

MINUTES OF THE BMFA SCALE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING
HELD AT THE BMFA NATIONAL CENTRE ON 9th February 2019

Those present:

Andy Sephton (AS) Chairman

Steve Kessel (SK),

Chris Allen (CA),

Mike Stuart, (MPS) Secretary

John Minchell (JM),

Steve Jackson (SJ)

John Carpenter. (JC)

Doug Hunt (DH) (ex officio)

Apologies for absence were received from Mike Sollitt

The meeting opened at 11:00 am

At the commencement of the meeting Steve Kessel and John Carpenter were thanked for their service to the committee over the last two years as chairman and secretary respectively.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 1st December, were accepted.

2. Matters arising.

All matters arising are dealt with in the following paragraphs with references to the relevant paragraphs of the minutes of the previous meeting.

12. Annual return submitted by AS

15 B. b). Judges guide completed, CD's guide ongoing. **Action CA**

15 B. g). Control line static judging – ongoing. **Action: AS** to contact control line and helicopter reps. **Action: JM** to supply AS with helicopter contact.

15 F. b). Eddie Riding Trophy event. Six people needed for scale judging, four for open classes and two for the ER class. Recommended the two ER judges also do flight judging.

15 J. Recommend adding postcodes and GPS coordinates for flying fields used for meetings.
Action: SJ

15. K. a). Additional competition prizes. **Action: CA** to include suggestions in the CD's guide he is putting together.

15. K. b). Meeting decided purchase of printer and voltage inverter not necessary.

15. L. b). New 2019 rule book completed

15. M. Festival of Scale 2020. Two day meeting at Buckminster. Dates to be booked when 2020 calendar opened. Should avoid end July and beginning of August (World Champs).

Action AS and MPS

15. N. b). Copies of BMFA “terms of reference” and “Role of Chairman” have been circulated.

15. P. a). Correction to wording on Eric Coates trophy to be done when Martin Fardell returns trophy.

15. P. b). RC Model Flyer Trophy added to rule book as adopted by the BMFA for the Indoor RC scale trophy.

15. P. e). Magazine contacted and error acknowledged

15. P. f). Action list circulated by AS.

15. P. g). 2019 meeting dates published.

3. Delegate’s Report.

AS had attended and gave brief report.

Donations have been requested to help fund the hard surface control line circle at Buckminster and after discussion the committee decided it was happy to give £500 from STC funds. It was noted that the CL F2 World Champs will be held at Buckminster in 2022, but no scale events are being flown. The possibility was discussed of including a scale event.

Action: AS – contact Jo Halman to see if this could be possible. Donation - **Action SK**

4. Treasurer’s Report.

SK circulated latest report (Annex A to these minutes).

TC Costs-scale: current budget £1750 – estimated spend £2000

T+E Scale: Historically we have not spent all our budget, but with the new training sessions planned in preparation for the 2020 World Champs, we would like the budget increased.

Action: SK to put in request for increased funding

TTF-Scale: Debit shown in accounts of £239.51 will become a credit of £291.34 by adding surplus from Nats.

5. PRO’s Report.

No report as MS absent

6. Free Flight.

a). Eddie Riding Trophy June 28th -30th. As noted in matters arising, six people needed for scale judging, four for open classes and two for the ER class. Recommended the two ER judges also do flight judging. Overall CD also needed.

b). Free flight judging spreadsheets. SK has now completed the sheets for peanut and pistachio, plus indoor open classes. Kit scale sheets not yet completed. Nigel Monk has offered to test the spreadsheets and will sit next to Gordon Warburton at the indoor scale Nats running the sheets in parallel to the current system. This will show up any discrepancies between the two methods.

Action: SK – complete remaining free flight scale spreadsheets.

Action: JM – add spreadsheets to the website so they are available for download.

