

BRITISH MODEL FLYING ASSOCIATION
CONTROL LINE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
ADOPTED MINUTES

of the 46th meeting (wef 02/12/00) held on
10th December 2011
at Langley House, 21 Polegate, Luton, Bedfordshire

Present: Chris Barker; Jo Halman; Mick Lewis; Peter Halman; Vernon Hunt

(46)1 Election of Officers , Co-Options & Acceptance of Specialist Bodies Representatives

Action

(46)1.1 Establish the voting strength of the Meeting

The initial voting strength of the meeting was three.

(46)1.2 Election of Chairman (1)

Chris Barker had indicated his willingness to stand as Chairman and was proposed by Jo Halman, seconded by Peter Halman and was unanimously elected as Chairman. In his absence Jo Halman continued to chair the meeting.

(46)1.3 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 of the Committee to six.

(46)1.4 Re-establish the Voting Strength of the Meeting

The new voting strength of the meeting was four.

(46)1.5 Election of Chairman (2)

This was completed at item (46)/1.2

(46)1.6 Election of Secretary

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

(46)1.7 Election of Treasurer

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

(46)1.8 Election of Council Delegate

Vernon Hunt was proposed by Mick Lewis and seconded by Peter Halman and was unanimously elected as Council Delegate.

(46)1.9 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.

(46)1.9 Acceptance of Voting Recognised Specialist Body Representatives cont/...

- (e) Barry Robinson as an elected member of the Control Line Technical Committee and StuntCom representative would exercise only one vote.

(46)1.10 Establish the Final Voting Strength of the Meeting

The final voting strength of the meeting at this point was four.

(46)1.11 Election of Chairman (3)

This was completed at item (46)/1.2

(46)1.12 Election of Secretary, Treasurer and Council Delegate if this has not been completed at items (1.6), (1.7) and (1.8)

Completed at items (46)/1.6, (46)/1.7 and (46)/1.8.

(46)1.13 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.

(46)1.14 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.

(46)1.15 Election of Rules Officer (Full Council decision of 12-09-09)

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

(46)1.16 Appointment of the Committee Results Officer

This task is currently undertaken by the Secretary. She will continue to compile the Open Speed League and F2A Speed Team Selection League; Barry Robinson will compile the F2B Team Selection League; Chris Barker will compile the F2C team selection table and John James will compile the F2D team points table. The competition results and the appropriate team selection league/table must be sent to the Secretary within seven days of the competition date.

JH/BR
CBK/BR

(46)1.17 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.

(46)2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Barry Robinson, John Mealing, Andy Housden.

(46)3 Minutes of Previous Meeting 1st October 2011

There were no corrections. Vernon Hunt proposed that the Minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting of 1st October 2011. This proposal was seconded by Peter Halman and unanimously approved.

(46)4 Matters Arising (and not already on the Agenda)

(45)/4.1 MIF Aerobatics Trophy: The Treasurer had not received the photographs etc from Barry Robinson and could not, therefore, approach Peter Tindal.

BR

(45)/7.0 2012 Rule Changes: Sent three times to Tech Sec and no acknowledgement. The Secretary will try to contact him again.

JH

(45)/7.1 F2CN Line Sizes: CBK to write a rule change for F2CN line diameter to bring in line with F2C and then a ballot of the TR fliers will be undertaken by the Secretary.

JH

(45)/11.4 Gordon Yeldham Trophy: The engraving is still to be done. The Secretary is to progress this.

JH

cont/...

(45)15 AGM: The Combat display that the Girdlestone family put on at the AGM was splendid and attracted many visitors.

(45)17 StuntCom ballot: No information had been received from Barry Robinson.

BR

(46)5 Miscellaneous Appointments

(46)5.1 BMFA Domestic Judges list – Aerobatics

No information had been received from Barry Robinson.

BR

(46)6 Confirmation of Disciplines covered by this Committee

The disciplines of Speed, Vintage Speed, Aerobatics, Team Race, Vintage Team Race, Combat and Carrier were accepted. An invitation to the new Vintage Speed Representative, Tony Goodger, will be sent by the Secretary.

JH

Note: Chris Barker arrived at 12.05 after traffic delays.

The voting strength of the meeting was now established at five and Chris Barker, as the newly elected Chairman, took over the meeting.

(46)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 7th January with an agenda deadline date of this Monday 12th December.

The proposals for the teams for F2A, F2B, F2C & F2D will be forwarded by the Secretary to the BMFA office on Sunday.

