

BRITISH MODEL FLYING ASSOCIATION
CONTROL LINE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ADOPTED MINUTES

of the 33rd meeting (wef 02/12/00) held on
16th February 2008

at Langley House, 21 Polegate, Luton, Bedfordshire

Present: Chris Barker (Chairman & TR Rep); Jo Halman (Secretary); Mick Lewis (Treasurer); Peter Halman (Council Delegate & Speed Rep); Martin Paffett (PRO), Andy Housden (Carrier Rep)

(33)/1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Duncan Bainbridge (VTRSIG Rep) and John Bonner.

(33)/2 Confirmation of those with Voting Rights

There were five voting members.

(33)/3 Correction & adoption of the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2007.

(32)/2: Delete "at that"

(32)/19.1: Correct CIAM "F2C" Sub-committee to CIAM "F2" Sub-committee

The Council Delegate proposed that the Minutes of the meeting of 10th December 2007 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting. This proposal was seconded by the Chairman with voting: For: 3; Against: 0, Abstentions: 2.

(33)/4 Matters arising from that meeting that are not on the Agenda

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

(33)/5 F2C 2008 WCh Teams Update

The BMFA Council instructed this Committee to (i) re-instate the times from the three meetings where John Broadhead had double-entered F2C team selection competitions against the current rules; (ii) re-calculate the team placings; (iii) propose a revised team based on the re-calculated placings. This Committee had then voted on the revised team of Leeman/Broadhead; Ross/Yeldham; Fitzgerald/Thomason with Barker/North as the reserve team. The result was: For 1; Against: 6; Abstentions: 0. On this basis, the Secretary had written to the BMFA Chairman that this Committee could not propose that team. The Competition Secretary was directed to ratify the team on behalf of Council which she did and she has sent letters to all the F2C team members with copies to the appropriate people.

(33)/6 F2C Rules for 2008

(33)/6.1 It was agreed that double entry in F2C will not be permitted and the current rule will be applied. If it is necessary to make a two-up race into a three-up for team selection purposes then a volunteer may use a pitman/pilot from one of the other teams that are not in that particular race to make up the third team whose times will be recorded but will not count or be published.

(33)/6.2 It was also agreed that a notice regarding these two points be put into the next BMFA News and on the CLTC News page of the BMFA website. The Secretary was also instructed to write to potential CDs with this information.

(33)/7 January Council Meeting Report (Council Delegate)

The Council Delegate gave a brief report on the January Council Meeting the major part of which dealt with the Broadhead/Leeman appeal.

(33)/8 Team Travel Fund Policy

It was agreed that the basis of the Team Travel Fund policy for payments to Team members would principally be:

- a) To take into account the venue for the year in question & future venues.
- b) If future venues are deemed to be expensive, then to keep in reserve enough monies to make appropriate payments.
- c) While F2D mechanics pay substantially smaller entry fees, then their payments from the TTF will be proportionally less than the other team members. The proportion of the payment may not necessarily be on an exact pro rata basis.

JH

d) The Secretary is to write up the TTF policy and the Treasurer is to check it.

JH/ML

(33)/9 Team Travel Fund Payments

The Treasurer recommended that the F2D mechanics be paid £150 and the rest of the team members be paid £300. This would give a total payout for the 2008 World Championship team of £4,800. This was unanimously agreed. The Treasurer is to instruct the BMFA Accounts Office.

ML

(33)/10 Training & Excellence Budget

The Treasurer suggested that this budget have a deadline of 30th September for receipt of claims. This was agreed. He also said that analysis of the claims indicated a slight adjustment was necessary to the basis of payments and the Committee agreed that he should construct a form of words for distribution to the Committee members.

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(33)/11 Team Race Electronic Display Project

Chris Barker informed the Committee that he & Peter had received an email from Adrian Moore, the Project Leader, saying that he had stopped work on the project on 23rd December and had no intention of restarting as he felt that he was not receiving the support from Chris & Peter that he felt he should. They both refuted the allegations of lack of support and communication. Adrian Moore went on to say in that email that he was "returning the money to the BMFA that I have so far claimed, will stand the financial loss myself and have nothing more to do with the project".

In response to this Chris & Peter had agreed that Chris would write to Adrian refuting the allegations and giving Adrian the opportunity to reconsider explaining that if he was determined not to continue then to forward a cheque for the claimed amount.

The whole situation was discussed and the Committee concluded that it could no longer support the association between itself and Adrian Moore. The Secretary was instructed to draft a letter to this effect giving Adrian Moore the chance to either hand-over all the equipment purchased and/or manufactured with BMFA monies, or refund the whole amount as he suggested he would do. This Committee is still committed to the project and a new Project Leader will be found.

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(33)/12 Eifflaender Engine Ideas: Mini & Open Goodyear

The Committee discussed the ideas put forward by Tony Eifflaender and was in favour in principle however, it felt that some minor modifications were necessary. It concluded:

(33)/12.1 Open Goodyear

Change the rules to allow any radially ported steel/iron 3.5cc diesel engine to be used with a commercially available thermo plastic prop. Suction fuel feed only; no pressure feed. All the other Open Goodyear rules to apply. There was some concern that some propellers may not be strong enough to withstand use on 3.5cc diesels and this needs to be investigated.

