

SOCIETY OF MODEL AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS LTD.
(T/A British Model Flying Association)

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 6th January 2007 at Chacksfield House, 31 St Andrew's Road, Leicester LE2 8RE.

Provisional until confirmed at the next Council Meeting.

PRESENT

Robin Gowler FSMAE	Chairman
Roger Bedford FSMAE	Vice Chairman
Graham Lynn MBE	Honorary Secretary
Keith Lomax	Honorary Treasurer
Jo Halman FSMAE	Competition Secretary
Sue Reeves	Alternate Technical Secretary
John French	Records Officer
Stuart Marsden	PRO
Jim Andrews	FAI Delegate
Nigel Barker	East Anglia Area Delegate
Martin Dilly FSMAE	London Area Delegate/RAeC Delegate
George Maynard	Midland Area Delegate
Gordon Warburton FSMAE	Northern Area Delegate
Allan Weighell FSMAE	North East Area Delegate
David Lloyd-Jones	North West Area Delegate
Peter Christy	South Midland Area Delegate
Keith Miller	South East Area Delegate
Stuart Simpson	Southern Area Delegate
Phil Durant	Western Area Delegate
Robin Jones FSMAE	Mid West Area Delegate
Mike Chignell	South West Area Delegate
Martin Paffett	RAFMAA Area Delegate
Howard Menary FSMAE	Northern Ireland Area Delegate
Dave Clarkson	Free Flight TC Representative
Chris Barker	Control Line TC Representative
Steve Ogden	R/C Power TC Representative
Chris Moynihan	R/C Silent Flight TC Representative
Mike Goldby	Scale TC Representative
Nick Aikman	Indoor TC Alternate

In Attendance

Dave Phipps	Chief Executive
Linda Harding	Office Manager / Minute Taker
Eric Clark	BMFA News Editor

Observers

Frank Buttery	East Devon RCC
Clive Needham	Oldham & DMAC

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.
 - a) Co-option of PRO (*Chairman*)
- 6 To verify the voting strength of the meeting.
- 7 To:
 - a Note names of the Technical Committee Chairmen.
 - b Ratify Alternate FAI Delegate.
 - c Ratify the BMFA Delegates to other organisations.
 - d Ratify Council appointed sub-committees.
 - e Ratify Council appointed posts.
- 8 Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 16th September 2006.
- 9 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 16th September 2006 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 10 To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer to include the following proposal.

That the allocation of any surplus from the non-competition activities of the Radio Control, Control Line and Scale Nationals ("Power Nationals") shall be as follows:

- Fifty percent into the Nationals Reserve fund
- Fifty percent to be distributed to team travel funds

The Nationals Finance Meeting (consisting of the Honorary Treasurer, Nationals Co-ordinator and Chief Executive) shall have the authority to vary the percentages, subject to the requirement that the amount distributed to team travel funds shall be not less than fifty percent.

The element for team travel funds shall be proportioned thus:

- An equal amount shall be allocated for the number of individual members (for whom BMFA pays entry fees) of teams for World and European Championships ratified in the following calendar year, for disciplines flown at the Power Nationals.
- A new sub-committee chaired by the Honorary Treasurer and also consisting of the Competition Secretary and the treasurer of each relevant technical committee will meet between the first Full Council meeting of the calendar year and the end of the financial year.

- This sub-committee has the power to vary the amounts per team based on anticipated travel costs due to location and accessibility of the respective competition venue, and any additional constraints relating to each discipline. Costs for this committee shall be charged to the following Power Nationals account.
- The agreed amounts shall be paid into the relevant disciplines' team travel funds.
- Each Technical Committee shall retain their existing ability to vary the amount paid to each team member within their disciplines if they so wish, or to retain funds for support of known future events with higher anticipated costs.

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 *From Free Flight Technical Committee to appoint Team Managers for the World F/F Championships in Odessa, Ukraine, 24th June – 1st July 2007. Team Manager M J Woodhouse 034262*
Assistant Team Manager R J Cheesley 043647
- ii *From Free Flight Technical Committee to appoint Teams for the World F/F Championships in Odessa, Ukraine, 24th June – 1st July 2007.*
F1A C Edge 064198 J Carter 050520 W Colledge 065084
Reserve P Ball 057180
F1B M Woolner 057957 M Woodhouse 034262 R Peers 027418
Reserve B Martin 033593
F1C N Allen 039572 S Screen 064182
P Watson 062347 and A Jack 056873 status as 3rd place/ reserve still to be resolved.
- iii *From Free Flight Technical Committee to appoint a Team Manager for the F1E World Championships to be held in Turda, Romania, 27th August – 1st September 2007.*
Team Manager I Kaynes 021003
- iv *From Free Flight Technical Committee to appoint a Team for the F1E World Championships to be held in Turda, Romania, 27th August – 1st September 2007.*
I Kaynes 021003 D Bartle 067661
- v *From Indoor Technical Committee that the BMFA should elect to send a Senior GBR F1D Team to compete in the 2007 European F1D Championships. These are scheduled to be held at the Trade Fair complex in Belgrade 26/08/07 to 01/09/07. The Team will comprise:*

Bob Bailey BMFA 02479 (Vikings Free Flight Group)
Derek Richards BMFA 065309 (Country Member)
Mark Benns BMFA 072513 (Peterborough MFC)
The 1st reserve should be Nick Aikman BMFA 115898 (Country Member)
- vi *From Indoor Technical Committee that Nick Aikman, BMFA 115898 (Country Member) should be elected to serve as Team Manager for the Senior GBR F1D Team who will compete in the 2007 European F1D Championships. These are scheduled to be held at the Trade Fair Complex in Belgrade 26/08/07 to 01/09/07.*
- vii *From Control Line Technical Committee that the F2A team for the 2007 European Championships, 6th - 14th July in Belgrade, Serbia comprises the following fliers:*
- | NAME | BMFA NUMBER | CLUB |
|----------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| <i>Peter Halman FSMAE</i> | <i>50198</i> | <i>Sharston</i> |
| <i>Paul Eisner</i> | <i>57093</i> | <i>Elmbridge</i> |
| <i>Ken Morrissey FSMAE</i> | <i>2525</i> | <i>Sharston</i> |

- RESERVES:**
 Gordon Isles 50258 Barton
 Dick McGladdery 54062 Feltham
- viii From Control Line Technical Committee that the F2B team for the 2007 European Championships, 6th - 14th July in Belgrade, Serbia comprises the following fliers:
- | NAME | BMFA NUMBER | CLUB |
|----------------|-------------|------------|
| Robert Kitley | 121912 | Nuneaton |
| Barry Robinson | 68248 | Shildon |
| Bill Draper | 40352 | Nottingham |
- RESERVES:**
 Stephen Smith 2135 Feltham
- ix From Control Line Technical Committee that the F2C team for the 2007 European Championships, 6th - 14th July in Belgrade, Serbia comprises the following fliers:
- | NAME | BMFA NUMBER | CLUB |
|---------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Langworth/Broadhead | 40335/037494 | Wharfedale/Barton |
| Barker/North | 51784/24195 | RAFMAA/Grantham |
| Ross/Yeldham | 50551/30971 | Barton/Country Member |
- RESERVES**
 Holmes/Robson 30618/38279 Novocastia/Novocastia
- x From Control Line Technical Committee that the F2D team for the 2007 European Championships, 6th - 14th July in Belgrade, Serbia comprises the following people:
- | PILOTS | BMFA NUMBER | CLUB |
|---------------------|-------------|------------|
| Graham Ives | 88421 | Novocastia |
| Martin Johnson | 20799 | Novocastia |
| Martin Coe | 135194 | Scampton |
| Sam Hobbins- Junior | J145970 | Scampton |
- | PITMEN | BMFA NUMBER | CLUB |
|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| Peter Grange | 70889 | Urmston |
| Gordon Price | SAA3304 | tba |
| Tony Frost | 145954 | Country Member |
- RESERVE**
 Andrew Shields SAA6203 tba
- xi From Silent Flight Technical Committee that the following members be ratified as the UK Team for the 2007 Euro Championships class F3J.
 Adrian Lee 066474
 Simon Jackson 035686
 Tony Vale
 Team Manager TBA
- xii From R/C Power Technical Committee that Alison Harrop (S089395) be appointed as F3A Team Manager for the 2007 season.
- xiii From R/C Power Technical Committee that the following BMFA members be ratified as the 2007 FAI-F3A Team for the World Championships being held in Argentina, November 2007.
 Angus Balfour (SAA1586) Kevin Caton (S002281) John Harrop (S089390)
 Reserves:
 Malcolm Balfour (SAA278) David Balfour (SAA276)
- xiv From R/C Power Technical Committee that Roger Mayo (S125835) be appointed as F3C Team Manager for the 2007 season.

xv From R/C Power Technical Committee that the following BMFA Members be ratified as the 2007 FAI-F3C Team for the World Championships being held in Poland, 2007 (Dates and location TBA).

Dave Fisher (S031112) Steve Roberts (S043791) Daniel Crozier (A134830)

Reserve:

Darren Hardy (S140761)

xvi From R/C Power Technical Committee that John Barker (S057229) be appointed F3D (Pylon) Team Manager for the 2007 season. (World Championships – Muncie, Indiana, USA).

xvii From R/C Power Technical Committee that the following BMFA Members be ratified as 2007 FAI-F3D Team for the World Championships being held in Muncie, USA, 23-28 June 2007.