JH

The three proposals (See Appendix 1) were approved as follows:

Proposal 1 Cut-off date for Pilot of the Year Unanimous

Proposal 2 Cut-off date for flying related awards Unanimous

Proposal 3 Extreme weather at CL Nationals Unanimous

(46)8 Nationals De-briefing and Pre-planning

(46)8.1 The 2011 Nationals De-Briefing was dealt with at the CLTC meeting on 1st October.

(46)8.2 Planning 2012 Nationals

It was noted that the 2012 F2 World Championships clashes with the British Nationals and most of the usual contest Directors and many officials would be at the World Championships which would impact on the 2012 Nationals. Various options were discussed and it was decided that no decisions could be taken until we knew if there would be other volunteers for the following posts:

CL Nationals Coordinator

Speed: Contest Director; Judge.

Aerobatics: Overall Contest Director; F2B Contest Director.

Team Race: Contest Director; Panel of Judges; Supervisor for cage erection.

F2D & F2E Combat: Contest Director; Circle Marshall; possibly Scorers.

Peter Halman is to ask Dick Hart for the Speed CD; the Secretary is to put a notice on the BMFA website; in the BMFA News if the "doormat" date is not too late; and on the Barton Club website. The deadline date is 15th February 2012.

Unaffected classes are: Vintage Speed, other Aerobatics; Combat (other than F2D & F2E); Carrier Deck

Any replacement Contest Directors will be requested to attend the CLTC meeting at which the Nats Planning is undertaken, generally late February or early March. If that is not possible then a special meeting will take place.

PH
JH

cont/...

(46)9 Teams

(46)9.1 The Teams for the 2012 World Championships in Pazardzik, Bulgaria were proposed as follows:

F2A: Peter Halman, 50198
Ken Morrissey, 2525
Paul Eisner, 57093
Reserve: None

F2B: Robert Kitley, 121912
Barry Robinson, 68248
Roy Cherry, 63577
Reserve: Mervyn Jones, 79655

F2C: Chris Eifflaender, 149669 & John Broadhead, 37494
Mike Fitzgerald, 33566 & Mark Thomason, 87971
Chris Barker, 51784 & John Cuthbert, 51781
Reserve: Malcolm Ross, 50551 Tony Eifflaender, 64147

F2D: Andrew Shields, SAA 6203
Mike Whillance, 88347
Gordon Price, SAA 03304
Junior Pilot is Jamie Griffin, 151116
Mechanics/Reserve Pilots are Martin Coe, 135194; Harry Walker, 143639

The Secretary will send the proposal forms to the BMFA office tomorrow.

JH

(46)9.2 Team selection events take place at designated competitions throughout the year as published in the BMFA Contest Calendar.

(46)10 Team Managers and Assistant Team Managers

The deadline was not until 31st December and the Team and Assistant Team Managers would be recommended by email vote. The Council Delegate would take the recommendations to the January Council Meeting.

(46)11 Competition Details

(46)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.

(46)11.2 Season Tickets: Control Line does not issue season tickets.

(46)11.3 Provisional Nationals Entry Fees: These will be set at the CLTC Nationals planning meeting in February and the Secretary will forward them to the office after that meeting.

JH

(46)11.4 Team Selection Events Entry Fees: these are the same as Centralised competitions.

The Secretary will forward all the fees information to the BMFA office tomorrow.

JH

(46)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.

ALL

(46)12 Technical Committee Annual Return

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

JH

(46)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.

(46)14 Contest Calendar 2011

A first set of dates had been provided. Peter Halman is to contact Barry Robinson regarding Judges Training and F2B Centralised competition dates. F2D dates are still to be supplied. The Secretary is to try to get Vintage Combat at Barkston Heath on 15th July.

PH
ML
JH

(46)15 Treasurer's Report

Contest Account: this currently stands at £400 but will probably be a deficit by the end of the financial year. There are two reasons for this: (i) it funds the F2B Judges' Training (approximately £300) which the CLTC is obliged to conduct; (ii) some competitions get cancelled at the venue but the Team Race Contest Directors and F2B Judges expenses still have to be paid. The Treasurer is to write to the BMFA Treasurer to explain that the F2B Judges Training benefits the British Team and, as such, will be part of the T & E Budget for 2012 and for the foreseeable future.

ML

For all future Centralised competitions for all classes, a full list of entries must be supplied to the Treasurer along with the competitor entry fees and spectator fees

JH/BR/
CBk/JJ

Contest Fund: this currently stands at £3,000 and some can go to cover any deficit in the Contest Account but this would be to the detriment of the Team Travel Fund.

T & E Budget: this was almost all used up.

Team Travel Fund: this currently stands at £11,700. The family of Gordon Yeldham kindly donated £226 from a sponsored bike ride; Jeff Smith kindly donated £100 and Steve Kimsey kindly donated £60.

