

# **ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING**

**20<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

## **Present**

Terry Rounce	Chairman
Peter Spurway	Member / PAS Controller
Chris Bromley FSMAE	Member / BMFA Tech Sec
John Harris	Member
Dick Whitehead	Member
Bob Mahoney	Member
Mick Eames	Member
Andy Symons	Member
Linda Harding	Minute taker / Office Manager

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- 1. Apologies**  
Apologies were received from Nial Ball.
- 2. Correction and adoption of minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2008 meeting.**

**John Harris proposed that the Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2008 meeting be accepted as a true record of that meeting.**

Seconded by Andy Symons

Vote: For: 7  
Ags: 0  
Abs: 1

Carried by a majority vote.

3. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2008 meeting.**

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- **Fourth paragraph, ratification of Country Member Approved Instructors** – The Membership Secretary had prepared a status report with regard to ratification of Club Examiners, Approved Instructors and Qualified Instructors.

A discussion took place regarding whether we should have a procedure for de-ratifying Club Examiners at any given time during the year. The recommendation emanating from the discussion was that any queries with regard to Club requests to de-ratify Examiners should be passed on to the PAS Controller.

- **Second paragraph, ratification of Country Member Approved Instructors** – A request was made for the office to write to Country Member Approved Instructors who are not ratified.

**Action: Office Mgr**

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- **Fourth paragraph, GTBA/JMA Joint agreement** – The Technical Secretary advised that work is in progress.

**Action: Tech Sec**

The Chairman commented that we are looking forward to a final document which will then enable this Committee to move forward with discussions on the possibilities of a Jet 'C'.

- **Seventh paragraph, meeting of ASC's** – The PAS Controller advised that he had sent an invitation to ASC's inviting them to attend a meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2008. At the moment there are six people who have said they would definitely be coming. We may hear from more at Areas Council next week.

- **Final paragraph, action on PAS Controller to write to relevant Chief Examiners re Jet qualification** – The PAS Controller will write to Chief Examiners and hopefully will be able to report back at the ASC Meeting.

**Action: PAS Controller**

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- **Fourth paragraph, rephrase paragraph in Heli Standards Booklet** – It was agreed that the wording "Forms should be sent in within seven days to the Leicester Office" should apply to all Achievement Booklets where relevant.

**Action: Tech Sec**

- **Fifth paragraph, concerns re Electric Powered Models** – With regard to Electric powered Helicopters the ASRC is concerned about there being a hazard when the flight pack is connected to Helicopters. These views have been passed on to BEFA representative.

The Chairman will liaise with the Safety Committee to ask if they could include something on the agenda at their next meeting.

**Action: Chairman**

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- **Penultimate paragraph, Examiner Log Books** – The Office Manager advised that work is in progress.

This concluded matters arising.

**4. Correspondence**

The Chairman read out a letter from Roger Bellingham, South Midland Area reference concerns the Area has with regard to the testing standards recently witnessed by their ASC (a member of this Committee) at a commercially organised achievement testing day which took place in their Area.

The Chairman was also present at the event and witnessed the appalling standards of the testing at the Tower end, so much so that eventually he felt compelled to approach the Examiners who were taking the tests.

Mick Eames member of this Committee and ASC for South Midland Area represented the South Midland Area at the event and commented that he was ashamed to be associated with it.

The consensus was this constitutes as evidence of varying standards of testing and that we should take it to Areas Council. The Chairman said he would raise it at Areas Council and request that it is put on a future agenda for discussion.

**Action: Chairman**

**5. Committee policy concerning submissions to Area/Full Council.**

The Chairman stressed that when the Technical Secretary puts forward proposals to Council on behalf of this Committee he must have one hundred percent backing and agreement from this Committee. To that end proposals will not be submitted unless he has this agreement.

If a Committee member has any comments when the draft proposals are circulated to them by the Technical Secretary they should make relevant notes for the next meeting so that a final document can be agreed.

**6. Co-ordinators Meeting.**

This takes place on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2008. We are hoping to lay down the ground work for Co-ordinators. Hoping Co-ordinators can get together so that they can exchange views etc. We need to remind Area Delegates at the forthcoming Areas Council that they passed the resolution to hold this meeting and therefore it is incumbent on them to urge their ASC to attend the meeting.

**7. Heli Standards Booklet.**

**'A' Certificate Guidance Book.**

In all documents "briefly" gone – replaced with "about five seconds".

Pg 1 – Outdoors; Electric powered models, batteries being live.

Relevant changes were agreed for the following:

Pg 4, 5 – Ground positioning markers.

Drawing – mark following on drawing – Centre marker; "take-off & landing point" & dotted circle; bracket after 5m (minimum pilots choice) "pilot's position"; reference to five metres add "minimum".

New paragraph qualifying references where schedule refers to approximate (about) times and distances.

*"Distances and times are approximate and if requested by the candidate you can count the times down for them and advise them to move on at the appropriate point."*

**'B' Certificate Guidance Book.**

Changes agreed for the 'A' Certificate booklet, where relevant will automatically be changed in the 'B' booklet.

Pg 11 – Top Hat

References take-off/landing pad Marker replace with "landing pad point".

Pg 13 – (g) Delete last sentence of first paragraph.

The proposals for the changes to the Helicopter Guidance Books will be put to Areas Council in due course.

**8. Scale 'C'.**

Will concentrate on Scale 'C' in 2009. Will take on board comments from Dave Kerswell FSMAE and Ian Pallister Scale TC. When we are ready we will involve relevant parties. It will be pitched at Club level with the aim of encouraging more people into scale.

**9. Jet 'C'.**

Jet 'C' will be on the agenda for 2009. Similarly as with the Scale 'C' when we are ready we will be asking for input from relevant interested parties.

**10. Log Books.**

Work in progress.

**11. SAA**

The Technical Secretary advised that he had received an email from a member of the SAA explaining issues they have with issuing Bronze awards (which is the equivalent of the BMFA 'A') for Electric ic.

The Technical Secretary responded to the email and provided relevant information. The SAA member will be joining the BMFA and the Bronze achievement he has attained will be transferred to BMFA 'A'.

We need to make it known that if an Examiner will not test somebody with an appropriate electric model, we want to know about it. People are getting worried with the high powered models.

**12. AOB.**

Request from PAS Controller. A,B & E re-tests, paragraph two – change "adjoining Area" to "from outside of the Area". Page 48 column 2, paragraph 2. This will be forward as a proposal to Council.

**Action: Tech Sec**

**13. Date of next meeting.**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2008.**

Linda Harding  
Office Manager  
19<sup>th</sup> October 2008

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