office.

Vote: For: 26
Ags: 1
Abs: 0

CEO

Carried by a majority vote.

ii To take the entire text of the paragraph concerning the appointment of “The Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator” (on page 3 of the Sub-Area Constitution) and move it to be immediately below the text about the Honorary Treasurer (on page 2 of the document). Note this does NOT change any of the text, simply relative position of this paragraph.

HON SEC

Seconded by South West Area

Carried unanimously

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iii To add the following into the page thereof the Sub-Area Constitution immediately after the text about the Education Co-ordinator:

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“Sub-Area Chief Examiners and Sub-Area Chief Instructors

Who shall:

- a) Run the BMFA Achievement Scheme within the Sub-Area to the standards laid down by the BMFA and to the satisfaction of the Sub-Area Committee.
- b) Liaise with the Sub-Area Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator in the course of their duties.
- c) Report annually to the Sub-Area AGM via the Sub-Area Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator.

Sub-Area Chief Examiners and Sub-Area Chief Instructors will be non-voting members of the Sub-Area Committee. They may be initially recommended by the Sub-Area for ratification at Areas Council at any time but thereafter will be elected annually by the Sub-Area AGM, subject to confirmation by the relevant National Achievement Scheme Co-ordinator.

HON SEC

Items 10(f) and (g) do not apply to Sub-Area Chief Examiners and Sub-Area Chief Instructors.”

Seconded by South West
Carried unanimously

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

“The two Achievement Scheme Controllers will also be subject to election. Each will be elected for a two year period but may subsequently apply for re-election at the end of that period. One such position will be subject to re-election each year and the vacancy will be advertised in the BMFA News at the same time as the vacancies for the other elected members of the ASRC. In the event of more than one applicant for the vacant position of a Controller, the Full Council (not the Areas Council) shall vote to determine the elected Controller. Should no applicant for that vacancy exist or, in the view of the Full Council that no applicant has the requisite background, the Council has the right to appoint a Controller to the vacant position for the subsequent two year period of office.”

It was felt the wording of the proposal was slightly misleading. In the interest of clarity the Chairman asked the Honorary Secretary to re-think the wording and bring the proposal back to May Full Council.

HON SEC

717/1/11 (15) To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.

The Technical Secretary commented that he was very surprised not to have received any feedback on the new handbook.

He reminded Council that if anyone had any events that needed including in the contest calendar for inclusion in the next BMFA News, tomorrow is the latest he can accept them in order that he can meet the deadline.

718/1/11 (16) To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include:

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

The following contests will be included on the 2011 FAI Calendar:

F1 World Cup (Free Flight) (Stonehenge Cup) at Andover (Salisbury Plain)
 SM World Cup (Space Modelling) (Equinox Cup) at Andover (Salisbury Plain)
 F1 World Cup (Equinox Cup) at Barkston Heath
 F3A World Cup for RC Aerobatics at Ashford.
 F5B World Cup for Electric RC Multi-Task Gliders at Middle Wallop.

- b) **Receipt of this year's BMFA contest fees.**

FREE FLIGHT

<u>Juniors:</u>	All classes/all events	Free
<u>Season Tickets:</u>	Not available	
<u>Centralised:</u>	Site Access Charge	£6
	1st Class	£4
	Subsequent classes	£2 per class
<u>Area Centralised:</u>	Site Access Charge	As set by Area
	1 st Class	£4
	Subsequent classes	£2 per class
<u>Team Selection:</u>	Seniors	£20 per meeting or pre-entry for all 3 meetings £40. One fee enters all 3 classes.
<u>Nationals:</u>	Facilities Charge:	£18
	1st Class	£7 For Championship events
	1st Class	£4 Non Championship Events
	Subsequent classes	£7 For Championship events
	Subsequent classes	£4 Non Championship Events
	Unlimited classes	£30
	Pre-entry requested for all events.	
	On-field entry at 50% surcharge.	