CLTC Budget: the budget is £2,000 and currently the costs of running the CLTC are £693.

(46)16 VTR**(46)16.1 Rule Changes**

The Committee had two queries on parts of the rule changes submitted by VTR and the Secretary will liaise with John Mealing.

JH

(46)16.2 Setting VTR Records

British national records regulations are under the BMFA General Rule book. Under rule 2.6.1., there are two ways for VTR records to be established:

- (i) VTRSIG actually run the competitions, with the dates appearing on the CL Contest Calendar via the CLTC and thus into the BMFA ConEvCal;
- (ii) the South Bristol Club could apply to the BMFA Council for permission for VTR records to be established at the South Bristol Gala which is a non-BMFA competition. In either case, the competitions must be properly conducted and evidence to substantiate this must be provided.

The Secretary will inform John Mealing.

JH

(46)17 Any Other Business

1. The Secretary wished to inform the meeting of the very kind gesture that Dave Wiseman & Michelle Girdlestone organised at the BMFA annual dinner and presentations evening when a very good bottle of champagne was presented to her in recognition of her hard work leading up to, and during, the introduction to each trophy winner that night. The Secretary was quite overwhelmed by the kindness and would like to record her thanks to Dave & Michelle and all the CL fliers at the table that night.

(46)18 Date & venue of the next meeting(s)

The next meetings are scheduled for:

25th February or 18th February or 3rd March (Nationals Planning Meeting)
31st March (CIAM Plenary Agenda)
Possibly 28th April (CL Nats CDs Briefing)

The meeting closed at 16.30 hours.

Distribution of Corrected & Adopted Minutes:

Signed: *Signed copy on file*
Chris Barker,
Chairman of the meeting
Dated: 17th March 2012

Already Distributed: All Committee Members
Representatives of CL Specialist Bodies &
Vintage Speed
Requires Distribution: Mr C Bromley, Technical Secretary
Mrs Linda Harding, BMFA Office Manager
Other distribution as necessary

Proposed CLTC Proposals to January 2012 Council Meeting

Proposal 1

The CLTC proposes that the cut-off date for nominations for the BMFA "Pilot of the Year" trophy should be the end of third week in October in the year of the achievement.

Reason: The current date of 1st August is far too early in the flying season to establish who the best pilot is for that year. Many Championships and competitions are not held, or completed until later in the year.

Proposal 2

The CLTC proposes that the cut-off date for nominations for flying related RAeC and FAI awards should be the end of third week in October in any year notwithstanding the specific rules of the RAeC and the FAI.

Reason: The current date of 1st August (15th August in the new (2012) Council Handbook) is far too early in the flying season to make competition flying related nominations. Many Championships and competitions are not held, or completed until later in the year.

At present, an outstanding result achieved after 1st August could not be nominated to the BMFA Awards Committee for an FAI award until 1st August the following year. For CIAM awards, it would be voted on at the following year's Plenary meeting and presented at that year's General Conference of the FAI held in October. Which would be just over two years after the result was achieved.

Similarly the result could be nominated for a RAeC award in August of the following year voted on by the RAeC awards committee early in the next year, for presentation in the spring some eighteen twenty-one months after the achievement.

Championships and competitions are usually completed by the end of October each year and we believe that there is then sufficient time for the BMFA Awards Committee to scrutinise any nominations well before the closure date of 15th November for FAI awards, and the date for RAeC awards. Although Council has to vote on the awards suggested by the Awards Committee, there is already the precedent for email voting by Council and this would be utilised for these later awards.

Awards which would qualify for the late nomination are RAeC Gold Silver and Bronze medals, the Prince of Wales trophy, and the Breitling Trophy. The FAI/CIAM awards are the Andrei Tupolev Medal.

Some awards have a specific period of achievement which makes it even more important that a cut-off date later in the competition season is instituted.

Proposal 3

The CLTC proposes that in the event of extreme weather conditions which make flying unsafe at the August British National Championships, classes may be postponed and flown at a later date, provided that the class was attempted to be flown at the August British National Championships,. If a class competition is postponed under these extreme weather conditions then it must be flown no later than the fourth Sunday in October of the same year.

Reason: In recent years, a number of Control Line classes could either not be flown, or could not be completed due to the poor weather which we have suffered at the Control Line British Nationals. It is most unsatisfactory that the competitors, through no fault of their own, are not able to complete their competitions. The Control Line Technical Committee believes that it is in the best interest of both the competitors and the BMFA that these competitions should be completed.

End of document

10/12/11