Pilot: Bruce Illingworth (074670) Pilot: Ben Jones (089029)

Caller: Mick Illingworth (079899) Caller: Geb Jones (085217)

Pilot: Dean Gibbs (086013)

Caller: Maurice Barker (014161)

xviii From Scale Technical Committee that Great Britain is represented at the 2007 Scale European Championships in the Ukraine by the Team Manager, Gordon Warburton FSMAE (058428), CV attached and 3 team members who will be nominated once the dates and venue have been finalised.

b Receipt of declarations from any Technical Committees that have not yet finalised a proposed team, that it does intend to send a team.

From Silent Flight Technical Committee that they will send a Team and Team Manager for F3B World Champs 2007.

12 To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.

13 To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.

14 To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary.

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.

17 To receive a report from the Records Officer to include the following proposal:

That the Society accepts as an adopted trophy the "Baikonur Trophy".

To include the following British Record Claims:

a *Deferred from Full Council Meeting 16th September 2006*

Name Nigel Hawes / Brian Collins – BMFA No 101754 / 120581

Class F5E–S Distance in a straight line

Site Across English Channel Date 8th July 2006

Duration 63 mins 42 secs

- b *Deferred from Full Council Meeting 16th September 2006*
- Name Andrew Ellison – BMFA No 63845
 Class R/C Electric Power Assisted Glider
 Site Kay House Farm Date 16th July 2006
 Duration 151 mins 44.2 secs
- c Name Ian Dowsett – BMFA No 056513
 Class S1B Altitude
 Site Baikonur Russia Kazakhstan Date 25th September 2006
 Altitude 316 metres
- d Name John Jacomb – BMFA No 208203
 Class S3A Duration Rocket
 Site RAF Barkston Heath Date 20th August 2006
 Duration 10 mins 03 secs
- e Name Duncan Bainbridge – Pilot - BMFA No 027286
 Michael Orchard – Pitman – BMFA No 044253
 Alex Delgado – Pitman – BMFA No 088200 (non member 2006)
 Class Barton B Team Race
 Site RAF Barkston Heath Date 28th August 2006 (R/C, C/L, Scale Nationals)
 Duration 07 mins 02.5 secs
- f Name David Laycock – BMFA No 086469
 Class Open Indoor HLG
 Site Elms School Colwall Indoor Sports Hall Date 17th November 2006
 Duration 0 mins 19.87 secs

18 To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.

19 To receive a report from the FAI Delegate.

20 To receive the following proposals:

- a From the Control Line Technical Committee that the Control Line Technical Committee's Treasurer now be appointed as the Budget Holder for the CLTC's Training Budget.
- b From the Control Line Technical Committee that Mike Whillance who is the current reigning European Champion be funded to the same amount as a European Championship team member (£225) to compete in the 2007 European Championships, 6th – 14th July in Belgrade, Serbia.
- | PILOT | BMFA Number | CLUB |
|----------------|-------------|---------|
| Mike Whillance | 088347 | Urmston |
- c From R/C Power Technical Committee that the sharing out of the Nationals Team Travel Budget be changed from a split of 4-4-2 between the RC Power – C/L – Scale Technical Committees to 5-4-2.
- d From Allan Weighell, Fellow that in the event of the loss of our sole sponsors, BAE Systems, for the Flight Challenge, I would request that the BMFA pledge to financially back the subsequent event for 1 year to a maximum of £10,000 until a new sponsor can be found.

- 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 Central Council of Physical Recreation (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
 - j Flying Site Adviser's Report
- 23 Any Other Business.
- 24 Date of next meeting.

MINUTES

The Chairman welcomed everyone and wished everyone a Happy New Year. Chairman asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Chairman welcomed two observers to the meeting, Clive Needham and Frank Buttery.

429/01/07 (1) Apologies

Apologies were received from the following:

Chris Bromley FSMAE - Technical Secretary

430/01/07 (2) Request for permission to be absent.

Mike Colling FSMAE - Indoor TC Delegate and Education Group.

431/01/07 (3) To formally receive the following delegates:

Martin Dilly FSMAE - RAeC Delegate

No representative had been put forward for RNMAA.

432/01/07 (4) To formally receive the Area Delegates to Council.

East Anglia	Nigel Barker
London	Martin Dilly FSMAE
Midland	George Maynard
Northern	Gordon Warburton FSMAE
North East	Allan Weighell FSMAE
North West	David Lloyd-Jones
South Midland	Peter Christy
South East	Keith Miller FSMAE
Southern	Stuart Simpson
Western	Phil Durant
Mid West	Robin Jones FSMAE
South West	Mike Chignell
Northern Ireland	Howard Menary FSMAE
RAFMAA	Martin Paffett

433/01/07 (5) To co-opt Technical Committee Representatives to Council.

Free Flight	Dave Clarkson
Control Line	Chris Barker
R/C Power	Steve Ogden
R/C Silent Flight	Chris Moynihan
Scale	Mike Goldby
Indoor	Mike Colling FSMAE

Hon Secretary proposed that Council formally co-opt the above members to the 2007 Society Council.

Seconded by Comp Sec

Vote: For: 19
Ags: 0
Abs: 2

Carried by a majority vote.

5 a) Co-option of PRO - Stuart Marsden

Northern Area proposed that Council formally co-opt Stuart Marsden as PRO.

Seconded by Comp Sec

Carried unanimously

South Midland Area felt it was an opportune time to remind Council that there is a deferred Agenda Item being put forward at the May Council Meeting, to discuss PR options.

434/01/07 (6) To verify the voting strength of the meeting.

There were 29 members eligible to vote at this meeting.

6a) To receive a proposal from the RC Power Technical Committee for a motion of no confidence in two elected officers, namely the Records Officer and Hon Treasurer

The Chairman asked all non-directors to leave the room, with the exception of the CEO for which he asked Council's agreement that he remain for administrative purposes. This was agreed by consensus.

RCPTC Delegate opened the debate by alleging that the two named officers had made attempts to interfere with the actions of a Technical Committee and an Area, action which the RCPTC consider exceeded their authority as elected officers.

He supported this by reading a written statement from the RCPTC Chairman, which made two allegations against the Records Officer. Firstly that he had disclosed the results of the postal ballot for that position ahead of the formal announcement at the AGM having been asked by the Honorary Secretary to keep the information confidential. Secondly that he had made a telephone call to the RCPTC Chairman in which he had suggested that RCPTC should appoint their current chairman as Council Delegate rather than the then incumbent. During that telephone call the Records Officer also stated that similar moves would take place within the North West Area to replace the delegate there. RCPTC Delegate also alleged that the Executive had been complicit in these actions.

South Midlands Area Delegate seconded the motion and read a prepared statement that on the day of the AGM the Honorary Treasurer had approached him and made the same suggestion about RCPTC's selection of delegate. He had felt that the Treasurer had been speaking on behalf of the Executive. When he discussed this at RCPTC, it became apparent that other members of the RCPTC had received similar approaches and they decided that the matter should be raised at Council.

He also read a written statement from the Technical Secretary in which he accused the Records Officer of a year long campaign against the RCPTC / NW Area Delegate and what he considered to be the reasons behind the alleged vendetta.

Honorary Treasurer then spoke on behalf of himself and the Records Officer. He said that neither of them had heard the detail of the allegations before this debate, although after making several phone calls he had managed to find out the basic nature of them. As such it had not been possible to properly prepare a response.

He said that the two discussions had taken place as reported. However, he said that they amounted to nothing more than lobbying, which has always taken place within the Society and which, in his opinion, was not inappropriate.

He went on to state the reasons that both he and the Records Officer had suggested that RCPTC appoint an alternative delegate. Firstly, the RCPTC Chairman had stood unsuccessfully for elected officer positions on two occasions. The Honorary Treasurer expressed an opinion, that a period of time as a delegate to Council would both improve his chances of success in future elections, and also enable him to "hit the ground running" if elected. He also said that for a Delegate to hold two such positions was a wasted vote at Council and may put them in a position where there could be a conflict of interest.

He said that when he had spoken to the South Midlands Area Delegate, it had been as an individual and not on behalf of all the Executive Officers, and apologised if he had given that impression.

Further, he stated categorically that neither he nor the Records Officer had in any way attempted to influence the North West Area. He said that he was aware that some members of that Area were seeking to replace their delegate. He had been aware of this since early in the year, before an incident that the Technical Secretary referred to as the cause of the disagreement between the Records Officer and the RCPTC/ NW Area delegate.

He stressed that what both he and the Records Officer had done was no more than lobbying, which, in his opinion, was quite acceptable.

He concluded by re-stressing that all actions had been carried out in what he and the Records Officer believed to be in the best interests of the RCPTC, Council and the Society as a whole.

There then followed a lengthy debate in which members of Council discussed and sought clarification on a number of the issues raised.

Scale TC Delegate stated that even if Council felt that the actions were inappropriate, a vote of no confidence was extreme and a vote of censure would be more appropriate.

