

**BRITISH MODEL FLYING ASSOCIATION
CONTROL LINE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

**of the 32nd meeting (wef 02/12/00) held on
10th December 2007
at Langley House, 21 Polegate, Luton, Bedfordshire**

Chris Barker, re-elected as a member of the Control Line Technical Committee at the 2007 AGM, was the person delegated to call this first meeting and is empowered to Chair the meeting until a new Chairman is elected.

Present: Chris Barker; Jo Halman; Peter Halman; John Bonner; Andy Housden (Carrier)

(32)/1 Election of Officers, Co-Options & Acceptance of Specialist Body Representatives

Four elected Committee members were present and the voting strength was established as four.

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(32)/1.1 Election of Chairman: **Chris Barker**

Proposed by Peter Halman, seconded by John Bonner & carried unanimously

(32)/1.2 Co-Options, as and if required, to bring the number of full members to six:

None necessary.

(32)/1.3 Election of Chairman: **Not necessary.**

(32)/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 Jo 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 continued to be four.

(32)/1.5 Election of Secretary: **Jo Halman**

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

(32)/1.6 Election of Treasurer: **Mick Lewis**

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

(32)/1.7 Election of Council Delegate: **Peter Halman**

Proposed by Chris Barker, seconded by John Bonner & carried unanimously.

(32)/1.8 Election of PRO: **Martin Paffett**

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

(32)/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.

(32)/1.10 Appointment of the Committee Results Officer: The Committee unanimously accepted Chris Barker as Results Officer.

(32)/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.

(32)/2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Mick Lewis & Duncan Bainbridge (VTRSIG). Chris Barker mentioned that Martin Paffet was unable to attend.

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(32)/3 Correction & Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of 14th October 2007.

(32)/3.1 **There were no corrections and Peter Halman proposed that the Minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting of 13th October 2007. This proposal was seconded by Chris Barker and approved For: 3. Against: 0; Abstentions: 1.**

(32)/4 Matters Arising (and not already on the Agenda)

(32)/4.1.1 (31/4.1) **Team Race F2CN:** The ballot not yet undertaken because of the Secretary's workload but would be carried out shortly for resolution by end December.

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(32)/4.1.2 (31/4.2) **F2B Normalisation:** "Normalisation" was again described as it is used for other FAI Aerobatic disciplines such as F3A & F3C. It seems odd that F2B does not use a similar system. Jo Halman is to forward to John Bonner information so that he may speak to the F2B fliers (& possibly the foreign judges) and if they think it a beneficial system for the fliers then this Committee could begin to move it forward. This topic will be an Agenda item for the October CLTC Meeting. It was noted that F2B tie-break is in the current BMFA Rule Book.

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(32)/4.1.3 (31/4.4) **F2D Wire Tests:** Peter Halman was currently sourcing the wire.

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(32)/4.1.4 (31/4.7) **Team Race Electronic Display:** Chris Barker & Peter Halman had met with the designer, Adrian Moore. The actual production is split between the three with Chris Barker making various bits of hardware; Peter Halman building the box and progressing the warning lights; Adrian Moore working the project management, the electronics & the wiring.

(32)/4.1.5 (31/4.9) **F2D at Church Fenton:** still waiting for a reply from Gordon Warburton. The Secretary is to contact Gordon again.

(32)/4.1.6 (31/4.10) **GBR Pins:** ongoing.

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(32)/4.1.7 (31/4.11) **Cottesmore:** ongoing.

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(32)/4.1.8 (31/5) All points that need action will be discussed at the CLTC Nationals & (31/7) Planning Meeting in February

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(32)/5 Miscellaneous Appointments

This applies only to Aerobatics judges. Same list as last year and is attached at Appendix 1. Peter Catlow is to be contacted to establish his situation.

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(32)/6 Confirmation of Disciplines

The disciplines of Speed, Aerobatics, Team Race, Vintage Team Race, Combat and Carrier were accepted.

