

### **Additional information re BMFA option.**

The BMFA are currently exploring their national development, and are looking at establishing a dedicated Area for Wales and Scotland in addition to the existing Northern Ireland Area. The BMFA considered a logical approach to their Scottish plans would be to request the assistance of the SAA, an already affiliated Association. The BMFA have stated that the growth of their membership within Scotland over the past year, now means that it is inevitable that they must provide a BMFA presence within 2023.

### **Key Benefits of re establishing SAA affiliation to the BMFA.**

- The SAA will remain an independent registered Limited company ensuring the future status and identity of the SAA and will retain ALL SAA existing funds, merely joining forces with the BMFA to generate mutual benefits.
- A transitional annual subscription rate for existing SAA members would be introduced in the first year to recognise the current differential in subscription charges between the BMFA and SAA, this preliminary considered at £35 – the reduced membership fee will also be made available to SAA members currently holding BMFA membership.
- All SAA concessional memberships for Families / Juniors and SAA Fellows will continue via a joint membership agreement.
- Members and Clubs would have access to the BMFA's JustGo Membership system which takes most of the hard work out of membership administration and provides a useful mechanism for communications.
- The BMFA Area Funding is provided to meet the costs of administering the Area and the major costs of Insurance cover and CAA fees are incurred by the BMFA. The Area Funding amount would be negotiable based on the activities covered and may be further supported by 'one off' funding requests for specific events such as education initiatives, requests for equipment purchases etc.
- All members and clubs would benefit from exactly the same insurance arrangements, removing some of the existing potential complications with split membership within clubs and removing this cost from the SAA budget.
- All members would operate within the same Achievement Scheme. This would save duplication and time in maintaining a parallel scheme. There would be opportunities for SAA management input into the development of BMFA Schemes.
- UK Representation - it is recognised there will be many more challenges ahead over the next few years in terms of Article 16 regulatory matters including Remote I.D. and electronic transparency. By re-establishing the existing affiliation to the BMFA, the SAA would avoid having to commit resources and volunteer time to try to meet these future legal requirements. The BMFA already has specialised manpower resources allocated to tackle these anticipated legislative developments.
- The SAA would be able to appoint a representative to the BMFA Board.
- SAA member clubs would have access to the BMFA resources and training kits to support ongoing flying education initiatives.
- Members would be able administer their CAA registrations through the existing BMFA membership system online

- All members would be able to benefit from the BMFA's optional Vectis Membership cards (potentially using a dedicated SAA card similar to that used by the British Drone Flying members via the BMFA).

The Vectis scheme allows members to secure savings at a range of retailers.

- SAA members would be able to benefit from the BMFA Classified Ads service online through the BMFA web service.

- All members would also receive the BMFA NEWS (bi-monthly) which would include dedicated content for Scotland.

- By combining, the joint membership within Scotland, this would give Scotland a greater presence within the UK modelling community and all Scottish members would be served via a joint SAA / BMFA area management.