He therefore proposed an amendment to delete the words “a motion of no confidence” and replace them with “Council issue a vote of censure”.

Seconded by South Midlands Area Delegate

The Chairman then called for a vote on the amendment.

CEO offered the option of a confidential vote. Members present felt that this was not necessary.

Votes for the amendment:	13
Votes against:	7
Abstentions:	6

The amendment was therefore carried by a majority vote.

Council were then called upon to vote on the substantive proposal.

That this Council record a vote of censure against two elected officers, namely the Records Officer and Hon Treasurer

Votes for the proposal:	2
Votes against:	22
Abstentions:	2

The proposal was therefore defeated by a majority vote.

FAI Delegate demanded an apology from RCPTC for suggesting that all Elected Officers had been involved in the alleged actions. The RCPTC delegate issued an unreserved apology to the Executive.

435/01/07 (7) To note names of the Technical Committee Chairmen. To ratify Alternate FAI Delegate. To ratify the BMFA Delegates to other organisations. To Ratify Council appointed sub-committees. To ratify Council appointed posts.

a) To note names of the Technical Committee Chairmen.

Free Flight	Mike Woodhouse FSMAE
Control Line	Chris Barker
R/C Power	Steve Ogden
R/C Silent Flight	Chris Moynihan
Scale	Mike Goldby
Indoor	Mike Colling FSMAE

b) To ratify alternate FAI Delegate.

FAI Delegate proposed that Nick Neve FSMAE is appointed Alternate FAI Delegate for 2007.

Seconded by London Area
Carried unanimously.

c) To ratify the BMFA Delegates to other organisations.

Royal Aero Club	Martin Dilly FSMAE
GASCo	Robin Gowler FSMAE
Airprox	Development Officer
CCPR	Graham Lynn MBE
RAeC Technical Committee	Bob Cutter
General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)	Development Officer

Northern Area proposed that the above BMFA Delegates to other organisations be accepted.

Seconded by Northern Ireland Area
Carried unanimously.

d) To ratify Council appointed sub-committees.

BMFA Safety Review Committee Vice Chairman
Technical Secretary
Development Officer
Flying Site Adviser
Specialist from each Tech Committee as required
N.B. Information to be copied to Technical Secretary

North West Area proposed that the above co-opted Council appointed sub-committee be accepted.

Seconded by PRO
Carried unanimously.

<u>Awards Committee</u>	Vice Chairman
	RAeC Chairman
	Dave Stapleton FSMAE
	Allan Weighell FSMAE
	John Henderson FSMAE
	Tech Council Representative
	Areas Council Representative

Northern Area proposed that the above co-opted Council appointed sub-committee be accepted.

Seconded by North East Area.
Carried unanimously.

CAA

Chris Bromley FSMAE
Graham Lynn MBE

Indoor Technical Committee proposed that the above co-opted Council appointed sub-committee be accepted.

Seconded by Silent Flight Technical Committee
Carried unanimously.

UK Radio Control Council
(UKRCC)

Chris Bromley FSMAE
Graham Lynn MBE

Silent Flight Technical Committee proposed that the above co-opted Council appointed sub-committee is accepted.

Seconded by London Area
Carried unanimously.

Education Working Group

Mike Colling FSMAE
Dave Kerswell FSMAE
Trevor Faulkner
Stuart Lodge
Area Co-ordinators

PRO proposed that the above co-opted Council appointed sub-committee be accepted.

Seconded by South Midland Area
Carried unanimously.

BMFA News Publishers

Kath Watson FSMAE
John French
Keith Lomax

Silent Flight Technical Committee proposed that the above co-opted Council appointed sub-committee is accepted.

Seconded by Comp Sec
Carried unanimously

Computer Committee

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

Hon Secretary proposed that the above co-opted Council appointed sub-committee be accepted.

Seconded by London Area
Vote: For: 28
Ags: 1
Abs: 0
Carried by a majority vote.

Space Com

Dave Tranter - Chairman
Dave Beaton
Mike Crew
Geoff Seabrook

Free Flight Technical Committee proposed that the above co-opted Council appointed sub-committee be accepted

Seconded by East Anglia Area
Carried unanimously.

Areas Council

Members as detailed in the Areas Council Terms of Reference

East Anglia Area proposed that the above co-opted Council appointed sub-committee be accepted.

Seconded by Hon Secretary
Carried unanimously.

Technical Council

Members as detailed in the Technical Council Terms of Reference

Indoor Technical Committee proposed that the above co-opted Council appointed sub-committee be accepted.

Seconded by Northern Ireland Area
Carried unanimously.

Executive Council

The nine Elected Executive Officers
Chief Executive

North West Area proposed that the above co-opted Council appointed sub-committee be accepted.

Seconded by North East Area
Carried unanimously.

e) To ratify Council appointed posts.

PAS Controller

Peter Spurway

S/F AS Controller

Roger Bedford FSMAE

Archivist

Kath Watson FSMAE

London Area proposed that the above co-opted members of Council appointed posts be accepted.

Seconded by Silent Flight Technical Committee
Carried unanimously.

436/01/07 (8) Correction and adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 16th September 2006.

ACTION/NOTES

Page 6

- **Top paragraph, second/third line** - Change wording to read "to decide what criteria to use to assess the success of the result of the process."

Page 8

- **list of awards - Ray Malmstrom** - Change (PAG) to (PAW).

Page 9

- **408/09/06 (8) combined Free Flight Modelling and Space Modelling Nationals 2007, third line** - Add to the end of the sentence "and at the same venue."

Page 12

- **Second and fourth paragraph from the bottom, first line**
- Change 2008 to 2007.

Page 15

- **Eighth paragraph** - Change two to one.

Page 16

- **Record Claim item c)** – Change 8 mins 22.9 secs to 4 mins 13.9 secs.

- **Second paragraph from the bottom, last line** - Change "make" to "made".

Hon Secretary proposed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2006 is accepted as a true record.

Seconded by Control Line Technical Committee

Vote: For: 28

Ags: 0

Abs: 1

Carried by a majority vote.

437/01/07 (9) Matters/Actions arising from the 16th September 2006 meeting which are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.

Page 5

- **Sixth paragraph, action Tech Sec/Office Manager re pdf format Council minutes** - East Anglia asked if there had been any progress. It was confirmed that the Office Manager was still waiting for the software to be installed on her computer.

CEO was asked to move this forward.

CEO

- **Final paragraph, grandfather rights** - London asked if we had received a response from the Honorary Solicitor re clarification of grandfather rights.

CEO advised that he had received a response and he would circulate to all Council Members.

CEO

Page 9

- **Top of page - RAeC Awards** - RAeC advised that Peter Grange and Robin Jones had both been accepted for the RAeC Bronze Medal.

Page 10

- **Top of page - Website** - Mid West highlighted an item on the BMFA Forum that had a link to a site, which had some very offensive comments. He feels there should be more controls in place to prevent this.

Chairman said that web sites and forums can be useful but can also be misused.

Vice Chairman advised that this particular thread concerned had something to do with an incident in his Area, Southern Area. He asked for the link to be shut down which it was in December, but it has reappeared.

East Anglia commented that it might be easier for us to understand the purpose of the forum if we stated somewhere the purpose of the forum. We should decide why we want a forum and what we want it for. It would make it much easier for the moderators to remove anything that was in breach of that and we would all have clarity. At the moment we have got it because we ought to have it but no one knows what it is there for.

London said he felt things had got worse since we had introduced the two new moderators in post. Several people have asked how they were appointed; who appointed them and what their powers are and what are they doing.

There is a thread at the moment about 2.4GHz and there is some criticism because there has not been an official response from the office. People expect an instantaneous response.

Comp Sec said it might be prudent if we included a disclaimer to say that an official response is not automatic when postings are made.

Hon Treasurer commented that Tech Sec would normally have responded to the 2.4GHz postings however he is at present quite ill therefore has not responded.

BMFA News Editor commented that in the editorial in the last BMFA News he had responded to some of the controversial threads that had appeared on the website, in particular the postings regarding the ballot for Elected Officers.

He has received a few responses, which praised his actions.

North West asked if there had been a response to the request for tenders for the update of the website.

CEO advised that a notice had been placed in the last BMFA News and there has been an interest from a few companies. He has extended the closing date by a couple of weeks for receipt of tenders.

Page 12

- **Third paragraph from the bottom, item c), venue for R/C, C/L, Scale Nationals 2007** - CEO advised that most of the dates put forward for Barkston had been agreed in principle by the Station Commander.

There is a handful where they are a possible conflict with other users, which he is in the process of resolving. The main events, Free Flight and Space Nationals and R/C, C/L, Scale Nationals' dates are agreed.

Page 13

- Bottom of page, transfer of F5D to R/C Power TC - R/C
Power advised that the transition had taken place and F5D are being represented on R/CPTC by BMPRA.

R/C Power reported an instance with regard to a proposal they had submitted to Tech Council on behalf of F5D, which unbeknown to them could have affected another class who come under Silent Flight. They have brought it to the attention of Council today purely as a point of information and to highlight that there is an overlap of responsibilities in these transitions.

