



# **British Model Flying Association**

# **CLUB BULLETIN**

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## **IMPORTANT !!! SECRETARY PLEASE NOTE**

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### **TO ALL FULL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**There will be a Meeting of the Full Council on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 11.00am which is to be held at: College Court, Knighton Road, Leicester LE2 3TQ**

## **A G E N D A**

*(To download the Full Council Agenda Ctrl + click on the link below, or copy the link below):*

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- 1 Apologies for Absence.
- 2 Request for permission to be absent.
- 3 To verify the voting strength of the meeting.
- 4 Adoption of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2015.
- 5 Matters/Actions Arising from the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2015 that are not included elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 6 To receive a financial report from the Honorary Treasurer to include:
  - a The progress towards the year end Accounts.
- 7 To receive a joint report from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer to include the following:
  - a Update on the 'National Centre' Feasibility Study, presented by Manny Williamson.
  - b Proposal from the Chairman that Council endorses the actions agreed upon unanimously by the BMFA Executive Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> April to make all relevant planning and change of use searches while concurrently contacting the selling agents of Laws Lawn Farm in East Northamptonshire in order to open negotiations on making an offer to purchase (subject to contract) the said property.

- 8 To receive a report from the Vice-Chairman to include the following proposals:
  - a To introduce a new award – the SMAE Medal – to sit between the Certificate of Merit and Fellowship of the Society.
  - b To amend the Awards Procedure booklet, (as detailed in the draft document, appended), to clarify and correct omissions to the BMFA Awards Procedures. The proposal includes the adoption of a revised Nomination Form and clearer guidance on the drafting of citations. If the proposal is accepted there will be consequential changes required to the Council Handbook Appendices N and O. These are presented in a separate proposal.
  - c To amend Appendix N and Appendix O to the Council Handbook to reflect the changes agreed to the Awards Procedure booklet, as detailed in the appended documents.
  
- 9 To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary to include:
  - a To receive the Affiliated Club List.
  - b To receive dates for Council Meetings in the year 2016.
  - c To discuss and agree the processes for the November elections.
  - d To receive a ballot of Area Council Delegates to confirm the Area Council Representative to the Awards Committee. Nominations were received from the following:  
Nigel Barker, BMFA PRO/Vice-Chair Areas Council and Neil Cooper, Northern Area Delegate. (CV's appended).
  
- 10 To receive a report from the Technical Secretary.
  
- 11 To receive a report from the Competition Secretary to include:
  - a Receipt and ratification of any contests for next year's FAI Calendar.
  - b Proposal from the Competition Secretary:  
That the methodology of reporting BMFA competition results be changed from the current requirement to submit results to the Records Officer to the new requirement of uploading the results to the "Contest Results" page of the BMFA website with the resulting amendment to rule 2.3.15 "Reporting of Results" of the BMFA General Rule book (Appended – page 2 of the proposal).
  
- 12 To receive a report from the Records Officer.
  
- 13 To receive a report from the Public Relations Officer.
  
- 14 To receive a report from the FAI Delegate to include:
  - a The receipt of the report of the recent CIAM Meeting.
  
- 15 To receive updated briefings and reports from the Technical Committees & the Power Nationals Co-ordinator for all the BMFA National Championships.
  
- 16 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 Council (GASCo)
  - c Air Prox
  - d Sport + Recreation Alliance (formerly CCPR)
  - e General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)

17 To receive any reports from the following Committees (reports should be brief, preferably in writing and in advance):

- a CAA Team
- b Education Working Group
- c Flight Challenge
- d University Challenge
- e Computer Sub-Committee
- f Safety Review Committee
- g Achievement Scheme Review Committee
- h BMFA News Publishers
- i BMFA Archivist
- j Club Support Officer

18 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. This will be strictly enforced.*

*Any questions to be asked under AOB that require detailed answers should be previously advised to the Office Manager to allow preparation of replies.*

19 Date of next meeting.



**LIST OF REDUCED FEES - FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2015**

**ORDINARY FULL MEMBERSHIP FEES**

**SENIORS £24.00 JUNIORS £13.00**

**FAMILY MEMBERSHIP FEES**

**SENIORS £24.00 PARTNERS £16.00 JUNIORS £10.00**

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**LIST OF REDUCED FEES - FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

**ORDINARY FULL MEMBERSHIP FEES**

**SENIORS £16.00 JUNIORS £9.00**

**FAMILY MEMBERSHIP FEES**

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## **BMFA News Club Corner.**

I have had a few conversations recently with members asking why there aren't more "club articles" in our newsletter, the answer of course is that we don't get too many submitted. Pete (the editor) doesn't have a team of roving reporters to send out to report on your club activities so we are dependent on you to provide some of the copy. I have asked in previous "Club Corners" for clubs to send me profiles of their club and activities so we can include them, unfortunately with very little response. Now with over 850 affiliated clubs I am sure we can do much better on this front and I am throwing down the gauntlet to you all. We hope to include in every issue a "Club Profile" of about 1000 words and including 4 – 8 photographs with captions. The profile should start with a little history about the club, when it was founded for example, also included should be information on your location and the disciplines you fly and contact details of course. Answer some of those questions that prospective new members may ask. Do you have instructors and examiners and a training scheme? What club events do you organise? Then perhaps a report on a specific club event or activity your club takes part.

We do of course receive quite a few club notices and notifications of achievement scheme successes which we want you to keep sending. Our aim is to combine these notices and a club profile along with anything else we receive from clubs, if space allows, in the new improved club corner.

Club profiles and articles, and any other notices should be sent to [andy@bmfa.org](mailto:andy@bmfa.org), word documents are the best format. Pictures should all have captions and high resolution.

Andy Symons  
Club Support Officer.

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### **The Achievement Scheme Review Committee is pleased to announce the launch of the new BMFA RC Flight Training Manual, '*A Flying Start*'.**

This new manual has been developed by the ASRC, as a modern user-friendly replacement for the old training manual 'Up & Away'.

*'A Flying Start'* utilises a modular format, which for the first time includes colour photographs and diagrams, as well as providing details of the prior knowledge & experience required at the start of each module. Importantly, it also covers electric as well as i.c. powered aircraft. A template training log is also included.

The new manual will be the definitive reference for all BMFA instructors, who are after all, the unsung heroes of our hobby. They work tirelessly to help newcomers make the best and safest start they can, and ultimately help individuals prepare for achievement scheme tests.

Copies of *'A Flying Start'* are available as a free download from the BMFA website by [ctrl + clicking here](#) alternatively hardcopies are available by sending a cheque for £3.00 (includes p&p) made out to "BMFA" to the office.

The new manual will be reviewed by the ASRC on an annual basis, in order to ensure that it remains current. Any comments on this or any other achievement scheme documents should be made to the ASRC, via the BMFA Leicester office.