Cont/... F1E Meetings Same as Area Centralised

Contest fees
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Space Modelling

Site charge only for all meetings including team trials

CONTROL LINE

<u>Juniors:</u>	All classes	Half the class fee
<u>Season Tickets:</u>	Not available	£0
<u>Centralised:</u>	1st Class	£15
	Subsequent classes	£10
<u>Team Selection:</u>	F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D	£15 per class.
<u>Nationals:</u>	TBA	

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TBA

SILENT FLIGHT

<u>Single event fees</u>	F3B/F3J/F5B	£10
	F3K/eSoaring	£7 (moving to £10 in 2012)
<u>Season Ticket</u>	F3J 3 events	£25
<u>Nationals</u>		TBA

RADIO CONTROL

RC Pylon (i/c)

<u>Juniors:</u>	All classes/all events	Free
<u>Season Tickets:</u>	Not available	£0
<u>Centralised:</u>		£15.00
<u>Team Selection:</u>	F3D	£40.00
<u>Nationals:</u>	All classes	£20.00 per class

RC Pylon (electric)

<u>Juniors:</u>	All classes/all events	Free
<u>Season Tickets:</u>	Not available	£0
<u>Centralised:</u>	All classes	£15.00 per class
<u>Team Selection:</u>		£0
<u>Nationals:</u>	1st class	£20.00
	E2k	£20
	Club 2000	£20

RC Helicopter

<u>Juniors:</u>	All classes/all events	Free
<u>Season Tickets:</u>	Not available	£0
<u>Centralised:</u>	F3C	£30.00
<u>Team Selection:</u>	F3C	£10.00 per competition
<u>Nationals:</u>	F3C	£30.00

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Sportsmans	£25.00
F3N	£20.00
Clubman	£25.00
Scale Heli	£20

RC Aerobatics

<u>Juniors:</u>	All classes/all events	Free
<u>Season Tickets:</u>	Not available	£0
<u>Centralised:</u>	F3A	£25.00
<u>Team Selection:</u>	F3A	£25.00 per
competition		
<u>Nationals:</u>	All classes	£30.00 per class

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None of these were confirmed as GBRC AA provided no information and did not attend RCPTC meeting.

IMAC Aerobatics

<u>Juniors:</u>	All classes/all events	Free
<u>Season Tickets:</u>	Not available	£0
<u>Centralised:</u>	One day	£N/A
	Two day	£N/A
<u>Nationals</u>	All classes	£28.00 per class

Fun Fly

<u>Nationals</u>	£20
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SCALE

<u>Centralised events</u>	RC	£12
	Or season ticket	£60
	CL	£10
	FF	£2
	Indoor	£15
	Registration and one class entry.	£3 per
	Additional class.	

<u>Nationals</u>	RC	£25
	CL	£15
	FF	£10
	Indoor	£15
	Registration and	£3 per class

<u>Team Trials</u>	F4B & F4C	£15
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<u>Juniors</u>	50% of senior fees for all events.
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The Northern Ireland Delegate left at this point therefore the voting figure is now 26.

c) To receive the following proposals:

i BMFA Record Book

Cont/d... Add a new sentence at the end of (2a) 2.8.1 (e) as follows:
(2a) 2.8.1 Verification of Measurements

d) The measuring device must be zeroed at the point of launch. If the device does not have such a facility, then the start (launch point altitude must be established and recorded. A statement clearly indicating the altitude of the start (launch) point and the altitude attained, is required. This must be signed by the pilot and substantiated by the official observer(s) and must be included in the dossier.

Seconded by London Area
Carried unanimously

TECH SEC

ii Appendix A of the BMFA Council Handbook: Formation of, and Terms of Reference for, BMFA Technical Committees, (Articles 32 (B) and 46).

(i) Definition (Article 46)

Amend to:

..... Each Committee shall consist of not more than six directly elected representatives, no more than two from any one affiliated club **or recognised Specialist Body** plus one representative from each of the Recognised Specialist Bodies linked to that committee. . . .

Seconded by London Area

There was a query with regard to whether the voting at Technical Council in October 2010 was unanimous in putting forward this proposal. The Chairman asked the Competition Secretary to defer the proposal and bring it back to a future meeting following further discussion at Technical Council.

COMP SEC

AGENDA ITEM – MARCH 2011 TECHNICAL COUNCIL

MEETING – To discuss the current rule (Articles 32 (B) and 46) in the Formation of, and Terms of Reference for, BMFA Technical Committees, specifically relating to elected representatives and not more than two from any one affiliated club.

