

**BMFA
FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING 16th December 2010**

Action

Present	Mike Woodhouse	MW	Peter Williams	PW
	Chris Strachan	CS	Ian Kaynes	IK
	John Carter	JC	Phil Ball	PB
	Trevor Grey	TG	Andy Brough	AB

Note These minutes to be read in conjunction with set agenda minutes 2010. see **Appendix 1**

Apologies Mike Francies MF
Minutes of Accepted as a true and accurate

16.11.10
Matters
arising

Access charges for Salisbury Plain Area 8

It was agreed that as discussed with Bernard Aslett Area 8 bookings shall be publicised as for either trimming days or for Centralised meetings. Access charges for trimming days will be set by Bernard to cover costs and will be recorded in the appropriate account. Charges for site access for BMFA calendar events for holders of trimming day "season tickets" will be as follows-

- For Area centralised events. No additional charge
- For Centralised events. They will pay the standard site access charge of £6 as these days are not "trimming days".
- For team trials they will pay the full entry fee.

Championship changes carried forward

- The Senior Championship to be renamed "the Free Flight Championship", to be scored as at present and open to competitors over 18 years old. CS now to inform Records Officer. CS
- A " Junior Free Flight Championship" to be run throughout the year for the Heather Cup, scored as the Free Flight Championship but on junior entries only. Juniors defined as under 18. CS now to inform Records Officer. CS

Anonymous

Supporting data for Proposal for Merit Award to be collected IK

Outstanding sponsorship for 2010 Nationals

JC reported that this has now been promised in response to an invoice JC

Contest
Calendar

2011 Version

Version V2 has been issued and remains current.

Contacts in FAI calendar.

MW for the Stonehenge Cup, JC for Equinox Cup F1ABCQ. MW JC

Plugge Points

PB explained the effect that a "bottom up" system of point allocation would have had on the 2010 results. All were asked to consider the effect required and how to avoid losing the incentive for people to build for and enter the minority or new classes which the current system provides, while not giving those classes excess advantage. ALL

Entry Fees for 2011

The following fees were proposed at the previous meeting.

Juniors: All classes/all events Free

Season Tickets: Not available

Centralised: Site Access Charge £6

1st Class £4
 Subsequent classes £2 per class
Area Centralised: Site Access Charge As set by Area
 1st Class £4
 Subsequent classes £2 per class
Team Selection: Seniors £20 per meeting or pre-entry for all 3 meetings £40.
 One fee enters all 3 classes.
 These charges were agreed with the additions of :-
F1E Meetings: Same as Area Centralised
Space: Site charge only for all meetings including trials

All these entry fees were voted upon and unanimously accepted. CS to inform office CS

Officer's Reports

Treasurer

Nothing to report

Council Delegate

Nothing to report.

PRO

Initial notice for Nationals has gone to BMFA News. JW asked for more photographs to accompany publicity. MW and TG to send for Free Flight. AB to supply for SAM 35. MF for Space. IK for F1E

MW TG
 AB MF

Safety Officer

Nothing to report. It was noted that a report of fire damage initiated by a LiPo battery on "Ashdown Common" had been referred to the FFTC. On asking the Chief Executive for further information it was clear that the report (not to mention the site) was fictional! No action required.

Nationals 2011

Fees

It was agreed unanimously that fees should be :

Facilities Charge:	£18
1st Class	£7 For Championship events
1st Class	£4 Non Championship Events
Subsequent classes	£7 For Championship events
Subsequent classes	£4 Non Championship Events
Unlimited classes	£30
	Pre-entry requested for all events.
	On field entry at 50% surcharge.

Organisation

MW is producing a list of all activities required . PB will co-ordinate this list while MW is away at the World Champs.

MW
 PB

Medals

PB warned that there will be a 30-40p increase in price per medal driven by the rising price of tin.

TG to supply a list of the medal engraving needed (including Space) to PB.

TG

SAM activities.

John Huntley (SAM competition secretary) to attend the next meeting to discuss. AB to organise.

AB

CDs

PW to appeal for CDs (including the Trials) in the next News.

PW

International

Team proposals

Teams

Due to the short timescale for the F1ABC World championships the team and team manager appointments were passed to the Competition Secretary for early ratification. Since then weather delayed the next FFTC meeting and so an email vote was held at which all teams and team managers for 2011 were unanimously agreed. The resulting proposals to Council are attached to these minutes as Appendix I

F1A,B,C Progress

Preparations are going ahead. A number of administrative difficulties have arisen due to a number of factors, not least the problem of the team manager being expected to bank roll the operation in order to achieve co-ordination.