7. Indoor

a). The BMFA have been offered a new trophy, The Veron Truflite Trophy, in memory of Phil Smith. DH was of the opinion that this would make a fine addition to the trophies presented at the indoor scale Nats, suggesting it was presented to the highest placed Veron Truflite model in either kit scale or one of the open classes. The committee was in agreement and the trophy will be presented at the 2019 indoor Scale Nats. **Action JM**

b). JM reported on the problems at the 2018 Indoor Scale Nats with IT provision at Walsall leading to difficulties driving both display screens from one central computer. Hard wiring was thought to be the best solution to avoid similar problems this year, so the meeting agreed money for this could come from the contest fund. **Action: JM** to cost the purchase of cabling and connectors and let the committee know in the next couple of weeks.

c). JM reported that the Walsall sports centre had booked a martial arts event on the Saturday before the Indoor Scale Nats. This will delay the hall set up until probably 7 pm. This means the following trimming session will also have to be later than planned.

8. Control Line.

Possible relocation of control line scale judging – ongoing (as mentioned in matters arising).

9. Helicopter

Nothing to report.

10. Radio Control.

a). Team manager selection.

The meeting felt that it was a good idea to choose the manager earlier than in previous years. For the next WC where there will be two flight lines, ideally two managers would be required. Suggested cut-off date for applications end of April 2019. Graham Kennedy has already put his name forward as a potential candidate.

Action: JM – put advert onto website

Action: AS – put advert in BMFA News

Action: MS – put advert in Scale Newsletter

Action: SK – Look up wording from previous adverts.

b). Subsidies for clubs hosting competition.

It is now written in the rule book that members of a club hosting an event have free entry to that event. As regards extra payments, AS suggested the wording: “Donations or fees to be paid to club as agreed prior to the event”. **Action: CA** to add this to the CD’s guide.

c). JC had been approached and asked why BMFA scale rules are different to FAI, leading to a discussion about which rules should be used for WC team selection events, or whether scale marking should be done twice. CA pointed out the differences are sufficiently small that their influence on the final result was likely to be negligible – however this topic remains under discussion.

d). CA informed the meeting that “noise” now appears under “flight presentation” in the FAI rules and that the judges guidance is not very helpful.

e). JM reported that the license for the RC Indoor Nats at Shawbury on March 24th had still not come through. In view of the short time remaining before the event the meeting decided it would be best to cancel and reschedule later in the year, either at Shawbury or an alternative venue. **Action: JM** - Inform Jo Halman and announce cancellation on website. **Action: MPS** – contact entrants and inform them of cancellation.

11. Festival of Scale event 2020

Dates for this not yet booked as the Buckminster diary is not yet open for summer 2020. Dates to be proposed should avoid other large events such as the WC 2020 at the end of July/beginning of August.

12. World Champs 2020

With the new team selection process we need to ensure there are enough events to get the scale judging done. Currently in the diary are Warboys and the BMFA Nats. There is a flying only event at Buckminster on September 8th so the possibility was discussed of including optional static judging for those that need it. Alternatively a static judging only event could be held at Buckminster if required.

It was agreed that Graham Kennedy be taken on as team coach, liasing with SK

GK to be informed of new role - **Action AS**

Training programme for 2020 World Championship to be generated - **Action SK and GK**

13. World Champs 2022

SK had produced a thorough feasibility study for holding this event in the UK (Annex B to these minutes). The meeting felt that based on these figures the BMFA should be approached for their support to host the event – **Action SK**. Choice of venue would have to be decided

before any final decision was made. The committee thanked SK for putting so much effort into the study.

14. Scale website

JM reported that the website has more content now including rules summaries. It is planned to add the scoring spreadsheets when they are completed. **Action: All members** – review website and make suggestions for new content.

15. Competition programme for 2019.

Mostly finalised but there are still a couple of events waiting for confirmation. We have a new venue in the north west - Blackpool/Fylde. The point was made that the NW area offer sponsorship for events and this money can be used, for example, to hire portaloos.

16. BMFA Scale Rulebooks and associated documentation

Completed

17. Aims and direction of the Scale Technical Committee

Document has been circulated by AS but needs more discussion.

18. AOB

- a). **Action: AS** to write to Jim Wright to thank him for the Veron Truflite trophy and inform him what we will be awarding it for at the Indoor FF Nats
- b). Contact to heritage group to be nominated. **Action: DH** – write to AS with formal request
- c). **Action: AS** – send action list to MPS to append to minutes.
- d) **Action AS** - confirm SAM 35 involvement at Scale Indoor Nats
- e) **Action All** - review Judges Guide draft and report to CA

The meeting closed at 15.20.