OFFICE MGR

iii Contest Rules Section 2a – Records Rules and Information

NOTES

UK National Records

Insert a new 4th paragraph as follows:

For record claims set either in competition or as a dedicated record attempt, initial notification of the record claim should be made to the BMFA office within seven days of the flight taking place. The BMFA office should be in receipt of the Record Claim Dossier within 60 days of the flight taking place. If these conditions are not met then the record claim will be rejected.

A form to use for this 7-day notification appears at the end of this section.

Seconded by London Area

Vote: For: 23
Ags: 0
Abs: 3

Carried by a majority vote.

TECH SEC
RECORDS
OFFICER

719/1/11 (17) To receive a report from the Records Officer to include the following British Record Claim.

The Records Officer commended the following British Record Claims for ratification:

In addition to the five listed on the agenda the Records Officer with the Chairman's permission asked Council to consider a further Record claim for Rodney O'Neill. Details of Record Claim appended to these minutes.

RECORD CLAIM RODNEY O'NEILL (APPENDIX B)

- a) Name Rodney O'Neill Mem No 078813
Class: Living Room Stick Rubber Powered
Site: Kibble Dome, Moscow, Idaho USA Date 6th July 2010
Duration 10 mins
- b) Name Ben Jones/Geb Jones Mem Nos 89029/085217
Class: F3D Pylon
Site: Ballenstedt, Germany (Eurocup 2010)
Date 17th September 2010
Final: 0 Mins 58.49 secs
- c) Name Rob Ashley-Roche/Mark Vandervelden Mem No 080677/043072
Class F5D
Site F5D World Champs USA Date 23rd August 2010
Heat 0 mins 58.91 secs
- d) Name Elizabeth Robinson
Class Penny Plane (Novice) Rubber Powered
Site Kibbie Dome, Moscow, Idaho, USA Date 4th July 2010
Duration 10 mins 14 secs
- e) Name D Heaton/K Morrissey/M Fleming Mem No 050550/002525/001976
Class Barton B Team Race Heat
Site Barkston Heath Date 30th August 2010
T/R Records Race Time Heat 3 mins 09.1 secs
- f) Name D Heaton/K Morrissey/M Fleming Mem No 050550/002525/001976
Class Barton B Team Race Final
Site Barkston Heath Date 30th August 2010
T/R Records Race Time Final 6 mins 35.1 secs

Seconded by the FAI Delegate
Vote en bloc
Carried unanimously

**RECORDS
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OFFICE MGR**

720/1/11 (18) To receive a report from the PRO.

******* WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX C)**

Synopsis of the report – He attended and assisted on the stand at the Flying Show at the NEC; he attended the EIM at Bradford; he will be attending and assisting at the London Model Engineering Exhibition in London.

He is looking forward to a very busy season and requested that if anybody was interested in helping out at any of the events during the year they should contact him. They should also contact him if they have events they require assistance with.

721/1/11 (19) To receive a report from the FAI Delegate.

The FAI Delegate reported that there are a few issues with the FAI Licence Database which the FAI are currently looking in to.

The FAI Delegate proposed that Dave Cline BMFA No 117131, and Mike Francies BMFA No 39222 be appointed as the two Alternate FAI Delegates for 2011 and that Dave Cline be notified to the FAI as the designated Alternate Delegate for 2011.

**FAI DEL
CEO**

Seconded by the Records Officer
Carried unanimously

722/1/11 (20) To receive the following proposals.

i From Control Line Technical Committee that some additional funding is provided for the purchase of a commercially built display system for Team Race competitions (TRDU). The total cost would be £4,380 inc VAT at 20%. However, £1,837 remains from the original budget and the CLTC has unanimously agreed to contribute £1,163 from the CL Contest Account which is funded entirely from CL contest entry fees.

This brings the funds available up to the original £3,000 agreed by Council. An additional £1,380 is, therefore, requested to complete this project using the commercial company as outlined in the attached paper.

Seconded by the Honorary Treasurer.

CLTC provided background information in support of the above proposal.

The Technical Secretary posed the question that because additional money from the CLTC is being provided who actually owns the equipment.

The Honorary Treasurer responded that all capital equipment is owned by the BMFA however it can be kept in the guardianship of a Technical Committee.

Vote: Carried unanimously

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CLTC**

ii From North West Area that in General Rules, Section 2, add to the end of rule 2.5.2. (d).