World Cup events in non-host countries

Now that the CIAM calendar for 2011 is public it is apparent that the practice of one country hosting a meeting for another is increasing. The consequence is, for example, that there are now three World cup meetings at Lost Hills (one being for the Dutch) so an American could win a World Cup class without ever going aboard. The meeting were agreed that this is unsatisfactory. IK reported that the FF Sub Committee will be putting forward a proposal that there can only ever be two events in a year flown in the same country regardless of who runs them. If this is accepted (as he expects) by the Plenary meeting in March 2011 then it would be effective in 2012.

IK

Team Selection Process

JC circulated the responses he had received and it was agreed that all would give them further consideration and feed back at the next meeting.

ALL

Space

No Team Managers have yet been appointed. Action MF

MF

F1E

Proposal raised.

Junior Team qualification requirements

The final draft has been passed to the Competition Secretary for comment.

CS

World Cup Events

Stonehenge Cup 2011

PW reported that all is going OK. IK agreed to put the entry form for both Stonehenge and Equinox Cups in FFN. TG to facilitate getting both entry forms onto the FFN and FFTC websites

IK

TG

Equinox Cup 2011

MF had reported some confusion about location and contacts. MW to sort with MF All to think about suitable trophies.

MW MF

Rules

Rule Change Process for 2011

A full statement of the rule changes is now available from the office and will appear in BMFA News

R/C DT

All comments so far received are positive.

SAM and 1066 Rules

Tony Shepherd (SAM 1066) and John Close (SAM 35) have now been appointed to final is the rules. AB reported that this project is continuing but we should realise that it will be to an uncertain timescale which reflects the limited enthusiasm of the majority of SAM members for formal rules. It was agreed that FFTC strategy should be to wait and see if the eventual result offered any opportunities for improvement of the BMFA rules.

Accommodation of R/C assist within Free Flight.

Discussion lead to the conclusion that radio assist falls between the two stools of "Free Flight" and "Radio Control" on the grounds of both aesthetic appreciation and

organisational requirements. The situation becomes especially complicated when all three activities seek to run on the same site. The FFTC felt that while understanding the issue the formulation of rules and controls must come from the radio discipline, with the pace probably set by pressure from those wishing to define and then indulge in R/C assist. AB

Events **Free Flight Showcase 2010**
 PB reported that Ian Hibbert has declined. CS to contact Trevor Payne. TG to talk to Keith Miller. CS
 TG

Implications of 2012 Jubilee
 Carry forward

Free Flight Info. MW to speak to Bryan Spooner about completing the transfer to the new website MW

FFTC Deliverables CS to circulate the deliverables listing for comment. CS

BMFA Growth At the AGM Council agreed to act upon a motion from the floor that they should consider what they could do with the extra income if the subs were raised by £10 or more. Council asked the membership for suggestions.
 In our brief discussion ideas suggested were :

- More of the admin for teams undertaken directly by an experienced full time member of staff
- More PRO strength and building up of the hobby.
- Secretariat to directly support technical committees
- More skilled modellers as full time staff

All to think up ideas and send to CS to build up a list. ALL
 CS

A.O.B.

Next meetings **Dates**
 Wednesday 26th January 11.00 am at Chacksfield House.
 Wednesday 23rd March
 Thursday 12th May

FFTC 17/12/10

Critical dates for FFTC

BMFA News Copy dates February 2010 Issue (104) - 30th December
Full Council Jan 8th Agenda deadline December 13th
 May 21st Agenda deadline April 26th
Technical Council March 26th Agenda deadline February 28th
FFTC meetings - January 26th
 March 23rd
 May 12th

Appendix 1

FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING (to first meeting set agenda) 16th DECEMBER 2010

Present : M Woodhouse, C Strachan, T Grey, J Carter , M Francies, P Ball, P Williams, A Brough, I Kaynes

1a : **Chairman.** Mike Woodhouse
1b : **Co-Options** Nil
1c : **Chairman. (2)** NA

1d :	<u>Secretary.</u>	Chris Strachan
1e :	<u>Treasurer.</u>	John Carter (also holder of the Team Travel Fund).
1f :	<u>Council Delegate.</u>	None standing
1g :	<u>Specialist Body Reps.</u>	FAIR (Space Modelling) Mike Francies SAM 35 Andy Brough 8
1g (i)	Voting strength	8
1g (ii)	Chairman	NA
1g (iii)	Temp Chair	NA
1h:	<u>Council Delegate</u>	Mike Francies
1i :	<u>PRO.</u>	Peter Williams
1j :	<u>Safety Officer.</u>	Phil Ball
1k :	<u>Rules Officer</u>	Trevor Grey
1l :	<u>Results Officer</u>	Phil Ball
1m :	<u>Budget Holder - TTF.</u>	John Carter (also holder for training and excellence) Mike Francies for FAIR (Space Modelling) TTF and training and excellence
2	Apologies	M Francies
3	Minutes of previous meeting	See minutes below at 14
4	Matters arising	See minutes below at 14
5	Miscellaneous appts	Ian Kaynes. Free Flight technical expert to CIAM Mike Francies Space Tech sub Com and Judge Geoff Seabrook GBR 118328 Judge- Space CIAM Ian Dowsett GBR 56513 Judge- Space CIAM Nigel Bathe GBR 63592 Judge- Space CIAM
6	Disciplines	All Non-Scale outdoor Free Flight Space modelling (FAIR only) SAM 35
7	Council Agenda	No proposals other than teams
8	Nationals De-brief	De-brief at FFTC meetings 14/06, 15/09 final report to office 29/11. Planning for 2010 already commenced
9	Teams	2011 teams (F1A,B,C World- F1E World – Space (Euro),see minutes of main meeting. Junior team for Space only. Team trials for 2011 already published in 2010 calendar
10	Team Managers	See minutes of main meeting
11	BMFA Comp Details	
11(a)	Single event entry fees	Centralised –Site access charge £6 First class – £4 Subsequent classes - £2 Area cent. and F1E –local charge for site First class - £4 Subsequent classes - £2 FAIR – Site charge only All meetings – Juniors free
11(b)	Season Tickets	No season tickets
11(c)	Nationals Entry Fees	Facilities charge £18 Championship events £7 Non Championship events £4

