

BRITISH MODEL FLYING ASSOCIATION

CONTROL LINE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ADOPTED MINUTES of the 28th meeting (wef 02/12/00) held on 9th December 2006 at Langley House, 21 Polegate, Luton, Bedfordshire

Chris Barker was the person delegated to call this first meeting and was empowered to Chair the meeting until a new Chairman was elected.

Present: Chris Barker; Jo Halman; Mick Lewis; Peter Halman; Martin Paffett; Duncan Bainbridge (VTRSIG); Andy Housden (Carrier)

(28)/1 Election of Officers, Co-Options & Acceptance of Specialist Body Representatives

Five elected Committee members were present and the voting strength was established as five.(

28)/1.1 Election of Chairman:

Chris Barker Proposed by Mick Lewis, seconded by Peter Halman & carried unanimously

(28)/1.2 Co-Options, as and if required, to bring the number of full members to six:

Not necessary.

(28)/1.3 Election of Chairman: **Not necessary.**

(28)/1.4 Acceptance of voting Specialist Body Representatives:

Peter Halman SpeedCom

Duncan Bainbridge VTRSIG (Vintage Team Racing Special Interest Group)

Mick Lewis CFA (Combat Flyers Association)

Proposed by Chris Barker, seconded by Peter Halman & carried unanimously.

The Committee also noted that:

(b) Andy Housden representing the Carrier discipline had a standing invitation to attend the Control Line Technical Committee meetings in a non-voting capacity and at his own expense.

(c) Peter Halman, as an elected member of the Control Line Technical Committee and as the SpeedCom Representative would exercise only one vote.

(d) Mick Lewis, as an elected member of the Control Line Technical Committee and CFA representative would only exercise one vote.

The voting strength was now established as six.

(28)/1.5 Election of Secretary: **Jo Halman**

Proposed by Chris Barker, seconded by Martin Paffett & carried unanimously.

(28)/1.6 Election of Treasurer: **Mick Lewis**

Proposed by Jo Halman, seconded by Peter Halman & carried unanimously.

(28)/1.7 Election of Council Delegate: **Chris Barker**

Proposed by Peter Halman, seconded by Duncan Bainbridge & carried unanimously.

(28)/1.8 Election of PRO: **Martin Paffett**

Proposed by Chris Barker, seconded by Duncan Bainbridge; & carried unanimously.

(28)/1.9 Election of Safety Officer: Safety is the responsibility of each member of this Committee, of the Specialist Bodies and of each Control Line flier and is monitored as a matter of course.

(28)/1.10 Appointment of the Committee Results Officer: The Committee. unanimously accepted Chris Barker as Results Officer.

(28)/1.11 Budget Signatory for the Team Travel Fund: The Committee unanimously agreed that Mick Lewis, Treasurer should continue to be the Team Travel Fund budget Signatory.

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Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from John Bonner.

Correction & Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of 14th October 2006.

(28)/3.1 **Peter Halman proposed that the Minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting of 14th October 2006. This proposal was seconded by Chris Barker and approved unanimously.**

Matters Arising (and not already on the Agenda)

(28)/4.1 (27/7.5) These had been submitted by the previous VTRSIG representative after the last meeting but needed some work on them before they could be included in the BMFA Rule Book. It was agreed to defer these changes until 2008 and meanwhile Duncan Bainbridge, the new VTRSIG representative, would prepare them for consideration by this Committee during 2007.

(28)/4.2 (27/7.6) Chris Barker had made an initial comparison between the F2F and the F2CN rules. It was agreed that this be produced as a formal comparison and brought back to this Committee. It was agreed that the probable way forward would be in three stages:

(a) to take the best of each class and incorporate it into F2CN;

(b) try to get F2F changed at CIAM to reflect our F2CN;

(c) if that was successful then we would discard the (identical) F2CN class and adopt F2F. Chris Barker was to continue this work

(28)/4.3 (27/8) It was unanimously agreed the following proposal should be submitted to Council: **“That the Control Line Technical Committee’s Treasurer be appointed as the Budget Holder for the CLTC’s Training Budget.”**

REASON: The Control Line Training Budget has now been in existence for a full season. During that time the CLTC Treasurer has diligently undertaken:

- 1) The issue of claim forms on request from team members.**
- 2) Examination of submitted claims to ensure that the expenses claimed have been legitimately and properly incurred.**
- 3) Monitoring of the account.**

This year, the BMFA also requested the Treasurer to submit a budget for, next year, which he did. This Committee maintains that it is clear that the CLTC Treasurer is in the best position to oversee this account; to know that the claimed expenses are legitimate and to authorise payment. It would therefore seem sensible, now that the CLTC Training Budget is up and running successfully, that he becomes the Budget holder.

