

BRITISH MODEL FLYING ASSOCIATION
CONTROL LINE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES

of the 39th meeting (wef 02/12/00) held on
12th December 2009
at Langley House, 21 Polegate, Luton, Bedfordshire

Present: Jo Halman; Mick Lewis; Peter Halman; Barry Robinson; Vernon Hunt; Andy Housden

Peter Halman, the Interim Chairman, welcomed Vernon Hunt who was elected to the CLTC at the BMFA AGM and was attending for the first time.

(39)1 Election of Officers , Co-Options & Acceptance of Specialist Bodies Representatives

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(38)1.1 Election of Chairman (1)

Chris Barker had previously emailed to say that he would accept nomination as Chairman. He was duly proposed by Peter Halman and seconded by Barry Robinson and was unanimously elected as Chairman. In his absence Peter Halman continued to chair the meeting.

(38)1.2 Co-Options, as and if required, to bring the number of full members to a maximum of six. Mick Lewis was unanimously co-opted to the Control Line Technical Committee bringing the total members to six.

(38)1.3 Election of Chairman (2)

This was completed at item (38)/1.1

(38)1.4 Election of Secretary

Jo Halman was proposed by Mick Lewis and seconded by Barry Robinson and was unanimously elected as Secretary.

(38)1.5 Election of Treasurer

Mick Lewis was proposed by Jo Halman and seconded by Vernon Hunt and was unanimously elected as Treasurer.

(38)1.6 Election of Council Delegate

Vernon Hunt was proposed by Peter Halman and seconded by Barry Robinson and was unanimously elected as Council Delegate.

(38)1.7 Acceptance of voting recognised Specialist Body Representatives

Peter Halman	SpeedCom
Mick Lewis	CFA (Combat Flyers Association)
Barry Robinson	StuntCom
John Mealing	VTRSIG (Vintage Team Racing Special Interest Group)

Proposed by Peter Halman, seconded by Vernon Hunt & 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 graciously declines to claim any travelling 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 a co-opted member of the Control Line Technical Committee and CFA representative would exercise only one vote.
- (e) Barry Robinson as an elected member of the Control Line Technical Committee and StuntCom representative would exercise only one vote.

(38)1.8 Confirm the Final Voting Strength of the Meeting

The final voting strength of the meeting was five.

(38)1.9 Election of Secretary, Treasurer and Council Delegate if this has not been completed at items (1.4), (1.5) and (1.6)

Completed at items 1.4, 1.5 and 1.6

(38)1.10 Election of PRO

None; PRO duties are undertaken by the Secretary, Jo Halman, in liaison with the Specialist Body representatives and other members of the Committee.

(38)1.11 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. Peter Halman was tasked with attending the BMFA Safety Review Committee on behalf of the CLTC.

(38)1.12 Election of Rules Officer (new on the Set Agenda ref Full Council 12-09-09)

Jo Halman was proposed by Vernon Hunt and seconded by Peter Halman and was unanimously elected as Rules Officer.

(38)1.13 Appointment of the Committee Results Officer

This task is currently undertaken by the Secretary. She will continue to compile the Open and F2A Speed Leagues; Barry Robinson the F2B League; Chris Barker the F2C team selection table and John James the F2D team points table.

(38)1.14 Decide who will be the budget signatory for the Team Travel Fund if this is not to be the Treasurer

The Committee unanimously agreed that Mick Lewis, Treasurer, should continue to be the Team Travel Fund budget signatory.

(39)2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Chris Barker and John Mealing (VTRSIG).

(39)3 Minutes of Previous Meeting (10th October 2009)

There were no corrections and Barry Robinson proposed that the Minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting of 10th October 2009. This proposal was seconded by Peter Halman and approved: For: 4. Against: 0; Abstentions: 1.

(39)4 Matters Arising (and not already on the Agenda)

(38)/5 Coaching for F2D Juniors: The Secretary read out to the meeting the information received from the BMFA CEO regarding BMFA CRB policy & information on the new Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA). Mick Lewis is to write to Ian Girdlestone and explain our policy for a parent to always accompany the minor.