		Unlimited events £30
		Pre-entry required 50% surcharge on field entry
11(d) Team Selection Fees		£20 per meeting or per-entry for all three £40
		FAIR – Site charge only
11(e) Diploma Reqs		Diplomas for all events as Contest Calendar. Office will be informed as required
Championships :		Free Flight Championship Points and Junior F F Championship points to be awarded in all events except where indicated otherwise on the Competition Calendar
12 Tech. Comm. Return		Completed
13 Safety Review		Officer appointed. No further action at this time.

3, 4, 14, 15 and 16 further agenda items, AOB and next meeting See Minutes of main meeting

FFTC 17.12.10

APPENDIX 2

SOCIETY OF MODEL AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS LTD. (T/A British Model Flying Association)

PROPOSAL FORM

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PROPOSAL

To appoint a team for the Free Flight World Championships to be held in Argentina 29th April to 8th May 2011

Manager Martin Dilly 007851 Croydon

Asst Manager Peter Brown 153422 Country

Team members

F1A	Richard Jack	108315	Tynemouth	Reserves	Chris Edge	064198	Scotia
	John Carter	050520	Grantham		John Williams	063375	Country
	Peter Williams	052853	Richmond				

F1B	Mike Woolner	957957	E Grinstead	Reserves	Bob Cheesley	043647	Crookham
	Russell Peers	027418	Grantham				
	Mike Woodhouse	034262	Vikings				

F1C	Alan Jack	056873	Tynemouth				
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Note: No second or third team members or reserves available for F1C. No second reserve for F1B

REASON: Results of team trials plus availability of team members

TECHNICAL COMMITTEES:

Proposed by: Free Flight Technical Committee

Date of Meeting By email 03/12/10 Voting Results: For 8
Ags 0
Abs 0

Date: 04/12/10 Signature of Committee Secretary C Strachan

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PROPOSAL

To appoint Senior and Junior teams for the Space European Champs in Ploiesti, Romania 20th - 27th August 2011

SENIOR TEAM									
Name	BMFA No.	Club	S1	S3	S4	S6	S8	S9	
Nigel Bathe	63592	Elmbridge	X	X	X	X	X	R	
Mike Francies	39222	Liverpool	X	R	X	X	X	X	
John Jacomb	108203	SERFs	R	X	X	X		X	
Benedykt Klejnow	140191	Country	X	X	R	R		X	

JUNIOR TEAM									
Callum Ginder	168385	Newport		X	X	X			
Catherine Jacomb	150720	SERFs		X	X	X			
Jon Jacomb	157449	SERFs		X	X	X			

Team Manager and Assistant to be advised.

REASON: Results of team trials plus availability of team members

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PROPOSAL

To appoint a team for the F1E World Championships to be held in Serbia August 27 to Sept 3 2011

Team Manager	I Kaynes	021003	Croydon
Assistant Team Manager	S Philpott	064218	Birmingham
Team members	S Philpott	064218	Birmingham
	I Kaynes	021003	Croydon
	Doug Bartle	067661	Morley
Reserves	R Sutton	083678	Country member
	B Lumb	018208	Morley

REASON: Results of team trials plus availability of team members.

AREA COMMITTEES:

Proposed by: _____ Club Signature of Club Delegate* _____

Seconded by: _____ Club Signature of Club Delegate* _____

Date of Area Meeting _____ Voting Results: For _____
Ags _____
Abs _____

Date: _____ AREA _____

*Note: Delegate **MUST** be approved by majority of the Club Committee.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEES:

Proposed by: Free Flight Technical Committee

Date of Meeting by email 03/12/10

Voting Results: For 8

Ags 0

Abs 0

Date: 04/12/10

Signature of Committee Secretary

C Strachan

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