(32)/7 Council Agenda

Any proposals generated at this meeting will be forwarded to the BMFA office for the January Council Meeting. It was noted that the date of the next Council Meeting had been changed by the BMFA Executive from 5th to 12th January with an agenda deadline date of 17th December.

(32)/8 Nationals De-Briefing & Pre-Planning

The 2007 Nationals had been de-briefed at the last meeting (13/10/07) and the 2007 Nationals planning would take place at the next Control Line Technical Committee meeting in February. It was unanimously agreed that Jo Halman again be the Control Line Nationals Co-Ordinator.

(32)/9 Teams

(32)/9.1 It had already been unanimously agreed at the meeting on 13th October, 2007 that the teams for the 2008 World Championships in France would be:

F2A: Peter Halman, Paul Eisner & Ken Morrissey. Reserves: None

F2B: Robert Kitley, Barry Robinson, Roy Cherry. Reserve: Bill Draper.

F2C: Ross/Yeldham, Barker/North and Fitzgerald/Thomason. Reserve team: Fry/Whorton.

F2D: Pilots: Mervyn Jones, Graham Ives, Mick Whillance. Pitmen: Dave Riley, Martin Coe.

(32)/9.2 **Team selection events** take place at designated competitions throughout the year as published in the BMFA Contest Calendar.

(32)/10 Team and Assistant Team Managers

Applications for the Team Manager's post had been received from Andy Whorton and John James. Val James was the only applicant for the Assistant Team Manager's post. It was unanimously decided to recommend Val James as Assistant Team Manager. In line with CLTC policy, the team members would be asked to decide which of the two applicants they preferred as Team Manager. The Secretary will arrange this ballot.

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(32)/11 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 try to field two judges at the Centralised competitions. Low F2B entries at Centralised are noted.

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Control Line does not issue season tickets.

Nationals entry fees will be set at the Nationals planning meeting in February 2008.

Team selection entry fees are the same as non-team selection competitions.

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.

(32)/12 Technical Committee Annual Return

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

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(32)/13 Safety Review

A comprehensive safety review had been carried out at the meeting of 13th October 2007. This Committee again stated the safety policy that it follows: that 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.

(32)/14 Langworth/Broadhead/Leeman - appeal against CLTC decision on Team Selection for 2008

This Committee fully supports "fair play" with consistency and equality for all competitors. A Technical Committee is duty bound to uphold its rules. If the rules do not suit, then they should be changed and not simply broken or ignored. In acute situations, then a particular rule may be set aside but this could only be done with the agreement of all the competitors involved in that particular issue.

The current F2C team selection procedure is a clear and objective method of selection and this Committee wished to keep to a procedure that is obviously fair to all and does not wish to revert to a subjective selection process.

Any Technical Committee should not have to examine the results in an effort to check that the Contest Director has followed the rules. However, recent analysis of the results, undertaken by Peter Halman, shows that the first double-entry by UK fliers was at the Centralised competition at Dishforth in October 2006.

The statement by John Broadhead that he needed to fly with Bernie Langworth to train for the 2007 European Championships was felt to be somewhat disingenuous: the two have been flying together for many years and have ample opportunity to train at Barton MAC. Chris Barker reported that the same model had been flown by both teams at Cottesmore. This was also reported by Mike Fitzgerald. Chris Barker was not at the Centralised competition held at Barton.

The Committee thought it odd that John Broadhead had stated that his double-entry was an effort to give Rob Leeman competition training experience yet he did not compete with Rob Leeman at the 2007 Nationals but chose to compete with Bernie Langworth.

As this Committee stated at its last meeting, it is immensely sorry about the outcome but it has no option other than to uphold the rules and is desperately sad that this was the only conclusion that could be drawn.

(32)/15 Training & Excellence Budget (Treasurer)

In the absence of the Treasurer this item was postponed to the next meeting.

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(32)/16 Team Travel Fund Policy.

In the absence of the Treasurer this item was postponed to the next meeting.