ML

(38)/7 2009 ECh F2A, F2C Non-Insured Losses: This has been submitted and acknowledged by the Serbian NAC.

(38)/9 BMFA F2B: The addition of second paragraph in 4.2.8.2.b was agreed unanimously.

(38)/10 TR Re-write: This has been unanimously agreed by the Committee by email. Peter Halman explained that the Technical Secretary had refused to include the new structure in the BMFA CL 2010 rule book as he thought it made the rules more complicated and had too many levels of sub-paragraphs. Peter Halman further explained that the Technical Secretary had also refused the revised version of the TR re-write in which Peter had reduced the number of paragraph levels.

This Committee unanimously approved the revised TR re-write including the new logical sequence and the new paragraph numbers and required the Technical Secretary to include the revised structured rules into the 2010 BMFA CL rule book as submitted. This decision is to be communicated to the Technical Secretary.

PH

(38)/12 F2F or F2CN?: The Team Race representative was absent and so this item will be carried forward as a standard agenda item in the future. It was noted that if F2F does replace F2CN in the BMFA rule book then BMFA variations to F2F will have to be formulated.

CBk

(38)/15 F2D Anemometer: This item had been bought for F2D and is currently in the custody of John James. It should be added to the CL Equipment List for the Accounts office. All other actions from the meeting had been fully carried out.

JH

	<u>Action</u>
(38)/16 F2B "Most Improved Flier" (MIF) Trophy: The splendid MIF trophy for most improved F2B flier in Centralised competition needs a base and cover and funding is required to pay for this. The StuntCom representative is to progress this funding-by-donation.	BR
(39)5 Miscellaneous Appointments	
(38)5.1 BMFA Domestic Judges list – Aerobatics Barry Robinson, StuntCom, explained that this would be formulated at the first Judges Training Seminar including pilot training and will be forwarded to the CLTC. The Seminar will be held somewhere around the 1st March 2010.	BR
(39)6 Confirmation of Disciplines covered by this Committee The disciplines of Speed, Aerobatics, Team Race, Vintage Team Race, Combat and Carrier were accepted.	
(39)7 Council Agenda (Proposals for next January) 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 is 9th January with an agenda deadline date of this Monday 14th December.	JH
(39)8 Nationals De-briefing and Pre-planning	
(38)8.1 De-briefing 2009 Nationals	
(38)8.2 Financial VTR requested that Barton B TR be included in the financial reconciliation as VTR. This is to be reviewed at the February CL Nationals Planning meeting. As a consequence of the bad weather, the low DLA charges increased the anticipated surplus.	JH
(38)8.3 Trophies Mick Lewis reminded the meeting that the third team member for Barton B & Vintage B did not get a trophy this year. As the glass trophies have the date engraved on them, there is a substantial wastage each year which we need to avoid. Both items were deferred to the February CL Nationals Planning meeting..	JH
(38)8.4 Planning 2010 Nationals The 2010 Nationals planning will take place at the next Control Line Technical Committee meeting on 6th February. It was proposed by Mick Lewis and seconded by Barry Robinson and unanimously agreed that Jo Halman again be appointed as the Control Line Nationals Co-Ordinator.	
(39)9 Teams	
(38)9.1 Teams for the 2010 World Championships in Gyula, Hungary were agreed at the 10th October meeting. Proposal forms will be sent to the BMFA office tomorrow.	JH
(38)9.2 Team selection events take place at designated competitions throughout the year as published in the BMFA Contest Calendar.	
(39)10 Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers The deadline was not until 31st December and the Team and Assistant Team Mangers would be recommended by email vote. The Council Delegate would take the recommendations to the January Council Meeting.	JH/VH
(39)11 Competition Details	
(38)11.1 Single Event Entry Fees: Centralised competitions. In an effort to defray entry fee increases, the £15 includes a £5 part payment site fee. Everyone who attends, other than spouses will be required to pay a £5 fee towards site hire. A note to this effect will be placed on the BMFA CLTC News page and possibly included in the BMFA News. The CFA & Stuntcom representatives will contact all their members to explain this.	ML/BR

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The Secretary will inform Chris Barker and John Mealing (both absent today) of this decision and ask them to inform their fliers too.