(28)/4.4 (27/9) The Treasurer reported that all the judges claim forms for the Aerobatics Centralised had been received and paid.

(28)/4.5 (27/9) John Bonner was not at the meeting and the item regarding F2B tie-break and normalising scores was carried forward.

(28)/4.6 (27/9) The Treasurer reported that he had now received the entry fees and a receipt for the deducted site hire from the Barton club regarding the Centralised meeting held on 24th September.

(28)/4.7 (27/11) The Secretary had contacted Richard Evans and Vernon Hunt and both wished to be again included on the FAI Judges list. It was noted that both of them had been selected for duty at the 2007 European Championships.

(28)/4.8 (27/16.3) The Committee was pleased with the Treasurer's preliminary estimate that the 2006 contest income was some £200 better than last year.

(28)/4.9 (27/13) Mick Lewis took John Oliver's certificate and will deliver it personally.

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Miscellaneous Appointments

This applies only to Aerobatics judges. In agreement with John Bonner, Roger Ladds had forwarded a list of BMFA Judges who had qualified through the Aerobatics Training Programme. This was accepted by this Committee and appears at Appendix 1. The Secretary is to forward this to the BMFA office. The disciplines of Speed, Aerobatics, Team Race, Combat and Carrier were accepted.

Council Agenda

Proposals generated at this meeting will be forwarded to the BMFA office for the January Council Meeting.

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Nationals De-Briefing & Pre-Planning

The 2006 Nationals had been de-briefed at the last meeting (14/10/06) and the 2007 Nationals planning would take place at the next Control Line Technical Committee meeting on 03/02/07. It was unanimously agreed that Jo Halman again be the Control Line Nationals Co-Ordinator.

(28)/9.1 Based on the results of the team selection events, the following teams were proposed for the Control Line European Championships to be held in Belgrade, Serbia between 6th & 14th July 2006:

F2A: Peter Halman, Paul Eisner & Ken Morrissey. Reserves: Gordon Isles & Dick McGladdery
Proposed by Chris Barker, seconded by Jo Halman & carried unanimously.

F2B: Robert Kitley, Barry Robinson, Bill Draper. Reserve: Stephen Smith. It was noted that Roy Cherry had qualified for the third team place and had declined his place so that he can concentrate on improving his

performance by attending international competitions during the 2007 season. Bill Draper, as first reserve, moved up into the third team place. The second reserve, Brian Turner, had declined this position and so the next qualifier, Stephen Smith was now the first reserve.

Proposed by Peter Halman, seconded by Jo Halman & carried unanimously.

F2C: Langworth/Broadhead, Barker/North and Ross/Yeldham. It was noted that the third place and the first reserve teams had declined their places and so the fifth qualifying team was now the third team member. The sixth qualifying team of Holmes/Robson was now the first reserve team.

Proposed by Duncan Bainbridge, seconded by Mick Lewis & carried unanimously.

F2D: Pilots: Mick Whillance as Defending Champion, Graham Ives, Martin Johnson, Martyn Coe and Sam Hobbins (J). Pitmen: Peter Grange, Gordon Price and Tony Frost. First reserve: Andrew Shields.

Proposed by Mick Lewis, seconded by Peter Halman and carried unanimously.

(28)/9.2 **Team selection events** take place at designated competitions throughout the year as published in the BMFA Contest Calendar.

Team and Assistant Team Managers

A notice for application for the 2007 European Championships Team Manager & Assistant Team Manager will appear in the December edition of the BMFA News. The two proposed people will be submitted at the January Council Meeting. The Secretary apologised for missing the BMFA News copy deadline for the earlier issue.

Competition Details

Centralised entry fees remain the same as last year: Speed - £15; Aerobatics - £15/£10 second classes; Team Race - £15/£10 second classes; Combat £10. All Junior entry fees are half the Senior fee. It was noted that Aerobatics should only field one judge at the Centralised competitions. Control Line does not issue season tickets. Nationals entry fees will be set at the Nationals planning meeting on 3rd February 2007.

Team selection entry fees are the same as non-team selection events. Diploma requirements will be sent to the Records. Each discipline is to send its requirements direct to the Records Officer with a contact name and address for receipt of the diplomas.

Technical Committee Annual Return

The Secretary will forward the completed Control Line Technical Committee Return to the office.

Goodyear Team Race Ballot

65 ballots had been sent out and 45 ballots returned, giving a return of 69% which was a remarkably good return. The ballot showed that for:

British Goodyear: there was a clear a majority for retaining the class in its current form.

Open Goodyear: there was a clear majority for changing to suction feed.