“Notification that an updated Contest Rule Book (or amendment sheet) is available to the membership is to be announced in BMFA News together with an implementation date that is at least four weeks later.”

North West withdrew the proposal for further consideration of the wording and will bring back to May Full Council.

NW AREA

iii From Silent Flight Technical Committee that helpers at F3B Euro and World Championships should be funded in the same way as they are for F3J competitions i.e. as pilots.

Seconded by South Midland

Silent Flight provided background information in support of the above proposal.

The Honorary Treasurer advised that the Executive discussed the whole aspect of funding International teams at their meeting the previous day. They agreed to the Honorary Treasurer, Competition Secretary and Accounts Manager holding a meeting to discuss the issue in advance of next year’s budget submission and come back with a recommendation of how the funding should be equally and fairly distributed amongst teams.

With this in mind the Honorary Treasurer suggested Silent Flight hold this proposal in abeyance until that discussion has taken place.

Silent Flight was happy to defer the proposal given the above statement from the Honorary Treasurer. This will be discussed at the September Full Council Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM – SEPTEMBER FULL COUNCIL – To discuss International Team funding.

OFFICE MGR

iv From Free Flight Technical Committee to reallocate the David Brawn (Nordic), Mick Duce and Pete Buskell Memorial trophies to suitable replacement events and to best accommodate then reallocate the Astral and Weston trophies to classes at the Free Flight Nationals.

Seconded by the Records Officer
Carried unanimously

**FFTC
RECORDS
OFFICER**

v From Mid West Area that the Areas Council is represented on the Full Council by the Area’s ‘Council Chairman and one delegate elected from the members of the Areas Council. The Delegate to be in post for one year. This delegate to carry the total number of votes of the Areas Council i.e. one per Area delegate. Resignation of this delegate, for whatever reason, will result in the election of an alternate who will hold office for the

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remainder of the year. In the event that a matter for discussion is of particular interest to an Area, other than that of the elected delegate, that Area's Delegate may also attend the appropriate Full Council meeting.

PRO proposed the above proposal
Seconded by Northern Area
Defeated unanimously

vi From the Competition Secretary to add the following to General Rules (Contest Rules) Sections 1 & 2

General Rules (Contest Rules) Sections 1 & 2

Add a new second sentence to sub-paragraph 2.1.3 (f) and make the existing second sentence into a new sub-paragraph (g) with the deletion of the first word.

2.1.3 Team Selection Contests

- (a) Technical Committees shall be responsible for organising Team Selection contests for the selection of people to comprise British teams for World and European Championships.
- (b) Technical Committees may delegate the responsibility for arranging and running Team Selection contests to a Specialist Body or other responsible group of people with the relevant expertise.
- (c) In all circumstances the Technical Committee is responsible for ensuring that any Team Selection contests are run in accordance with the rules and in a fair and equitable way.
- (d) The formats of Team Selection contests are listed in the team selection procedures to be found in each individual contest rule book.
- (e) Team Selection contests must be published as such in the official BMFA Events and Contest Calendar.
- (f) All Team Selection contests are open to any flier who has the appropriate insurance cover (See 2.1.5).
However, when a National Championship contributes towards Team Selection, flight line constraints may necessitate a restriction on the number of entries in a contest and/or associated classes. Details of any such restriction can be found in the Team Selection procedures in each individual contest rule book.
- ~~(g)~~ **However,** Selection for team places will be restricted to fliers who will be eligible to hold a UK FAI licence at the time of the Championships for which the Team Selection contest is being held.

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Add a new second sentence to sub-paragraph 2.1.6 (a)

2.1.6 Entry to BMFA Contests

- (a) Entry to Centralised, Free Flight Area Centralised and Team Trials contests, including all the National Championships, is open to all fliers. **Restrictions on the number of entries may apply at a National Championship.**
- (b) Entry to World Air Games national selection events is open to all fliers who hold a valid UK FAI licence and non-BMFA members must produce evidence of valid insurance cover.
- (c) All BMFA members must produce on demand their current membership card as proof of insurance.
- (d) Non-members must produce evidence of valid insurance cover.
- (e) Foreign non-BMFA members must produce a valid FAI licence.