Page 13

- 414/09/06 (14) proposal F3J no longer to be recognised as a Specialist Body - Comp Sec asked if F3J had been notified of this action. Hon Secretary said that we had not been provided with details of Officers for F3J and therefore did not know who to write to.

Page 14

- 417/09/06 (17) 'BMFA General Rules' - Comp Sec reported that there appears to be a problem with downloading the pdf files from the website. CEO was asked to look into this.

CEO

- Final paragraph, venue for Silent Flight Nationals -
Silent Flight asked the CEO if there had been any progress. CEO advised that he was still looking at possibilities.

One of the options was the use of Cranwell, which unfortunately has been ruled out. Two other options that he is pursuing are Spitalgate and Syerston.

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- Bottom of page 20, top of page 21 - funding to FSA for Moorland Bird study - Silent Flight asked if a study for cliff nesting had been considered.

CEO advised that we are looking at conducting two separate bird studies, one for wetlands and one for moorland. Silent Flight asked if this could be extended to include coastal sites.

438/01/07 (10) To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer, to include the following proposal:

That the allocation of any surplus from the non-competition activities of the Radio Control, Control Line and Scale Nationals ("Power Nationals") shall be as follows:

- Fifty percent into the Nationals Reserve fund
- Fifty percent to be distributed to team travel funds

The Nationals Finance Meeting (consisting of the Honorary Treasurer, Nationals Co-ordinator and Chief Executive) shall have the authority to vary the percentages, subject to the requirement that the amount distributed to team travel funds shall be not less than fifty percent.

The element for team travel funds shall be proportioned thus:

- An equal amount shall be allocated for the number of individual members (for whom BMFA pays entry fees) of teams for World and European Championships ratified in the following calendar year, for disciplines flown at the Power Nationals.
- A new sub-committee chaired by the Honorary Treasurer and also consisting of the Competition Secretary and the treasurer of each relevant technical committee will meet between the first Full Council meeting of the calendar year and the end of the financial year.
- This sub-committee has the power to vary the amounts per team based on anticipated travel costs due to location and accessibility of the respective competition venue, and any additional constraints relating to each discipline. Costs for this committee shall be charged to the following Power Nationals account.
- The agreed amounts shall be paid into the relevant disciplines' team travel funds.
- Each Technical Committee shall retain their existing ability to vary the amount paid to each team member within their disciplines if they so wish, or to retain funds for support of known future events with higher anticipated costs.

Hon Treasurer explained the background to the proposal and the current procedure for allocation of Nationals surplus.

The proposal was seconded by East Anglia Area.

Hon Treasurer also read out an email from Chris Bromley FSMAE, R/C, C/L, Scale Nationals Co-ordinator who was unable to be present due to illness.

"I disagree with the first part of the proposal. What I think should be discussed at the appropriate time is the possibility of funding one-off items and tag them "supported by the Nationals" if the funds in the Nationals reserve get too high. The proposal as written excludes this possibility and the only action possibly would be to add more money to Team Travel, which if the funds were big enough to make the action needed would be getting plenty anyway. We could be missing the opportunities to let people going to the Nats to see some visible "local benefit" from the surpluses made."

Hon Treasurer had no problem accepting this as an amendment to the proposal.

Silent Flight raised a point of order. He pointed out that there is no mention of Silent Flight in the proposal. Although Silent Flight hold their own Nationals, on the occasions they have been held in the Barkston locality they have shared the camping facilities and the fees were combined with the R/C, C/L, Scale Nationals. He believes Silent Flight should receive some contribution from the surpluses.

The consensus was that there should be some consideration given to Silent Flight.

South Midland congratulated Hon Treasurer on putting this proposal together. Hon Treasurer commented that all of the Executive had made a contribution and had spent a considerable amount of time on it.

Hon Treasurer suggested that he proposal is put forward as written for this year and that he goes away and discusses it with the Tech Sec and comes back in May with an amended proposal for future years, which would also include Silent Flight.

A vote was taken and the proposal was carried unanimously.

**HON TREAS
R/C,C/L,SCALE
NATS CO-ORD
ACCOUNTS**

Hon Treasurer said he would bring a proposal to May Council following discussions with Tech Sec and Silent Flight.

HON TREAS

439/01/07 (11) International Teams for this year's World and European Championships.

Scale advised that they would not be sending a Team for 2007. Scale withdrew the proposal for Team Manager and the declaration that they would be sending a Team.

Comp Sec reminded Tech Committees that they do need to list club names and number or country member status against the nominated team members. Control Line and Indoor were the only two disciplines to include this information.

a) Ratification of Teams, Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers (where permitted) from submitted proposals as follows:

*i From Free Flight Technical Committee to appoint Team Managers for the World F/F Championships in Odessa, Ukraine, 24th June – 1st July 2007. Team Manager M J Woodhouse 034262
Assistant Team Manager R J Cheesley 043647*

Comp Sec pointed out that Mike Woodhouse is also competing in F1B. This issue has been discussed in the past and it is deemed that there is too much work involved for a person to take on both roles.

Comp Sec recommended that this proposal is referred back to Free Flight to find a suitable alternative Team Manager and that a vote is taken today only on the Teams. Council agreed.

Chairman would write to Mike Woodhouse.

CHAIRMAN

ii From Free Flight Technical Committee to appoint Teams for the World F/F Championships in Odessa, Ukraine, 24th June - 1st July 2007.

*F1A C Edge 064198 J Carter 050520 W Colledge 065084
Reserve P Ball 057180*

*F1B M Woolner 057957 M Woodhouse 034262 R Peers
027418 Reserve B Martin 033593*

*F1C N Allen 039572 S Screen 064182
P Watson 062347 and A Jack 056873 status as 3rd place/
reserve still to be resolved.*

It was agreed the above proposal would be accepted, subject to the appointment of Team Managers.

Seconded by Comp Sec.
Carried unanimously

*iii From Free Flight Technical Committee to appoint a Team Manager for the F1E World Championships to be held in Turda, Romania, 27th August - 1st September 2007.
Team Manager I Kaynes 021003*

*iv From Free Flight Technical Committee to appoint a Team for the F1E World Championships to be held in Turda, Romania, 27th August - 1st September 2007.
I Kaynes 021003 D Bartle 067661*

Seconded by PRO
Carried unanimously

v From Indoor Technical Committee that the BMFA should elect to send a Senior GBR F1D Team to compete in the 2007 European F1D Championships. These are scheduled to be held at the Trade Fair complex in Belgrade 26/08/07 to 01/09/07. The Team will comprise:

*Bob Bailey BMFA 02479 (Vikings Free Flight Group)
Derek Richards BMFA 065309(Country Member)
Mark Benns BMFA 072513 (Peterborough MFC)
The 1st reserve should be Nick Aikman BMFA 115898
(Country Member)*

vi From Indoor Technical Committee that Nick Aikman, BMFA 115898 (Country Member) should be elected to serve as Team Manager for the Senior GBR F1D Team who will compete in the 2007 European F1D Championships. These are scheduled to be held at the Trade Fair complex in Belgrade 26/08/07 to 01/09/07.

Seconded by PRO
Carried unanimously.

*xii From Silent Flight Technical Committee that the following members be ratified as the UK Team for the 2007 Euro Championships class F3J.
Adrian Lee 066474
Simon Jackson 035686
Tony Vale*

It was pointed out that Tony Vale had withdrawn his position and Austin Guerrier has the approval of Silent Flight Technical Committee to take his place, based on the results of the league team trials throughout the year.

The Team now consists of Adrian Lee, Simon Jackson, Austin Guerrier.

The above proposal was accepted subject to appointment of a Team Manager.

Seconded by London Area
Carried unanimously.

xiii From R/C Power Technical Committee that Alison Harrop (S089395) be appointed as F3A Team Manager for the 2007 season.

Comp Sec pointed out that Team Managers are not ratified for a season, they are ratified for a Championship. Comp Sec also asked R/C Power Tech Committee to take note that we should have in the proposal, the Championship, venue and dates.

*xiii From R/C Power Technical Committee that the following BMFA members be ratified as the 2007 FAI-F3A Team for the World Championships being held in Argentina, November 2007.
Angus Balfour (SAA1586) Kevin Caton (S002281)
John Harrop (S089390)
Reserves: Malcolm Balfour (SAA1586)
David Balfour (SAA276)*

Seconded by South Midland Area
Carried unanimously.

xiv *From R/C Power Technical Committee that Roger Mayo (S125835) be appointed as F3C Team Manager for the 2007 season.*

xv *From R/C Power Technical Committee that the following BMFA Members be ratified as the 2007 FAI-F3C Team for the World Championships being held in Poland, 27th July - 5th August 2007.*

*Dave Fisher (S031112) Steve Roberts (S043791)
Daniel Crozier (A134830) Reserve: Darren Hardy (S140761)*

Seconded by South Midland Are
Carried unanimously.

xvi *From R/C Power Technical Committee that John Barker (S057229) be appointed F3D (Pylon) Team Manager for the 2007 season. (World Championships - Muncie, Indiana, USA).*

xvii *From R/C Power Technical Committee that the following BMFA Members be ratified as 2007 FAI-F3D Team for the World Championships being held in Muncie, USA, 23-28 June 2007.*

Seconded by Indoor Technical Committee
Carried unanimously

Comp Sec advised that she had received the following proposals:

*From Silent Flight Technical Committee for F3B.
F3B Team: Bill Haley (019540) Dave Worrall (074118)
Normal Quirk (072110)
F3B Team Manager: Clive Needham (02566)*

Space Junior and Senior Team for the SpaceModelling European Championships presented by Comp Sec on behalf of Space Com.