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A full discussion followed and the Committee unanimously agreed that:

(a) The fuel rule in Open Goodyear will be changed to suction feed for the 2008 BMFA Rule Book.

(b) Open Goodyear under the current rules will not be run at the Nationals in 2007 because of the declining entries over the last few years culminating in only three teams flying at the 2006 Nationals.

A majority of the Committee agreed that:

(c) A provisional Open Goodyear class using suction fuel will be run at the 2007 Nationals.

This provisional class will be given the widest possible publicity to encourage people to build models for entry into the 2007 Nationals. It was noted that this *provisional* class will not attract free dinner tickets or the trophy associated with the Open Goodyear class but this Committee will fund a one-off trophy for the provisional class.

Martin Paffett volunteered to investigate fuel tanks for the 2008 suction feed rule in Open Goodyear. Additionally it was agreed that the Secretary would write to Martin Worgan and Tony Eifflaender to ask if they would run British Goodyear at the 2007 Nationals.

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Safety Review

There had been no incidents to report during 2006.

Any Other Business

(28)/15.1 Chris Barker updated the meeting with information on Team Race display boards for lap counting, warnings and information. These electronic display boards by their very nature are expensive but still worth pursuing and Chris Barker will undertake further research on the matter.

(28)/15.2 The updated Aerobatics Judges Training Programme was laid before the Committee by the Secretary who had liaised with Roger Ladds on the matter. It also took in this Committee's agreed changes regarding the conditions for judges qualifying for, and being retained on, these two lists. The Committee carefully went through the document clause by clause and some changes were agreed. The final document appears at Appendix 2 and the Secretary will forward it to the Technical Secretary for inclusion in the 2007 BMFA Rule Book as agreed with a copy to Roger Ladds.

(28)/15.3 The Secretary said that there had been no progress on the two potential flying sites and that she would be following this up next week.

(28)/15.4 It was noted that the claim submitted to the BMFA for engraving of the F2A Team World Championship trophy had been deducted from this Committee's budget.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is **Saturday 3rd February 2007** at 11.00 hours at Langley House, 21 Polegate, Luton, Bedfordshire.

This will be a **Nationals Planning Meeting only** unless there are any urgent topics that cannot wait until the regular Control Line Technical Committee meeting.

Future dates for 2007 were agreed as follows: 19th May, 13th October & 8th December

The meeting closed at 17.00 hours.

Signed copy on file

Signed: Chris Barker, Chairman

Dated: 3rd February 2007

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Distribution of Corrected & Adopted Minutes:

Already Distributed: All Committee Members
Representatives of SpeedCom, VTRSIG, CFA, SAM 35, Carrier
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Mr C Bromley, BMFA Technical Secretary
Mrs Linda Harding, BMFA Office Manager
Other distribution as necessary

Appendix 1

2007 CONTROL LINE AEROBATICS JUDGES CLASSIFICATIONS FOR 2007.

Judges List 1 (BMFA F2B Centralised & National Competitions)

Bill Grieve 2.3.
John Ash 2.3.5.
James Parry 2.3.5.
Ian Russell 2.3.4.5.
Jeff Smith 2.3.4.5.
Peter Catlow 2.3.4.5. (will not be available for 2007 but remains qualified)

Judges List 2 (FAI F2B International, European & World Championship Competitions)

John Bonner 1.2.3.4.5.
Peter Jackson 1.2.3.4.5.
Roger Ladds 1.2.3.4.5.

Judges re-classified for 2007

Glen Alison 3.4.5.
John Benzing 3.5.

Judges not yet classified or receiving instruction

Mike Castell (expected to be classified 3.4.5. for 2007)
Bill Smith (expected to be classified 3.4.5. for 2007)
Alan Watson
Jim Gennard
Dave Kenny

Categories for Judges.

1. FAI/F2B
2. BMFA/F2B
3. Classic
4. Vintage
5. Class 2

Please note that all categories are skill indicators only, for the purposes of this document.

Roger Ladds

December 2006

Accepted by the Control Line Technical Committee

9th December 2006

Appendix 2

Control Line Technical Committee - Aerobatics Judges Training Programme

(words of masculine gender should be taken to include the feminine gender.)

Introduction

(a) The Control Line Technical Committee (CLTC) is committed to providing qualified judges for the Aerobatics Centralised & Team Selection Competitions and has instituted an Aerobatics Judges Training Programme that will be run on its behalf by a suitably qualified judge appointed by the CLTC and hereinafter referred to as the Programme Manager.