Add a new second sentence to sub-paragraph 2.7.1

2.7 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

- 2.7.1 British National Championship events are open to any competitor, regardless of nationality, subject to foreign nationals holding an FAI Sporting Licence from their National Airsports Control or National Aero Club. **However, flight line constraints may necessitate a restriction on the number of entries in certain classes. Details of any such restriction can be found in each individual contest rule book.**
- 2.7.2 The winner of a contest at any British National Championships is the British Nationals Champion for that contest.
- 2.7.3 Technical Committees or BMFA Specialist Bodies may run a separate annual contest or series of contests to produce a British Champion.
- 2.7.4 Where a separate contest (as in 2.7.3) is not run then the British Nationals Champion in any competition class is also the British Champion.
- 2.7.5 A minimum of three competitors are required to have recorded a score in any class flown at the British National Championships in order for one of them to be named as British Nationals Champion.

Seconded by the Records Officer

The Competition Secretary provided a brief explanation in support of the above proposal.

Vote: Carried unanimously.

COMP SEC
SCALE TC
TECH SEC

vii From Scale Technical Committee to introduce a qualifying requirement for entry into the R/C Scale events (F4C and Flying Only) at the Power National Championships.

Scale withdrew the above proposal in light of the introduction of the above changes to General Rules (Contest Rules) Sections 1 & 2 from the Competition Secretary.

723/1/11 (21) To receive any reports from the following Delegates.

a) RAeC Delegate

WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX D)

b) **GASCo** - The newly appointed CEO at GASCo is taking more interest in aero modelling as part of general aviation that his predecessor.

They have taken on board a suggestion by the GASCo Delegate (BMFA Chairman) to issue details of the location of major model flying sites to the various general aviation clubs and imploring the members of those clubs to liaise with the model flying clubs.

The Technical Secretary pointed out that it is quite important that we issue a notice in BMFA News that if model flying clubs are 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.

CHAIRMAN

c) **AIR PROX** – No report.
d) **Sport + Recreation Alliance (formerly) CCPR** – No report.
e) **GAAC** – No report.

724/1/11 (22) To receive any reports from the following Committees.

- a) **CAA Team** – Included in the Honorary Secretary report.
- b) **UKRCC** – No report.
- ***** c) **Education Working Group WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX E)**
- d) **Flight Challenge** – The event will be taking place in 2011.
- e) **University Challenge** – In hand and will be taking place at Elvington.
- f) **Computer Sub-Committee** - Nothing to report.
- g) **Safety Review Committee** – Nothing to report.
- h) **ASRC** – The Scale 'C' is almost ready for submitting to Areas Council for consideration.
- i) **BMFA News Publishers**

The Publishers brought to the notice of Council an article on Helicopters in the last issue of BMFA News which included a report of their event at the Power Nationals, supported by half a page of detailed round by round results to all placings for all Helicopter events.

The Publishers felt the results information included in the article was too excessive and that the standard 1st, 2nd, 3rd positions published in BMFA News should suffice.

A discussion ensued and the following proposal was put forward.

BMFA News Publishers proposed that the publication of results of Nationals events in the BMFA News is limited to the reporting of the first three placings in each event.

Seconded by the Records Officer

Vote: For: 5
Ags: 17
Abs: 4

Defeated by a majority vote.

- j) **Flying Site Adviser's Report** – Report previously circulated. Epsom Downs problem some years ago and asked if the new Club Support Officer would re-visit it.

London Area referred to the CEO and the Technical Secretary explained that we would work with the landowners whoever they may be to ensure that measures appropriate to their needs are put in place. With Epsom you have to put it in the context of that particular time which was shortly after the fatality on Dartford Heath, some London Boroughs had prohibited flying in their Boroughs entirely. The conservators at Epsom were concerned about this and wanted some control measures in place to ensure that there was some regulation rather than none. On that basis the conservators wanted to see an organised club in place. It shifted the liability to the club rather than themselves.

- **** k) **BMFA Archivist Report – WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX F)**

725/1/11 (23) Any Other Business.

There was none.

726/1/11 (24) Date of next meeting.

The next meeting was confirmed as **21st May 2011** at 11am.

Post meeting note – it is confirmed that the meeting will take place at the Premier Hotel Braunstone South, Leicester.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 16.55pm.

Linda Harding, Office Manager
26th January 2011

Report from the Hon Secretary for the Jan 2011 Council meeting.

