

## **Chairman and Delegate's Report**

### **The BMFA Board**

Paul Hoey reported that:

- He has been co-opted to the BMFA Board as Honorary Secretary. The Board replaces the Full Council as a result of the amendments to the Articles of Association. This means he must relinquish the post of Area Delegate. Expressions of interest were invited and Area Clubs would again be contacted to promote the post. He will also step down as Area Chairperson at the 2023 AGM. Tony Waters indicated he may be interested and will discuss with PH.
- Mike Woodhouse has been co-opted to the Board as Finance Director.
- Helen Jones has been co-opted as Outreach Director, an exciting initiative to develop and promote STEM activities to encourage young people's engagement, potential membership and target new members such as returners to model flying or retirees. Areas have been asked to identify an Outreach Co-ordinator to liaise with Helen. John Copley expressed interest and will contact Helen. PH to let Helen know and make the introduction.
- Membership stands at 26646 as opposed to 27414 in May 2022 with 717 clubs slightly down on 2022.
- Currently plans are being developed to apply to CIAM to host European Championships for Control Line and Pylon Racing in 2025 and World Championships for Scale in 2026. The BMFA will support if the applications are realistically cost neutral or better.
- Conspicuity: Dave Phipps reported to the May Board meeting that it is likely that 'in model' electronic devices will not be required but that flying sites will possibly be electronically visible. However, discussions continue with the CAA.
- There is further development at Buckminster to establish a multipurpose space and café area. It is still intended to establish Buckminster as the HQ for the BMFA at some point in the future.
- Paul Tallett, our marketing consultant is working on 3 opportunities to promote model flying on TV.

### **Areas Council and Areas**

Paul Hoey reported as the Area Delegate that:

- Duncan McClure has been co-opted as the Members Director and chairs Areas Council. Helen Jones also attends.
- The Area Constitution has been revised and sets out the 3 purposes of Areas as
  1. Support Affiliated Clubs and Country Members in the Area
  2. Promote safe, lawful flying of all types of model aircraft
  3. Promote the BMFA
- There has been a realignment of clubs in Areas to enable those in Wales to come together as BMFA Wales. This enables the Area to apply for grants only available in Wales.

- A 15<sup>th</sup> Area is being created and an Area Committee formed in Scotland to support BMFA members north of the border.
- Andy Symons has established a new e mail facility that will enable an Area to direct e mail members in an Area which we will make use of.

### **Rolling Membership**

The meeting discussed the concept of introducing rolling membership. It was strongly felt that this would be difficult for clubs and their membership secretaries to monitor and ensure all their club members were BMFA members.

It was recognised that, for members joining mid year then charging only for the months to January renewal would be sensible. This would remove the problem of paying £42 (the full senior fee) before the reduction in July.

It was noted that the BDF operates a rolling membership system.