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(32)/17 Team Race: Records, Results & Entrant

For domestic Team Race a brief discussion took place on how results should be displayed regarding single entrants. It was decided to continue with the traditional method of both names – pilot/pitman – being shown for the results despite who the single entrant might have been.

This Committee unanimously agrees that for domestic Team Race records, in line with F2C team Race records, the record claim should be submitted in the name of the team, ie with relevant details of both the members of the team.

(32)/18 Cornell Replica Super Fury Project

Without the VTRSIG representative at the meeting it was impossible to establish why VTRSIG had refused to add Mr Cornell's replica ED Super Fury to the "eligible engines" list for 1/2 A Vintage Team racing. This item will be carried forward to the next CLTC meeting in February so that the matter may be properly addressed.

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(32)/19 Any Other Business

(32)/19.1 **Roger Ladds Email:** A "general letter" from Roger Ladds had been emailed to the CLTC on 6th December. The email was discussed but this Committee concluded that it was a re-hash of points sent to the CLTC in the early part of the year and did not present any new elements. It also contained a number of inaccuracies regarding the FAI, the CIAM F2 Sub-Committee (F2 S-C) and the communications structure regarding F2B within that S-C.

It was noted that Roger Ladds was the contact in the UK for dissemination of data from the F2 S-C's F2B Working Group. It was also noted that Peter Halman is a long-standing member of the F2 S-C and is routinely emailed all information regarding F2B within the F2 S-C.

As has been Minuted at earlier meetings of this Committee, the Aerobatics Judges Training Programme (AJTP) had, regretfully, to be suspended early in the year in the absence of anyone qualified to run it according to the direction of this Committee.

John Bonner reported back from the F2B Judges Workshop held prior to the European Championships in Belgrade, Serbia in July this year. He advised that the "Keith Reneclès" video could be a judges' training tool within a formal, structured training programme and reinforced the view of Rob Metkemijer that it had no value as a stand-alone self-training instrument.

Peter Halman suggested that if this video proved that the angles of the manoeuvres cannot actually be achieved by an F2B flier then perhaps the rule book needs to be changed to what can actually be achieved and then the Reneclès programme would be a better training aid than it is at the moment.

This Committee was committed to providing an AJTP but needed a trainer/manager who would work with the CLTC and it would continue to try to find such a person and a venue at which to hold these training sessions.

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The members of the CLTC felt that the best solution overall for F2B judges would be to progress the F2 S-C idea of holding judges' training sessions immediately prior to World & European Championships where an *international* standard of training could be provided. Or, perhaps, if these judges training sessions were instituted in, say, France, then the CLTC could fund UK judges' attendance.

The Secretary was instructed to reply to Roger Ladds thanking him for his letter and saying that his comments were noted.

(32)/19.2 **F2B: Fly-off Ratio:** John Bonner agreed that a controlled number for a fly-off, based on a given percentage of the number of entrants, ratio could well encourage better flying; as well as being beneficial to judges. A BMFA variation to the FAI rules would be required.

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(32)/19.3 **F2C Team Selection Procedures:** Peter Halman had drafted a revised system for F2C team selection which he handed out for consideration at the May CLTC. A very brief discussion ensued which will be progressed in May.

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(32)/20 Date & Venue of the Next Meeting

With the absence of two members of the Committee, the date of the next meeting was not decided. The Secretary is to email the available dates to the Committee for consensus. The venue will be Luton and the time will be 11.00 hours. This meeting will be a Nationals Planning Meeting plus those items carried forward from this meeting and any urgent topics that cannot wait until the regular Control Line Technical Committee meeting.

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Other dates for 2008 were not discussed.

The meeting closed at 16.50 hours.

Signed:

Dated:

2008 CONTROL LINE AEROBATICS JUDGES

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.
Glen Alison 3.4.5.
John Benzing 3.5.
Peter Catlow 2.3.4.5.

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 not yet classified or receiving instruction

Mike Castell
Bill Smith
Alan Watson
Jim Gennard
Dave Kenny

Key for Judges Categories

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

Accepted by the Control Line Technical Committee
8th December 2008