Since the last Council meeting in September I have attended both the BMFA and BARCS AGMs both of whom proceeded smoothly. I also attended the annual meeting with the CAA and I am pleased to report that no significant issues were raised.

In spite of best efforts, things in the Devon Sub Area escalated again in November leading to the resignation of the Sub Area Chairman. Fortunately Peter Disney stepped in to chair the AGM and a new committee has been appointed for 2011 who will, hopefully, take their local affairs forward more smoothly. My various proposals on the Sub Area constitution for tomorrow's Council meeting are to clear up minor issues arising after the Devon AGM.

I was involved in ongoing discussions with the SFTC as regards a "fairer" set of procedures for F3J team selection and I am pleased to report that a satisfactory resolution has been agreed by that Tech Committee and is now embodied in the 2011 Silent Flight rule book.

Finally I have made a start to reviewing changes needed to the Council Handbook. The Chief Executive has provided me with Council agreed proposals since the issue date of the Handbook (1996) and hopefully working through these proposals chronologically will give a firm basis for such update work.

Robin Sleight

BRITISH MODEL FLYING ASSOCIATION – BRITISH NATIONAL RECORD CLAIM FORM
INDOOR & FREE FLIGHT ONLY

Please print clearly

RECORD CLASS NUMBER: **2010 173 d.**

RECORD CLASS: **LIVE ROY STICK RUBBER POWERED**

SPECIFICATION OF MODEL AIRCRAFT	
WING SPAN	178 mm
WING AREA	108 sq cm
WING LOADING	0.004 g/cm ²
TAIL AREA	48 sq cm
WING CHORD (Indoor)	63 mm
OVERALL LENGTH	250 mm
FUSELAGE CROSS SECTION (Vintage only)	N/A
TOTAL WEIGHT	0.44 gms
CEILING HEIGHT (Indoor)	42.7 m
N° OF STRANDS	2
SIZE OF STRANDS	0.030 x 0.40
WEIGHT OF MOTOR	0.4 gms
MAKE OF ENGINE	N/A
TYPE OF ENGINE	N/A
CAPACITY	N/A
TYPE OF CELL (electric only)	N/A
METHOD OF LAUNCH	N/A
LENGTH OF TOWLINE	N/A
OWN/PROPRIETARY DESIGN (name of):	REUMI

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MEMBERSHIP N°: **078813**

SIGNATURE: *Robert O'Neill*

NAME OF CLUB: **BELFAST MODEL FLYING CLUB**

FAI LICENCE N° (For World Records):

CATEGORY: **RUBBER** GLIDER POWER (circle & delete as appropriate) POWER ENGINE RUN: **N/A** secs

DURATION: **10** mins **00** secs DISTANCE: **N/A** km **N/A** m ALTITUDE: **N/A** m SPEED: **N/A** mph

DATE OF FLIGHT: **06/07/2010** VENUE: **KIRKBRIDE DUNE, HOSCOE TOWN, USA**

WIND SPEED: **N/A** mph TEMPERATURE: **19** °C HUMIDITY: **38** % PRESSURE: **N/A** MB

OTHER WEATHER: **SUN** **OVERCAST** **RAIN** **VARIABLE** (circle & delete as appropriate)

We, the undersigned, certify that we witnessed and, with appropriate certified equipment, timed the flight claimed above and that the details of the model aircraft are as stated.