(b) Two lists of qualified judges will be maintained by the Programme Manager and copied to the CLTC whenever there are changes to the list, otherwise at the end of each year (see note (ii) at the end of this document):

- Judges qualified to judge Aerobatics in Centralised & National Competitions will be on CLTC JudgesList 1 (BMFA).
- Judges qualified to judge F2B at Internationals, European & World Championships will be on CLTC Judges List 2 (FAI).

(c) Anyone who wishes to be considered for inclusion on Judges List 1 (BMFA) will need to fulfil the criteria listed in Section 1.

(d) Anyone who wishes to be considered for inclusion on Judges List 2 (FAI) will need to fulfil the criteria listed in Sections 1 & 2.

(e) There is a small training budget available for this initiative and travelling expenses will be paid at the end of each year to each person who attended a formal training seminar and who was available to, or did, judge as requested by, or on behalf of, the CLTC.

(f) It is intended that three formal training seminars will be held each year: one in the south, one in the north and one prior to the BMFA National Championships.

(g) All applications should be made direct to Programme Manager who will report back to the CLTC after each seminar with a list of the attendees & a brief report.

Section 1 – Judges for Aerobatics at Centralised & National Competitions

1. Criteria for Initial Inclusion on Judges List 1:

1.1 Applicants do not need to be members of the BMFA.

1.2 Applicants must have judged at a minimum of two appropriate events (as decided by the CLTC & the Programme Manager from time to time) in any Aerobatics class in the past twelve months.

1.3 Applicants who have not judged a minimum of two appropriate events in the past twelve months, shall agree to have their judging skills assessed.

1.4 The skills assessment shall take place at a Centralised competition and shall be conducted by experienced and qualified judges.

1.5 If the assessment shows that applicant's skills are not of the required standard, then he will be required to attend competitions to improve his judging skills by shadowing more experienced judges. The training and assessment will be on-going until the applicant is considered competent. The period of training and assessment will generally not be longer than twelve months.

Maintaining Names on Judges List 1:

1.6 Each judge shall continue to comply with the criteria listed above.

1.7 Each judge shall attend at least one Judges' Seminar each season to maintain his skills and knowledge.

1.8 All necessary assessment will be continuous throughout each flying season and will be conducted by senior judges nominated by the Programme Manager.

1.9 Each judge shall commit to judging at least one Centralised competition each year (if appropriate to his level of judging qualification).

1.10 Unless competing, he shall make himself available to judge at the British National Championships at least once in each two year period.

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1.11 Any judge who is assessed as not maintaining the required standard will have his name removed from the list until such time as he can again prove his competence.

1.12 Any judge who does not comply with the criteria in this section will have his name removed from the list until such time as he does comply with the criteria.

Section 2 - Judges for F2B at Internationals, European & World Championships

2. Criteria for Inclusion on Judges List 2:

2.1. Applicants shall comply with the criteria listed in Section 1.

2.2. Applicants shall have judged at least one Centralised F2B event each year and, unless competing in F2B at the Nationals, must have judged F2B once at the British National Championships in the same period.

2.3. Applicants must be prepared to travel outside the United Kingdom.

2.4. Applicants shall be members of the BMFA and possess current FAI Licences.

2.5. The CLTC will not recommend a judge for inclusion on the FAI Judges List if the skills level of that judge is assessed to be below the appropriate standard, or if the judge no longer complies with any of the criteria in Sections 1 & 2.

Maintaining Names on Judges List 2:

2.6. Each judge shall continue to comply with the criteria listed in Sections 1 & 2.

2.7. Each judge shall attend at least two Judges' Seminars each season to maintain his skills and knowledge.

2.8. All necessary assessment will be continuous throughout each flying season and will be conducted by senior judges nominated by the Programme Manager.

2.9. Any judge who is assessed as not maintaining the required standard will have his name removed from the List until such time as he can again prove his competence.

2.10. Any judge who does not comply with the criteria in sections 1 & 2 (reference "Introduction (d)") will have his name removed from the list until such time as he does comply with the said criteria.

Categories of Judges: 1 - F2B (FAI) 2 - F2B (BMFA) 3 - Classic 4 - Vintage 5 - Class 2

Notes:

i. Each person on the Judges Lists shall be issued with a 'Judges Record Card'. This is a personal record of all competitions and seminars attended. It is the individual's responsibility to ensure that the details are properly recorded and the card signed by an official at the competition or seminar.

ii. Both Judges Lists will be revised at the end of each flying season and forwarded to the CLTC in time for the October Technical Council meeting.

iii. Names on Judges List 2 will normally be recommended by the CLTC for inclusion on the FAI Judges List that has to be submitted to the BMFA Technical Council at the October Technical Council meeting prior to being submitted to the FAI by 15th November each year.

Control Line Technical Committee

December 2006

With acknowledgements to CLAPA 2005