*Senior: Mike Francies, Nigel Bathe, John Jacomb
Junior: Trevor Seabrook, Catherine Jacomb, Benedict Klejnow.*

The proposals for the Space Senior and Junior Teams are accepted subject to the appointment of a Team Manager.

Seconded by Records Officer
Carried unanimously

Comp Sec brought forward item 20 b) on the Agenda, before proceeding with the remaining Control Line Team proposals.

Proposal from the Control Line Technical Committee that Mike Whillance who is the current reigning European Champion be funded to the same amount as a European Championship team member (£225) to compete in the 2007 European Championships, 6th – 14th July in Belgrade, Serbia.

PILOT	BMFA Number	CLUB
Mike Whillance	088347	Urmston

Seconded by Hon Treasurer

Vote: For: 27

Ags: 0

Abs: 2

Carried by a majority vote.

Continuation of International Team proposals.

vii From Control Line Technical Committee that the F2A team for the 2007 European Championships, 6th - 14th July in Belgrade, Serbia comprises the following fliers:

NAME	BMFA NUMBER	CLUB
Peter Halman FSMAE	50198	Sharston
Paul Eisner	57093	Elmbridge
Ken Morrissey FSMAE	2525	Sharston
RESERVES:		
Gordon Isles	50258	Barton
Dick McGladdery	54062	Feltham

viii From Control Line Technical Committee that the F2B team for the 2007 European Championships, 6th - 14th July in Belgrade, Serbia comprises the following fliers:

NAME	BMFA NUMBER	CLUB
Robert Kitley	121912	Nuneaton
Barry Robinson	68248	Sildon
Bill Draper	40352	Nottingham
RESERVES:		
Stephen Smith	2135	Feltham

ix From Control Line Technical Committee that the F2C team for the 2007 European Championships, 6th - 14th July in Belgrade, Serbia comprises the following fliers:

NAME	BMFA NUMBER	CLUB
Langworth/Broadhead	40335/037494	Wharfedale/Barton
Barker/North	51784/24195	RAFMAA/Grantham
Ross/Yeldham	50551/30971	Barton/CM
RESERVES		
Holmes/Robson	30618/38279	Novocastria/Novocastria

x From Control Line Technical Committee that the F2D team for the 2007 European Championships, 6th - 14th July in Belgrade, Serbia comprises the following people:

<i>PILOTS</i>	<i>BMFA NUMBER</i>	<i>CLUB</i>
<i>Graham Ives</i>	<i>88421</i>	<i>Novocastria</i>
<i>Martin Johnson</i>	<i>20799</i>	<i>Novocastria</i>
<i>Martin Coe</i>	<i>135194</i>	<i>Scampton</i>
<i>Sam Hobbins- Junior</i>	<i>J145970</i>	<i>Scampton</i>
<i>PITMEN</i>	<i>BMFA NUMBER</i>	<i>CLUB</i>
<i>Peter Grange</i>	<i>70889</i>	<i>Urmston</i>
<i>Gordon Price</i>	<i>SAA3304</i>	<i>tba</i>
<i>Tony Frost</i>	<i>145954</i>	<i>Country Member</i>
<i>RESERVE</i>		
<i>Andrew Shields</i>	<i>SAA6203</i>	<i>tba</i>

Comp Sec brought to the attention of Council that normally we would only fund two F2D Pitmen and there are three listed in the above proposal. This is because there are going to be five British flyers flying in the Championships. The likelihood of them being drawn against each other is greatly increased and they need three pitmen to move through the Team. This would incur an extra £225, which would not normally be paid out.

Comp Sec asked Council to consider the approval of the three pitmen and four pilots. Hon Treasurer asked that this does not set a precedent for future years. Comp Sec confirmed that it would not set a precedent. It is only required for this event because of the special circumstances previously explained.

Proposals vii, viii, ix, x were considered en bloc
 Seconded by Free Flight Technical Committee
 Carried unanimously

Hon Treasurer commented that the proposals should state the FAI disciplines. This would be looked into.

**COMP SEC
 OFFICE MGR**

Comp Sec asked Council's permission, in her capacity as Control Line Tech Committee Secretary, to put forward two further proposals.

Unfortunately due to an excessive workload during the year she had been unable to meet the deadline to place an advert in BMFA News for Control Line Team Manager and Assistant Team Manager, which meant that she was unable to submit the proposals in time for the Council Agenda deadline.

Unfortunately there have been no applications submitted for these positions.

It is essential that a Team Manager is in place to initiate the administration of the Teams in the Championships. As an interim measure Control Line would like to submit a proposal that Peter Halman, who is the Speed Team Member, be appointed the Team Manager for the European Championships.

Peter Halman FSMAE has been a member of the F2A Speed Team for great many years and is well versed in the principles and the procedures of Team management. It is expected that this would be an interim appointment while the Control Line Tech Committee endeavours to find a suitable person to take over as Team Manager.

Additionally, the Assistant Team Manager, John James has been Assistant Team Manager in 2002, 2003, 2005 and 2006. He is very effective in this role and is an asset to the British Team and is being put forward by the Control Line Tech Committee.

It was felt the same rule should apply in this case as it did for the proposal for Free Flight Team Manager, as it is basically the same situation.

Scale suggested an alternative solution, and would apply consistency to the situation, would be to appoint Mike Woodhouse as interim Team Manager for Free Flight and Peter Halman as interim Team Manager for Control Line.

London Area proposed that pro-tem Team Managers be appointed for Free Flight and Control Line on the understanding that there will be a permanent Team Manager appointed before the Championships to carry out the tasks at the event.

Seconded by Chairman

Vote: For: 28

Ags: 0

Abs: 1

Carried by a majority vote.

Control Line Technical Committee proposed that John James is appointed Assistant Team Manager for the 2007 European Championships, 6th - 14th July in Belgrade, Serbia.

Seconded by Records Officer

Carried unanimously.

440/01/07 (12) To receive a joint report from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

Chairman

Chairman reported that things have slowed down a great deal since the last Council Meeting, after a very hectic Summer.

Chairman said that he thought the AGM and Dinner/Prizegiving went extremely well and had not heard any complaints.

CEO

CEO reported that those who attended the AGM would have heard Richard Doubleday declare to the meeting that it been a very good year for the BMFA in terms of insurance. We actually closed the year with eighteen claims received, which is something of a record. Generally it is between twenty-five and thirty.

Also the reserve held against our outstanding claims by our insurers is down to a record low level of just over £46,000. A little over a year ago the amount of money they were holding in reserve for our outstanding claims was in excess of £200,000. This leaves us in quite a good position with our insurers and this is one of the reasons that we were able to retain our level terms with our premiums this year.

Work has already started in planning events for 2007. A meeting is scheduled on Monday with Free Flight Tech Committee Chairman to discuss preliminary plans for the Free Flight Nationals. Most of the dates we have asked for at Barkston have been agreed, subject to one or two conflicts with other users, which we are in the process of resolving.

We are looking at a different venue for the Flight Challenge event this year at Duxford. There are some potential developments for 2008/2009 in tying the event in with the Centenary of British Flight celebrations. Hopefully there will be some exciting news to report on this at the next meeting.

We have carried out some refurbishments and repairs to the exterior of the building. We have also started some tidying up and refurbishment on the inside of the building and this is ongoing.

We have had some success with our negotiations with DEFRA in relation to the Bylaws document. Originally in their draft bylaws what they had put forward was somewhat more draconian than the existing bylaws. They seem to have rationalised the bylaws for other activities such as horseriding and walking etc. but increased the regulation on model flying. When challenged on this they related it directly to the fact that there had been a fatality in recent years with model flying.

However we challenged this and they seem to have taken on board a lot of the arguments we put forward. Now the bylaws relate only to power driven model aircraft and aircraft below 500grms are no longer covered by the bylaws, which is a reasonable result.

It has been reported at previous meetings that we have been looking at obtaining further wildlife studies. The first one in line was a study for Moorland birds. This has been preceded by a requirement from one of our clubs in the Bristol area who have a site adjacent to a wetland nature reserve.

Part of their planning consent depended on a wildlife study being conducted.

We have joined forces with them and we think that we can get something commissioned in advance of what the club actually requires, but something that could be used on a National basis if required. The estimated cost is just over £2,500.

We are also looking to commission another one for moorland birds and we are evaluating a couple of sites for potential studies.

As previously requested by Silent Flight there is an additional requirement that has been identified for coastal sites with cliffs. This is something we need to look at in the future.

CEO passed round some samples of a couple of new kits that are in the pipeline.

Silent Flight asked for clarification whether the current resources for the studies would extend to include coastal sites or whether it would require extra funding.

CEO advised that the Executive agreed £5000 primarily for a moorland study and when the wetland study came forward they changed the terms of it so that it was for wildlife studies in general, which has allowed us to move ahead with the wetland study. It would probably require further funding for a study on coastal sites.