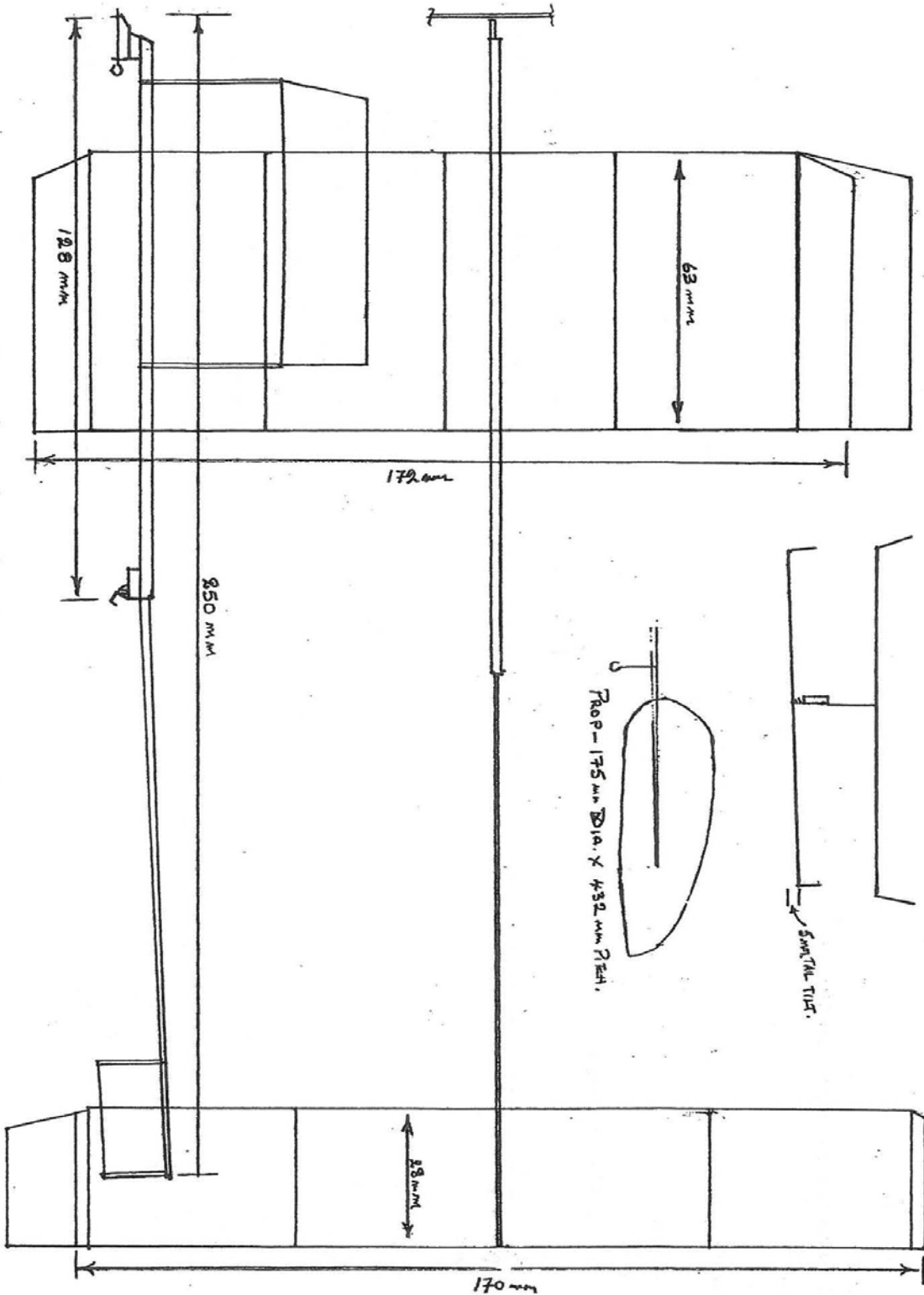
NAME (print): **ANDREW LAFFERTY** SIGNATURE: *Andrew Lafferty*

CLUB: **ARKAND CLUB DISTERS** BMFA N°: **AWA 5533** DATE: **06/07/2010**

NAME (print): **ELIZABETH ROBINSON** SIGNATURE: *E Robinson*

CLUB: **BELFAST MFC** BMFA N°: **142822** DATE: **06/07/2010**

BRITISH NATIONAL RECORD CLAIM FORM - plan, side & front views of the model aircraft with principal dimensions



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PRO REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL 8th JANUARY 2011

I attended the Flying Show at the NEC, where we provided the only actual flying display. The stand created a huge amount of interest from attendees, the flying demonstrations even more so, and the simulators had crowds round them most of both days. Well worthwhile making these links with others interested in aerospports, many of whom are not currently active aeromodellers.

I was also lucky enough to attend the EIM at Bradford. A stunning event, and a great showcase for aeromodelling. It was held in a hall in a large leisure centre, and the flying drew large groups of spectators. Not an ideal venue from a flying point of view, but a terrific PR opportunity.

Will be attending the London Model Engineering in London, always plenty of interest on the stand, and well worth the effort.