PH

(33)/12.2 Mini Goodyear

Change the rules to allow any commercially available single ball race steel/iron diesel engine to be used. This will allow engine choice for the flyers, and flexibility for the manufacturers.

Peter Halman was to contact Tony with these modifications and depending on the response the CLTC will proceed with the rule change process with the objective of including the changes in the 2009 BMFA rule book.

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(33)/13 2008 Nationals Planning

(33)/13.1 Budgets – It was agreed that the entry fees & budgets should remain as for 2007. In the absence of the VTRSIG representative, the Secretary will check with him. She will also inform the office of the entry fees.

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(33)/13.2 Trophies – it was decided that a different kind of trophy was needed this year and the Committee agreed that glass trophies might be appropriate with the usual CL logo. The Treasurer has a company with whom he has previously dealt and he will get a sample and forward to the CL Nationals Co-ordinator (CLNC). The cost including engraving will not be more than the cost of the steel trophies. A disadvantage of glass trophies is that the year has to be engraved on each trophy and this will result in some units being written off as not all the trophies are ever presented. Delivery will be to Martin Paffett who will check them and bring them to the Nationals.

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(33)/13.3 **Classes as follows:**

- Speed - Handicap & Vintage Speed
- Stunt - F2B, Class 2, Vintage & Classic
- Team Race - F2C, F2CN, British Goodyear; Open Goodyear, 1/2A; Barton B, Mini Goodyear (Seniors & Juniors)
- Combat - F2D, F2E, Vintage, Oliver Tiger, 1/2A
- Vintage Team Race - A, B & 1/2A – to be confirmed by the CLNC
- Carrier Deck - Basic Carrier Deck & Class 1 Carrier Deck

DB/JH

NB: If any Team Race class has low entries in any year then its future inclusion in the Nationals will be in doubt and will be discussed at the appropriate CLTC meeting.

(33)/13.4 **Organisers & Contest Directors**

Same as last year:

- Speed - Jo Halman
- Stunt - Overall CD: Ray Lloyd; Others tba
- Team Race - F2C: Dave Rudd; Domestic CD: tba.
- Vintage Team Race - tba by Duncan Bainbridge
- Combat - Overall CD: Mick Lewis; F2D: John James; Others: as last year
- Carrier - Overall CD: Andy Housden; Others as per list submitted.

DB/JH

(33)/13.5 **Special Requirements**

- Speed - As last year. Generator that works all the time.
- Stunt - As last year.
- Team Race - Scaffolding for the Jury Tower ; 4 more barriers and cones for the east end of the runway and rope for the other three sides of the TR cage; rope for the bottom of the cage along the east & west sides; fifty metres of barriers across the whole of the west end of the runway; work party to mark out the practice circles; more comprehensive marking of the circles.
- Combat - As last year; request for grass cutting on the Thursday prior to the Nationals; Martin Paffett to oversee the Thursday grass cutting.
- Vintage Team Race - Tba
- Carrier Deck - As last year; grass cutting as Combat but requires a 60m diameter circle. Request access on Thursday afternoon for grass cutting. Jo to ask at the BMFA Nationals Planning meeting.

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It was decided to investigate hiring our own ride-on mower for the Friday & Saturday or the whole of the week-end. Martin Paffett to investigate costs.

The Speed, TR & VTR nets' wooden poles need notches cut in the other end.

Combat needs two leaf rakes to rake out the cut grass and these will be funded from the Combat income.

Team Race pre-contest information to the fliers must include a strong reminder (a) that 10th/11th place teams may be needed to make a three-up for the semis and this gives an opportunity to even win the Nationals as Lerner/Bonderenko did at a recent European Championships; (b) that fliers must make every effort to turn up for their heats.

Laminated cards with contact details in the loos in case of emergency contact.

Certificates as last year.

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(33)/14 **2008 CIAM Plenary Meeting**

(33)/14.1 It was unanimously agreed that Peter Halman needed to attend Plenary.

(33)/14.2 Rules:

F2A – all agreed with the proposals on the agenda.

F2C – Chris Barker/Martin Paffet to report back by 22nd February. It was agreed that Peter Halman should attempt to get a minimum weight as well as line diameter increase to be effective 2011

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F2D – John James to be asked for his comments
ABR & General Rules – the CLTC agreed to follow the recommendations of Peter & Jo Halman.

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(33)/14.3 Directive to the FAI Delegate: to advise the way the CLTC requires the voting.

JH/PH

(33)/15 Technical Council Agenda

This Committee will support Gordon Warburton, FSMAE's proposal regarding appeals but with the "Jury" as the only appeal process.

PH/JH

(33)/16 Cornell Replica Super Fury

With the absence of the VTRSIG representative, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

(33)/17 Any Other Business

None

(33)/18 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was confirmed as **26th April 2008** at Luton.

The meeting closed at 19.05 hours.

Signed: *Signed copy on file.*

Peter Halman, Chairman of the Meeting in the absence of Chris Barker, CLTC Chairman

Dated: 26th April 2008

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