FAI Delegate advised as a matter of interest the FAI have issued on their website a report entitled "What effect do aeroplanes have on birds?", which is quite interesting.

Hon Secretary commented that if Silent Flight they think there is a requirement for a study to be done he does not think they should necessarily be coming to this Council to say can it be done out of the current money. If there is a valid requirement for a study to be done then we should find the money and get it done.

It is very useful to have these studies in our armoury to be able to defend ourselves against certain bodies, especially English Nature.

London Area advised that there is now a FAI environmental code, which he has referred to in his RAeC Delegate report.

Associations are asked to conform to it and promote it as much as possible.

441/01/07 (13) To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman.

Vice-Chairman said he thought the AGM and Dinner/Prizegiving was very successful. He apologised to the Records Officer for not informing him of a surprise event at the dinner. The Records Officer accepted his apology.

442/01/07 (14) To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary.

Hon Secretary briefly reported on the membership status at this time. He congratulated the office staff as they are 1100 memberships ahead of this time last year, which is an excellent achievement for this very busy time.

Hon Secretary commented on the voting this year. There were more ballot papers returned than there had been in previous years. There were 604 ballot papers received as opposed to 57 last year. 133 of the votes were from country members. He believes it is fair to surmise that Clubs do not get every single one of their members together to agree how they vote, when they do their block vote.

More people were involved in the voting process this year and the number of ballot papers put in by individuals were much higher. The presentation of the ballots in BMFA News was excellent

There were 604 votes cast, which means therefore there were 35,638 abstentions. This issue must be addressed at the next meeting when the voting procedure is discussed.

Silent Flight commented that he finds it extremely disappointing that members sitting round this table have been voted in on 2.5% of the overall membership.

He would dispute the fact that clubs do not involve their members. He believes there is active discussion at the club. We are always going to struggle in this Association because the candidates, no matter what they write in their CVs are totally unknown characters to apparently 98% of our members. It seems to point to some form of electoral college process, which could be just as democratic and just as accountable.

To ask somebody who flies regularly in a model aircraft club who has no dealings at all with any officials of this organisation in any capacity whatsoever, to ask them to vote meaningfully is to ask too much.

Scale commented that the disadvantage of an electoral college is the fact that the country members would decry that they have not been given the opportunity.

With the voting system this time at least we are seen to be a truly democratic organisation. It would be interesting if we could consult with a similar organisation who have had the one member one vote in place to see what we should be aiming at.

Hon Secretary raised a point for discussion at the next meeting that this Council look at requiring CV's from people who want to take on the responsibilities of certain Executive positions and this Council decides who should fill those positions.

Chairman called an end to the discussion at this point and asked for it to be agendered at the May Council meeting.

***** **AGENDA ITEM MAY FULL COUNCIL - To discuss voting procedure.** **OFFICE MGR**

443/01/07 (15) To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.

Tech Sec was not present due to illness.

Hon Secretary asked that a vote of thanks to Tech Sec from Council to be recorded, for producing an excellent Members Handbook.

South Midland commented that he had been pre-empted by the Hon Secretary. At a recent Area meeting every member on the Committee asked him to come to this meeting and propose a vote of thanks to Tech Sec for the work he has done on the Members Handbook.

The meeting applauded.

444/01/07 (16) To receive a report from the Competition Secretary.

***** **WRITTEN REPORT - (APPENDIX A)**

Chairman read out a letter he had received from the Comp Secretary tendering her resignation as Executive Officer i/c SpaceCom, which he feels he has no choice but to accept.

A suggestion was put forward to approach Free Flight to ask them if they would consider taking on the responsibility of SpaceCom.

A letter would be sent to Free Flight to ask them officially.

HON SEC

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

Comp Secretary advised that we do not have any more contests to go on the Calendar. It is too late for any World Cups to go on and if we wanted to put anything on to the Calendar it would have to go on as an Open International.

b) Receipt of this year's BMFA Contest fees.

FREE FLIGHT

<u>Juniors:</u>			Notes
			All classes/all events Free
<u>Season Tickets:</u>	Not available		
<u>Centralised:</u>	1st class	£5	
	Subsequent classes	£1	
<u>Area Centralised:</u>	Day ticket	£3	Plus any Area charge for the site
	All classes included in the day ticket		
<u>Team Selection:</u>	Seniors	£15	
<u>Nationals:</u>	Registration:	£8	
	1st class	£6	
	Subsequent classes	£6	
	Unlimited classes	£25	
<u>F1E Meetings</u>	Same as Area centralised		

CONTROL LINE

<u>Juniors:</u>	All classes/all events	Half price	All Speed classes = one fee
<u>Season Tickets:</u>	Not available		
<u>Centralised:</u>	1st class	£15	All Speed classes = one fee
	Subsequent classes	£10	
<u>Team Selection:</u>	All classes	£15	
<u>Nationals:</u>	1st class	£tba	All Speed classes = one fee
	Subsequent classes	£tba	
	Unlimited classes	£tba	

SCALE

	RC	CL	FF	Indoor
<u>Juniors:</u>	Half price			
<u>Season Tickets:</u>	£50	n/a	n/a	n/a
<u>Centralised:</u>	£12	£10	£5	£3 + £10 registration per entrant
<u>Team Selection:</u>	£15	£15	n/a	n/a
<u>Nationals:</u>	£25	£15	£14	£8

INDOOR

<u>Juniors:</u>	All classes/all events	£10	}
<u>Season Tickets:</u>	Not applicable		}
<u>Centralised:</u>	Not applicable		} Provisional, depending on
<u>Team Selection:</u>	All classes	£10	} venue.
<u>Nationals:</u>	1st class	£10	}

SILENT FLIGHT

<u>Juniors:</u>	All classes/all events	Half price	
<u>Season Tickets:</u>	F3B	not available	[5] single day events
	F3J	£32	[4] single day events

	F5B	not available	[6] single day events
<u>Centralised:</u>	F3B/F5B	£10	
	F3J	£10	
	F3F	£5	
	EPP pylon	£5	
<u>Team Selection:</u>	F3B/F5B	not applicable	
	F3J	not applicable	
<u>Nationals:</u>	F3B/F5B	£tba	
	F3J	£tba	

RADIO CONTROL

RC Pylon (i/c)

<u>Juniors:</u>	All classes/all events	Same as Seniors
<u>Season Tickets:</u>	Not available	
<u>Centralised:</u>	Single event	£15
<u>Team Selection:</u>	All classes	Not applicable
<u>Nationals:</u>	All classes	£20

RC Pylon (electric)

<u>Juniors:</u>	All classes/all events	Same as Seniors
<u>Season Tickets:</u>	Not available	
<u>Centralised:</u>	Single event	£10
<u>Team Selection:</u>	All classes	FOC
<u>Nationals:</u>	All classes	£20

RC Helicopter

<u>Juniors:</u>	All classes/all events	£
<u>Season Tickets:</u>	Not available	
<u>Team Selection:</u>	All classes	£10 per round (two rounds)
<u>Nationals:</u>	F3C	£30
	Sportsman	£20

RC Aerobatics

<u>Juniors:</u>	All classes/all events	Same as Seniors
<u>Season Tickets:</u>	Not available	
<u>Centralised:</u>	FAI	£22
<u>Team Selection:</u>		Not applicable
<u>Nationals:</u>		£30

IMAC Aerobatics

<u>Juniors:</u>	All classes/all events	Same as Seniors
<u>Season Tickets:</u>		Not available
<u>Centralised:</u>	Two day (Woodvale)	£12 (members and non-members)
<u>Nationals:</u>	1st class	£25

445/01/07/(17) To receive a report from the Records Officer to include the following proposal:

That the Society accepts as an adopted trophy the "Baikonur Trophy".

Records Officer displayed the Trophy to Council. It is to be awarded to the Space Nationals overall Champion based upon the best scores from four FAI classes.

Seconded by Hon Treasurer.
Carried unanimously.

REC OFFICER

Records Officer thanked Comp Secretary for her assistance at the AGM Dinner/Prizegiving.

Records Officer displayed the "Eric Coates Trophy" to Council.

It is a trophy that Scale Technical Committee has been using for a number of years which is at present unadopted. They would now like to bring it into the Society as an adopted trophy.

The trophy will be awarded annually by the Scale Technical Committee to the builder of a competition model that in the Committee's best opinion best captures the spirit and endeavour of Scale modelling. It will be fully funded for one dinner ticket.

Records Officer commended the "Eric Coates Trophy" to be adopted by the Society.

Seconded by Northern Area
Carried unanimously.

**REC OFFICER
SCALE TC**

Records Officer proposed the following British Record Claims for ratification:

a) Deferred from Full Council Meeting 16th September 2006
Name Nigel Hawes/Brian Collins–BMFA No 101754/120581
Class F5E–S Distance in a straight line
Site Across English Channel Date 8th July 2006
Distance 22.5 Miles

Seconded by Northern Area
Carried unanimously

OFFICE MGR

b) Deferred from Full Council Meeting 16th September 2006
Name Andrew Ellison – BMFA No 63845
Class R/C Electric Power Assisted Glider
Site Kay House Farm
Duration 151 mins 44.2 secs
Seconded by East Anglia Area

R/C Power raised a point that the documentation still does not include an engine run.