ROYAL AERO CLUB DELEGATE'S REPORT – JANUARY 2011

I attended meetings of the RAeC Medals and Awards Committee and Council on Jan. 13th. The following matters have relevance to model flying.

- 1) At the M&A committee it was decided to award our nominees as follows:
 John David Jones – Certificate of Appreciation
 Alf Tunnicliffe – Certificate of Merit
 Tom Walker “ “
 Jamie Griffin – Breitling Certificate of Recognition (title possibly not quite finalised)
 Peter Watson – RAeC Gold Medal
 We had put Peter forward for a silver medal, but the BPA delegate pointed out that a World Championships win normally rated a gold, and particularly as this was the first such win for the UK in half a century.
 Several people mentioned that some of the BMFA citations were very sparse and needed fleshing out.
- 2) The RAeC Awards Evening will be at the RAF Club, Piccadilly on May 11th. This date will be adhered to, whether or not HRH the Duke of York can attend.
- 3) The RAeC has been presented by Buckingham Palace with a silver cup dating from 1719, to be known as The Queen's Cup. It is for air racing, loosely interpreted, and open to all associations; to ensure adequate publicity, bids are to be made with a two year lead time, the decision as to which discipline will compete for the trophy each year being made by the RAeC.
- 4) FAI sponsorship by Red Bull and Rolex has ceased, and there is concern that the new FAI management plans to use some of the funds raised by the sporting commissions via competition registration fees to pay for staff, office changes and promoting the FAI brand.
- 5) Because of difficulties in persuading HRH to sign future FAI national record certificates (a figure of £11 each was mentioned !) it was decided that this would be done instead by the RAeC chairman.
- 6) Two tenders have been received for the new RAeC website. A three-man sub-committee is to decide on their relative merits in time for the next Council meeting.

Martin Dilly
 RAeC Delegate

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Education Working Group Report BMFA Council 8th Jan 2011

As you know I have sent my request for permission to be absent as I am on the BMFA Education Stand at the Association of Science Education annual meeting this year held at the University of Reading. This is the best place to come in to contact with up to 5,000 science educators of all levels. The more observant of you will have noticed that I was also absent from the Society's AGM as I was running the BMFA stand at the D & T Show at the NEC, where I managed to make some good contacts. It has always been the aim of the Education Working Group to promote model aircraft building and flying as a good educational tool for both Craft Design & Technology and Science.

Casting my mind back to last January and writing this report in the cold of this December I hope that the weather is favourable this January for both the Council meeting and the ASE meeting. Early reports on the University challenge look favourable however being unable to find a suitable flying site the Schools Challenge had to be cancelled. This is a great pity as quite a number of teachers asked about it at the D & T Show. The Aero Jet model proved to be extremely popular at the show as we actually ran out of kits.

An opportunity for the introduction of the BMFA Education Programme may be created with the change of status in some schools to Academies this will free them from the financial and curriculum constraints of the local education authority.

As I am writing this report at the end of December it may be of interest to look at the BMFA Education Programme in terms of kits sold. I can only look at kits produced by Sky Hi Products but it should give an indication of the Education Programme's success. Total production of education kits produced by Sky Hi Products has reached 238,192 of which 123,571 are BMFA Darts. Kits produced for 2010 was 15,996. This was a decrease of 3899 on 2009 and is probably due to some extent to the recession.

It may be interesting to note that in 2010, 34.5% of all production is sold by the BMFA Office, 54.7% of production went directly to schools, 3.8% of production went directly to youth organisations and the remaining 3.2% to private individuals. Comparing this with 2009 figures the number of kits sold to schools has gone up by nearly 8% whilst the kits sold to youth organisations went down by over 5%. Make of this what you will.

Mike Colling
Education Working Group.

ARCHIVISTS REPORT TO THE FULL COULCIL MEETING

It is pleasing to report that the refurbishment of the Tom Whittle Library is almost complete. I would like to record my thanks to the staff involved for their tireless work in this respect.

During the past few months we have received several donations and I hope to have them all recorded during the coming year.

As you will all know our dear friend and aero modelling historian, Ron Moulton passed away, I will certainly miss his friendly advice and knowledge. Ron has bequeathed some of his books to the Society, these are to be collected during the next few weeks.

Kath Watson, FSMAE.
Vice President & Archivist
4th May 2011

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