

**BMFA
FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING 7th December 2011**

				Action
Present	Mike Woodhouse	MW	Phil Ball	PB
	Chris Strachan	CS	Trevor Grey	TG
	John Carter	JC	Ian Kaynes	IK
	Peter Williams	PW	Mike Francies	MF
	John Huntley	JH	Nigel Barker	Guest
Note	These minute to be read in conjunction with _MINUTES OF MEETING (to first meeting set agenda) 7th DECEMBER 2011 see below as Appendix A			
Minutes of 02.11.11	Accepted			
Matters Arising	The meeting thanked MF for his time as Council Delegate and expressed its sympathy for the personal circumstance which prevent his continuing in the role.			
	<u>Little Rissington</u>			
	CS reminded the meeting that if the airfield was found to be available then it would almost certainly be on Friday rather than Saturday as currently included in the Calendar. This was accepted and he was asked to continue with investigations.			
				CS
	<u>Church Fenton</u>			
	PB to talk to Dennis Davitt about the need for early information if the site is to be available for the Northern Gala			
				PB
	<u>Clashes of calendar dates with Council meetings</u>			
	TG reported that he has discussed the issue with the Technical Secretary and agreed that we will do our best to avoid such clashes in future.			
				TG
Contest Calendar	<u>2012 calendar</u>			
	New version to be V1.7b incorporating minor clerical corrections.			
	<u>Barkston Dates and Access</u>			
	MW reported that Barkston dates are not yet confirmed but David Phipps is chasing. In future the access key code will be changed more regularly and David Phipps will be the sole source. This issue to be a permanent agenda item.			
				CS
	<u>Email addresses for contacts</u>			
	TG to include in next year's calendar			
				TG
	<u>World Cup events admin offer</u>			
	MW agreed to look at the offer on the table from the Ukraine and to report back			
				MW
	<u>Prizes</u>			
	After discussion on alternative prizes it was agreed to increase the wine budget guideline to £6 per bottle			
Nationals	<u>2011</u>			
	MW reported that all bills are now in and the final results will show a profit of £132			
	<u>2012</u>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The entry form is now completed and ready for publication in the next BMFA news (cut off date 16th December). 			
				PW
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The accompanying material for the entry form in BMFA news was discussed and it was agreed that PW will circulate a final draft and all members are to reply even if only to say OK. 			
				PW
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TG reported that he spoke to the Technical Secretary on the issue of Silent Flight joining the Free Flight Nationals and the Secretary was firmly of the view that this is a non starter on safety grounds 			
				ALL
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JH reported that he will be the controller for all SAM 35 activities and he 			

- will be present at the 8.00am meeting each day JH
- A CD for the Bowden has yet to be fixed. A note to go into News PW
- All Nats logos to be changed to "Free Flight and Space" rather than the reverse. PW
- JH submitted the list of SAM 35 events and this was agreed with the following 3 provisos accepted and to be policed by SAM 35
- 1. All control line activity to be confined to the apron at the Ancaster road end of the field JH
- 2. R/C vintage power trimming on Saturday and Sunday to only be permitted between 6 and 9 pm JH
- 3. No radio assist of other radio controlled non –contest flying to take place under any circumstances. JH

Officer's Reports

Treasurer

Mid quarter and nothing to report

Council Delegate

Nothing to report

PRO

Next Nats release will be in the issue of BMFA News published in mid December.

Contents discussed under Nationals above

Safety Officer/Results Coordinator Results

All results complete. We have 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the season long junior championship. It was agreed that awards will go to all three from the FFTC. PB to obtain. It was agreed that in 2012 it would be good to present the winners award at the Dinner. MW undertook to check the process for securing this with the Competition Secretary.

PB to write to all competition secretaries and /or CDs asking for a better standard of result returns. PB

PB noted that a reminder is needed that flyers can only fly for teams or score points for the club through which they are affiliated (i.e. the club on their membership card) PW to include in News. PW

Safety

PB submitted a code of conduct for the use of Barkston. Attached as Appendix B. PW to include in News. PW

MW stated that the minutes if the Safety Committee are muddled on their understanding of responsibility for radio assist. MW to contact the Technical Secretary to ask for correction. MW