If it is a power assisted glider we need to know how long the motor ran for, other wise it is a power model.

The meeting concurred the documentation was in order.

Vote: For: 27
Ags: 1
Abs: 0

Carried by a majority vote.

OFFICE MGR

(Phil Durant, Western Area Delegate had left the meeting at this point)

c) Name Ian Dowsett – BMFA No 056513
Class S1B Altitude
Site Baikonur Russia Kazakhstan
Date 25th September 2006
Altitude 316 metres

Seconded by PRO

Carried unanimously.

OFFICE MGR

d) Name John Jacomb – BMFA No 208203
Class S3A Duration Rocket
Site RAF Barkston Heath
Date 20th August 2006
Duration 10 mins 03 secs

Seconded by North East Area

Carried unanimously

OFFICE MGR

e) Name Duncan Bainbridge – Pilot - BMFA No 027286
Michael Orchard – Pitman – BMFA No 044253
Alex Delgado – Pitman – BMFA No 088200

Class Barton B Team Race

Site RAF Barkston Heath

Date 28th August 2006 (R/C, C/L, Scale Nationals)

Duration 07 mins 02.5 secs

Seconded by Control Line Technical Committee

Carried unanimously

OFFICE MGR

f) Name David Laycock – BMFA No 086469

Class Open Indoor HLG

Site Elms School Colwall Indoor Sports Hall

Date 17th November 2006

Duration 0 mins 19.87 secs

Seconded by Competition Secretary

Carried unanimously

OFFICE MGR

Records Officer advised for clarification that although it does not state on the documentation, the above record claim is a category one, which is up to 8 metre ceiling height.

446/01/07 (18) To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.

PRO reported that the data has been gathered together for in-office communications with television, radio, newspapers etc. ready to be added to the database and for use when we have some newsworthy items to put out.

He has a couple of meetings scheduled at the Office to discuss some new initiatives and also to consider the current situation with the magazine advertising.

447/01/07 (19) To receive a report from the FAI Delegate.

***** **WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX B)**

FAI Delegate appealed to interested parties to let him know how they would like him to vote at the forthcoming FAI CIAM Plenary Meeting.

FAI Delegate also highlighted a point mentioned in his report that there is still a great deal of consternation concerning the transport of models and particularly fuel and engines.

Comp Sec advised that at CIAM Bureau in December it was agreed that FAI would produce a set of guidelines for the Airlines, based on what the modellers need and they are going to try and get that into IATA (the body for carriage of goods).

Hon Secretary advised that CCPR have a representative Travel Agent called Travel Leads, who are specialists in carrying all types of sporting equipment. The information is listed in the Team Managers Guide, however the CEO also has the information if anyone wishes to get in touch with them.

448/01/07 (20) To receive the following proposals:

a) From the Control Line Technical Committee that the Control Line Technical Committee's Treasurer now be appointed as the Budget Holder for the CLTC's Training Budget.

Currently the Development Officer is the budget holder for Training for all Technical Committees. Control Line feel, with no disrespect to the Development Officer, that they have more knowledge and it would be more appropriate for them to manage the funding.

An amendment to the proposal was put forward as follows:

a) From the Control Line Technical Committee that the Technical Committee Treasurer's now be appointed as the Budget Holders for the relevant Training and Excellence Budgets.

Seconded by Hon Treasurer
Carried unanimously

Chairman called for a vote on the substantive proposal
Seconded by Silent Flight
Carried unanimously

**HON TREAS
ACCTS MGR**

b) This was covered under item 11.

c) From R/C Power Technical Committee that the sharing out of the Nationals Team Travel Budget be changed from a split of 4-4-2 between the RC Power – C/L – Scale Technical Committees to 5-4-2.

R/C Power withdrew the above proposal.

d) From Allan Weighell, Fellow that in the event of the loss of our sole sponsors, BAE Systems, for the Flight Challenge, I would request that the BMFA pledge to financially back the subsequent event for 1 year to a maximum of £10,000 until a new sponsor can be found.

Allan Weighell gave a short synopsis of the background to the proposal.

In ten years the event has moved forward by seven months, in 2007 we envisage the event taking place in June, so from having twelve months to prepare we have six months or less, depending on the confirmation of funding.

This does not leave much time for Schools, Scouts etc. to prepare and not a lot of time for the publicity to be put forward. We may never need the funding but we need a safety net possibly being cancelled and never being resuscitated.

We have possibly had £100 - £150,000 plus from BAE Systems over the last decade and it would be churlish of us not to offer to fund it ourselves for one year.

The Hon Treasurer seconded the proposal.
Carried unanimously.

**HON TREAS
ACCTS MGR**

Hon Treasurer commented that what the proposal is doing is effectively formalising something which he had in mind as Treasurer when he discussed it with the Vice-Chairman last year.

449/01/07 (21) To receive any reports from the following Delegates.

a) WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX C)
RAeC Delegate referred to item 5) in his report.

The RAeC Chairman, Keith Negal, who is also a BMFA Member, has been working in Kosovo and established contact with the Albanian Eagles, the country's sole air sports group, who are model flyers. Any help, material, literature etc, that the BMFA could provide via Keith would be most welcome.

RAeC Delegate asked if the CEO could consider the above request.

b) GASCo

Chairman reported he had attended one meeting since the last Council Meeting. There are no problems with modelling. None of the other full size representatives are at all concerned about model flyers.

A comment was made at the meeting on the incident on the approach to London City last year. There was general approval of the way it had been handled by the BMFA.

c) Airprox

Hon Secretary briefly reported that whenever we do get to know about an airmiss, which thankfully is very rare, that we do a full investigation and take the appropriate action. That is all the Airprox Board requires of us.

d) Central Council for Physical Recreation (CCPR)

Hon Secretary reported that at the AGM this year the Duke of Edinburgh has agreed to stay on as President of the CCPR for another two years, which would have given him fifty-two years in the seat.

There has been concern expressed in the CCPR that with the Olympics in 2012 in London it is very unlikely, unless it is anything to do with an Olympic Sports, that any funding would be made available. It is very dissatisfying.

e) General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)

There was no report.

450/01/07(22) To receive any reports from the following Committees:

a) CAA Team

Hon Secretary reported that the annual meeting was held on 6th December, which was excellent. The major items discussed were the over 20kg scheme.

There have been some changes made, particularly in the area of having a second pilot put on an aeroplane when they want to fly it. If there is an exemption certificate which specifies one pilot on it only that pilot can fly that aeroplane, if there is a second person on, that second person has to go through the testing to prove that he can fly that aeroplane before he gets an exemption.

He can get an exemption to test fly it, but at the end of the required flights, when he formally wants to go on to the exemption, that has to be approved by the CAA.

The CAA are still extremely pleased with how we are managing model flying

b) UK Radio Control Council (UKRCC)

Hon Secretary reported that the most important thing that has happened over the last twelve months is the work that has been done on getting 2.4GHz approved. It was approved on the 8th December 2006.

The new sets are being shipped in vast quantities from America, which are the first ones for the 100mw use. There is a new batch going to be coming out in the near future. They may use different techniques to the current one used by Spectrum but they are completely compatible.

Silent Flight commented that what has exercised some interest in his club is the impact this is likely to have, although it clearly has safety implications, on peg board control, on the basis that it is alleged that you do not need a peg because the frequency will sort itself out. The club is looking for some sort of guidance from BMFA in peg board discipline.

Hon Secretary commented that the advice would be to put a peg up to say you are using 2.4GHz. If you get forty people using 2.4GHz there are no channels left.

Hon Secretary reported on an issue concerning CE markings. If you have a radio set which has an aerial on it, if that radio set is CE marked and the aerial is CE marked approved by the manufacturer, there is no problem with this at all.

However, if the aerial is detached and fitted to a base loaded antenna, all approved with a CE mark on it, it is no longer approved for use. It is a brand new piece of equipment. The operator would be responsible for it and it could be illegal to use it, because that combination has not been tested.

We were always under the belief that if something is CE tested there would not be a problem, but if you start putting them together yourselves it is a problem.

c) Education Working Group - WRITTEN REPORT (APPENDIX D)

d) Flight Challenge

Vice-Chairman thanked everyone for the support of Allan Weighells' proposal.

Negotiations are under way and hopefully a new venue will be secured very soon at Duxford.

We are hoping to have the leaflets ready soon, subject to when receipt of confirmation of the venue.

e) University Challenge

CEO reported that funding for University Challenge is secured for the foreseeable future.

f) Computer Sub-Committee

Nothing to report.

Northern Area asked if there was a schedule for replacing the CRT monitors in the office. Records Officer advised that they are replaced as and when required.

Northern Area commented that he would like to see a schedule to replace them at a quicker rate. Comp Sec supported this.

East Anglia asked if the requests that certain people are provided with direct email addresses had been sorted. CEO advised that it is our intention to buy a domain specifically for administration from the office.

East Anglia suggested we should own our current domain. It is very easy to be transferred.

CEO advised that when the website was set up initially part of the contract was that the BMFA could purchase the website and domain name from the Webmaster, at some point in the future for a fixed amount per page. At this present time that would equate to approximately £4000.