It was noted that entry in secondary classes would continue to be £10.

(38)11.2 Season Tickets: Control Line does not issue season tickets.

(38)11.3 Provisional Nationals Entry Fees: These will be set at the CLTC Nationals planning meeting in February.

(38)11.4 Team Selection Events Entry Fees: Are the same as Centralised competitions.

(38)11.5 Diploma requirements should be sent to the Records Officer. Each discipline is to send its requirements direct to the Records Officer with a contact name and address for receipt of the diplomas.

(39)12 Technical Committee Annual Return

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

(39)13 Safety Review

The safety policy adopted by this Committee is that safety is the responsibility of each member of this Committee, each member of the Specialist Bodies and of each Control Line flier and is monitored as a matter of course.

(39)14 Letter from R Ladds (papers sent out with agenda)

The Committee considered the whole letter carefully and found that there was no validity in any on the points he made and that his assertions were entirely without basis. The Secretary is to respond on behalf of this Committee.

(39)15 TRDU

As Chris Barker was not at this meeting this item was deferred to the next meeting.

(39)16 Any Other Business

1. After a request from other members of the Committee, the Secretary is to design a form so that foreign competitors who need a formal initiation to the Nationals, for visa and other purposes, will be able to supply all the information necessary for them to be issued with a formal invitation to the Nationals.

2. It was reported that at the VTRSIG AGM there was a strong feeling that "the BMFA" should put the cages up at the Nationals. (See VTRSIG report at Appendix 1.) There is neither the personnel nor the finance to employ extra people to do this.

3. It was confirmed that the 2010 F2 World Cup will be a selection competition for F2A-B-C-D.)

(39)17 Date & venue of the next meeting(s)

The next meetings are scheduled for:

6th February (Nationals Planning Meeting)

27th February (CIAM Plenary Agenda)

The meeting closed at 16.30 hours.

Signed: *Signed copy on file*
Peter Halman,
Chairman of the meeting on 12/12/09

Dated: 6th February 2010

Distribution of Corrected & Adopted Minutes:

Already Distributed: All Committee Members
Representatives of SpeedCom, CFA, Carrier

Requires Distribution:
Mr C Bromley, Technical Secretary
Mrs Linda Harding, BMFA Office Manager
Other distribution as necessary

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VTRSIG Report for CLTC meeting – 12th December 2009

The AGM of the VTRSIG took place at the Frank Harrison Community College on 29th of November with 21 members in attendance.

An unchanged committee were voted into another year's office. Posts held are:

Chairman: Mick Orchard
Treasurer: Dick Hart
Secretary: John Mealing

The Secretary also undertakes the tasks of Records Officer and Representative to the CLTC.

All officers reported that the 2009 season was one blighted by the weather. Six events plus the Nationals were organised but only the South Bristol two day event was unaffected by the weather. The Sunday of this event saw more teams flying than at the Nationals. Overall 26 teams took part in vintage team racing throughout the year. The league final positions were:

Overall Winners: Toogood/Ward
Top Class A Team: Catlow/Jephcott
Top Class B Team: Andrews/Taylor/Mealing

AOB saw two heated discussions take place.

- 1) The Chairman expressed his extreme disappointment that the battery men did not receive awards in Vintage B and Barton B at the Nationals. The floor was fully supportive of his views. These would be communicated to the CLTC.
- 2) Erection and the state of the nets used for the VTR cage was also a topic of some emotion. It was generally considered that the current nets were no longer fit for purpose. It was also felt that as the nets are a BMFA safety requirement the BMFA should undertake their erection to ensure that they meet the required standards. These feelings will also be communicated to the BMFA and CLTC.

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