

Achievement Scheme Review Committee
Report to Areas Council Meeting
9th September 2017

The ASRC has met three times so far in 2017, in February, April and an informal meeting in June at the National Centre. A provisional date of 4th November had been agreed for a meeting to review all of Achievement Scheme materials for 2018, but this date was subsequently adopted by Areas Council, and a new date for the review meeting is currently pending.

Key developments within the period include:-

- A number of Areas have successfully run Examiner & Instructor Workshops during the year so far, including the first 'Super' workshop jointly run by the Southern and South Midland Areas. However, some Areas have still not embraced this initiative and both the scheme controller and the ASRC would like to offer their assistance to those Areas that are finding it difficult to organise and or run these events.
- A third **Achievement Scheme Roadshow / Conference** will be held on **the 14th October**, at the **National Centre**. This roadshow will include a session specifically dedicated to running Examiner & Instructor Workshops, which may be of interest to some of the Areas that are having difficulties organising such events.
- A standardised ASRC club night presentation has been developed from the Roadshows, which hopefully will be of interest to Clubs over the winter months.
- One of the outcomes of the conferences has been the establishment of an ASRC Action Plan. This is essentially an internal tool to ensure that all questions and enquiries relevant to the Scheme are responded to accordingly. Where appropriate, committee members will take ownership of a query and see it through to close out. This will be a living document going forward, and hence will provide a long term record of the work undertaken by the committee.
- In addition, to support and run alongside the Action Plan, an ASRC Communications Strategy has been developed. The aim of this is to aid both understanding and promotion of the scheme and help to ensure consistency with any broader BMFA PR initiatives. Regular contact has been established with Paul Tallett, the new BMFA PRO, and a regular Achievement Scheme presence in the BMFA News has been initiated, with a number of articles identified for inclusion in the remainder of the issues planned for 2017.
- Following the success of the introduction of a downloadable test form for the Basic Proficiency Certificates, it has been agreed that all Scheme test forms will be modified to a similar format, so that for 2018 onwards, all test forms will be available for examiners to download.
- The Achievement Scheme Facebook page continues to be extremely popular, with new members being added on a daily basis. To date there are over 260 members. The site has stimulated many useful discussions and the general behaviour of members has been excellent.
- Work continues slowly on the development of video guidance for the FW 'A' certificate. Importantly, the video will feature more than just flying, with discussion or 'banter' elements being used to cover certain aspects, for example positioning between manoeuvres. It is also planned to use animation and or diagrams within the guidance, particularly to help illustrate the shape and positioning of manoeuvres.
- The committee has recognised the necessity to continually monitor technical advances within the sport, notably those applied to drones and the use of GPS. Consideration of any relevant technical developments will be an important element of the November review of scheme materials for 2018.

- Although not directly related to the Achievement Scheme, the Committee continues to monitor developments with the EASA 'Prototype Rules' and liaises with the CEO on such matters, as appropriate.
- The Committee are pleased that the recent proposal submitted to Areas Council for the National Centre be granted 'all areas' status in respect of the Achievement Scheme was approved.
- The committee has decided that since any new system for Registered Instructors is highly dependent on developments within the database system at the Leicester office, that any proposal will be put on hold until the new database is up and running.

At the last Full Council meeting there was an informal discussion regarding potential recognition of the Achievement Scheme at the Annual Awards Dinner. The outcome of this was an action on me to draft an outline of what form any awards might take, along with a suitable selection process, in preparation for any more formal proposal, if required.

The following outline is therefore very much for discussion and comment by Council and any positive feedback would be both useful and welcomed:-

- *One table (of ten) at the awards dinner allocated to the Achievement Scheme*
- *The Association to fund the cost of the dinner (but not any associated travel or accommodation costs) for the above*
- *The ten spaces to be allocated to;*
 - *A member who has gained an 'A' certificate or BPC in any discipline, drawn at random from a pool of all those who have gained such a certificate in the past year (October – October)*
 - *A member who has gained a 'B' or 'C' certificate in any discipline, drawn at random from a pool of all those who have gained such a certificate in the past year (October – October)*
 - *An Examiner, Club or Area Chief, drawn at random from a pool of all those who have been ratified for the current year*
 - *An Instructor, (all club categories and Area Chiefs) drawn at random from a pool of all those who have been ratified for the current year*
 - *The table to be hosted by the Scheme Controller or ASRC Chairman – by mutual consent and or in rotation - or an Area AS Co-ordinator if neither of the above are available*
- *Each of the above would be entitled to be accompanied by a + one of their choosing (partner, parent, friend etc.)*
- *The draw to be conducted at Chacksfield House (or the National Centre) under the supervision of either the Chairman or the CEO, with suitable coverage of the event published in BMFA News*
- *1st and 2nd reserve names would also be drawn at the same time (but not published) in order to cover for any candidate(s) who, for whatever reason, aren't able to attend.*
- *Appropriately worded and signed framed Certificates, based on the existing 'A' & 'B' certificates (as produced by the office) would be presented to each recipient during the Awards presentation session of the evening.*
- *Total estimated cost for the above, effectively 10 dinners and 4 framed certificates, would be less than £500 at current prices.*

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