North West advised that he had taken the opportunity recently to buy three domain names, as a safety net, which he intends to donate to the BMFA.

They are:

British Model Flying Association.org; British Model Flying Association.org.uk; British Model Flying Association.co.uk.

North West was commended for his very generous offer.

g) Safety Review Committee

Vice-Chairman reported that a meeting would be held in a few weeks time.

h) Achievement Scheme Review Committee (ASRC)

There was no report.

i) BMFA News Publishers

John French advised that there would be a notice of an addendum to the Members Handbook on glider failsafe and 2.4GHz in the next issue of BMFA News.

j) Flying Site Adviser's Report.

A copy of the report was made available.

451/01/07 (23) Any Other Business

There was none.

452/01/07 (24) Date of next meeting.

This was confirmed as **Saturday 5th May 2007.**

Chairman closed the meeting at 17.35pm

Linda Harding
Office Manager
17th January 2007

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Competition Secretary's Report Council Meeting of 5th January 2007

I am pleased to report that at the final Championship of the 2006 season, the Space Modelling World Championship, Mike Francies took the individual bronze medal.

Looking through the proposals for the British Teams for the 2007 World and European Championships, I see that Technical Committees are still not including the fliers' clubs as they are required to do. Indeed, some of the proposals do not even have the venue or Championship dates.

I should like to remind all Technical Committees that it is a Council requirement that proposals for teams, team managers and assistant team managers for World and European Championships carry details about the type of Championship, the venue and the dates. The fliers' names must be accompanied by their BMFA numbers and their clubs. In the case of junior team members the proposal should show their date of birth too.

The FAI Sporting Codes are now available as .pdf downloads from the FAI website.

I was pleased to assist the Records Officer at the annual BMFA presentation and prizegiving in November.

I have been working on a small project to standardise the Council Agendas through the year and you will have seen the fruits of that project in the January 2007 Agenda and Information booklet.

Mrs Jo Halman
Competition Secretary
4th January 2007

FAI DELEGATES REPORT TO COUNCIL JANUARY 2007

There is still a great deal of consternation concerning the transport of models and particularly fuel and engines. (*Incidentally this also applies to full size air sports and other sports that require engines and fuel to be transported by air*). One case of a new model engine being refused from acceptance on an aircraft, even in the baggage hold.

Following the conference for event directors, the FAI have set up a forum for all air sport event directors. This can be accessed via the web and is intended to enable event directors to swap information etc. It may be appropriate for the Technical Secretary to join.

31 January is the final date to receive offers to host the 2009 World Air Games.

It has been announced that the Swedish flyer Rolf Hagel has died. He was primarily a "Nordic" glider flyer, but won the Ff World Power Championships in 1971.

The first "Bulletin" for the F3B Championships is now available from rolf.girsperger@ch.abb.com.

New FAI clothing is available, primarily aimed at contest officials. Shirts are 28 euros each.

FAI Young artists competition for 2007 has been announced, and the theme is "Airfields". Not wishing to be disparaging, but I have seen many entries and I bet you know some youngster that would at least place!! Come on UK have a go!

Section 4 of the sporting code (*aeromodelling and spacemodelling*) is now available on the FAI website. (www.fai.org)

The FAI model aircraft sporting calendar for 2007 is also available on the web site.

A report has been published "What effect do airplanes have on birds ? mainly intended for full size flyers but I am sure models must have similar effects!

An appeal. The agenda for the 2007 FAI

Aeromodelling Commission will soon be available. Please would all interested parties read it and tell me, through the office, how you would like me to vote on any matter, and if you would wish me to make comment please, please tell me in good time. End of Feruary sounds good to me.

Jim Andrews January 2007

ROYAL AERO CLUB DELEGATE'S REPORT – November, 2006

I attended the RAeC Awards Committee meeting and also the Council meeting on Nov. 27th and the following points may be of BMFA interest.

1) The Awards Committee had a considerably increased number of nominations to discuss compared to recent years, with several very strong citations. From the BMFA viewpoint, Peter Grange and Robin Jones were both recommended for the RAeC Bronze Medal; the Silver, for which BMFA had nominated Peter Grange, had no less than seven candidates.

2) It was agreed that for 2007 the Duke of York would be invited to present the awards in March, with the 29th the preferred date, but if the Palace was unable to confirm this by January, then an alternative guest would be sought, with March/April still the latest date for the ceremony. In view of the success of this year's delayed ceremony with the Duchess of Bedford, who is a flyer herself, she may be asked to repeat her visit in 2007.

3) RAeC Council recommends that all member associations should adopt the FAI Environmental Code, and BMFA Council are asked to do so formally and to implement it. Doing so may well be beneficial in connection with grants and planning permission. It may be seen at: http://www.fai.org/environment/code_conduct.

4) The RAeC website, like our own, is in need of extensive change, and a specification will be put out to tender before Christmas this year.

5) The RAeC chairman, Keith Negal, who is also a BMFA member, has been working in Kosovo and established contact with the Albanian Eagles, the country's sole air sports group, who are model flyers. Any help, material, literature etc, that the BMFA could provide via Keith would be most welcome.

6) The FAI General Conference took place recently in Chile. 78 nations are currently members. The World Air Games project is still under way, and host nations are still being sought. The RAeC does not support the concept for reasons that I have already mentioned in previous reports.

7) The continuing costs of our participation in the very many negotiations connected with European legislation have required an additional £2K to be found over and above the sum budgetted in the 3rd draft budget tabled at the meeting. I have forwarded a copy of the proposed budget to the Keith Lomax.

8) After the SAA chairman spoke to me at the AGM about their hopes for a separate Scottish team at World Championships, I brought the subject up at RAeC Council. As I thought, there appears to be no way that this can happen unless Scotland forms a national aero club itself and this become the new additional FAI member. Its members would then not, of course, be eligible for UK team membership. Perhaps this is something our FAI delegate could take up in Lausanne.

Martin Dilly
RAeC Delegate

29.11.06

Education Working Group Report BMFA Council 6th Jan 2007

As you know I have sent my 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 Birmingham. This is the best place to come in to contact with up to 5,000 science educators of all levels.

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.

Since the BMFA AGM, I have been busy with the encouragement of our Development Officer producing the first of two new kits especially for the BMFA Education Programme. This first model is a rubber powered high wing cabin monoplane called Pussycat originally designed by Dick Baxter in the States. I have to admit that I had started this design some ten years or so ago but due to lack of time, I had put it on the back shelf. Manny's suggestion that there was a requirement for a follow on model from the BMFA Frog got me blowing the dust off the drawings. The second model will be a P30 rubber duration model, those of you who were at the AGM may have seen Manny's uncovered prototype on the Education stand.

From the beginning of this month the majority of the model kits produced for the BMFA Education Programme have had to go up in price. For example, a BMFA Dart individual kit has risen from £1.50 to £1.80. This is the first price increase for over 15 years and we do hope to keep the prices stable for some time. The Aero-Glide hand launch glider is being phased out in favour of a larger more robust Aero-Glide MkII model.

Finally, the booklet "Why not Compete?" that was originally known as "After the Dart" has now been completed, with some disciplines not covered due to any forthcoming information, and has been passed to the Office for proof reading and publication.

Mike Colling
Education Working Group.

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Explanation of Grandfather rights

Grandfather rights (or a "Grandfather clause") are/is a provision of law that exempts certain persons or pre-existing conditions from the scope of a regulation or requirement. This is sometimes referred to as a "non-conforming use".

When applied to land, the use is one not permitted under current planning laws/regulations but which was established before the law or regulation came into effect.

To obtain recognition of a non-conforming right, the property owner (which includes the lessee or user) must supply evidence, usually 20 years non-conforming use, to establish the non-conformity (or grandfather right).

It is a misconception that, if something has been in place for 20 years, or "forever", it must be legal. To be a legal non-conformity, the use must have been legally established before the effective date of the law or regulation that prohibits it, or requires some other use.

Thus the use must be legal - a 20 year old violation is still a violation.

A local authority may not have abated a violation simply because it didn't know about it, or may not have had the resources to pursue enforcement. Neither of these conditions makes a violation legal or grants non-conforming rights.

The person or entity who asserts the use has to prove it exists for the whole qualifying period. The right to a use automatically terminates if the use is abandoned for more than 1 year, or is superseded by a permitted use. If the use becomes a conditional use, the non-conformity is also terminated and the use continues as a de facto conditional use.

Non-conforming rights are vested property rights and they are often worth a considerable amount. They "run with the land" and, once established, they automatically continue in force when the land is sold. The local authority will recognise established non-conforming rights and they are usually documented to exist.

Some history - the original "grandfather clauses" (American English) were contained in the Jim Crow laws used from 1890 to 1910 in much of the Southern USA, to prevent blacks, Native Americans and certain whites from voting. The idea of using an old rule - "to grandfather" - often used as a verb - to continue to apply to some existing situations, where a new rule will apply to all future situations, became popular. It is often used as a compromise to effect new rules without upsetting a well-established logistical or political situation.

As far as use by model flying clubs is concerned, the prime requirement, once grandfather rights are established, is for continuous use and for such use to be reliably documented, for example, by a site log or by records kept by the club.

Reg Bench
November 2006