Rules Officer

Nothing to report except under Rules

International Teams

Team for F1A,B,C

The team now selected and available comprises

F1A	John Carter	050520	Grantham	Reserves	Phil Ball	057180	Grantham
	Richard Jack	108315	Tynemouth		Kris Best	023438	Birmingham
	Brian Baines	05119	Grantham				
F1B	Russell Peers	027418	Grantham	Reserves	Peter Martin	045729	Tynemouth
	Peter Brown	153422	Country		Bob Cheesley	043647	Crookham
	Mike Woodhouse	034262	Vikings				
F1C	Alan Jack	056873	Tynemouth	Reserve	Stafford Screen	064182	Bham
	Ken Faux	052579	Vikings				
	Neil Allen	039572	East Grinstead				
Proposed	TG	Seconded	MF	All in favour			

The period for team manager applications has not yet been completed as the notice will not appear in BMFA News until publication in mid December, although it has already been circulated to the full FFTC email distribution.

It was therefore proposed that in order to start preparations MW should be authorised to make initial investigations and contacts until such time as the advertisement in BMFA News has been in the public domain for 10days and any resulting applications have been considered.

Proposed CS Seconded PW All in favour

It was noted that from the only applications received so far it appears likely that, as is previously the case for F1E and Space we will be proposing a "player manager" for F1A,B,C

Team forSpace

The team now selected and available comprises

Name	Classes	FAI Number	Club
Mike Francies	S1, S4, S8, S9	GBR 39222	Liverpool
Nigel Bathe	S1, S3, S4, S8, S9	GBR 63592	Elmridge
John Jacomb	S3, S6, S9	GBR 108203	SERFs
Trevor Seabrook	S1, S4, S6, S8	GBR 113101	SERFs
Jonathon Jacomb	S3, S6		SERFs

Proposed PW Seconded JC All in favour

No manager has yet been selected and applications and awaits the same conditions as for F1

Team for F1E

The team now selected and available comprises

Team Manager	I Kaynes	021003	Croydon
Assistant Team Manager	S Philpott	064218	Birmingham
Team members	I Kaynes	021003	Croydon
	S Philpott	064218	Birmingham
	Doug Bartle	067661	Morley
Reserves	P Fynn	009010	Country
	Doug Bartle	067661	Morley

No constraint applies in this case on the selection of team managers due to the small size and specialist nature of the F1E community

Proposed MW Seconded MF All in favour

CS to submit proposals covering all teams

CS

Junior Team qualifications

The fifth draft of the Junior Team Qualification paper was discussed and modified as included as Appendix C. Its acceptance was voted upon.

Proposed JC Seconded PW All in favour

It will now be discussed with the Competition Secretary

CS

MW reported that juniors, suitably accompanied, are now permitted on Sculthorpe

so there is no problem in offering the chance to achieve performance targets in the team selection process.

World Cup Events	<u>Stonehenge Cup 2012</u> Preparations underway. It was noted that the F1G event on the same date is the responsibility of the Crookham club and organisationally separate from the Stonehenge.	
	<u>Equinox Cup 2012 F1</u> JC offered to be anchor man for 2012. He asked that the contact names in the CIAM calendar for both the Stonehenge and the Equinox should be updated to those in the BMFA calendar. IK agreed to do so.	JC IK
	<u>Equinox Cup 2013 Space</u> This event is still envisaged	
	<u>The FAI Competition Calendar</u> MW raised the issue that the World Cup calendar with 58 events, many of them run in countries other than the sponsor's own appears to be becoming ridiculous. IK commented that it cannot be changed for 2012 but we should keep discussing it.	IK MW CS
Rules	<u>Rule book revisions for 2012</u> TG reported that all have been accepted and have gone to publication. In the interim a full listing is available from the office on request.	
	<u>SAM 35 and SAM 1066 rules</u> JH reported that these seem to have come to a standstill. It was agreed to drop from the agenda and JH agreed to update the committee if anything occurs.	JH
Events	<u>A Workshop type event</u> The planned date is Saturday 4 th February and Husbands Bosworth has been booked. TG submitted an outline programme and publicity material. This was discussed and accepted with some edits which TG will incorporate and then pass to PW for inclusion in News. It was agreed that this was a worthwhile exercise in pursuit of excellence and should be funded from T and E with any deficit taken up from the Contest account. Proposed TG Seconded PB All in favour	TG PW
	<u>Museum of Aeromodelling</u> Nothing to report	
	<u>The big tent 2012</u> PB reported that Paul Fynn is happy to take this up again in 2012. To be carried forward to the next meeting.	CS
Free Flight Info.	<u>Website</u> TG asked how some items have appeared on the website before he had completed work upon them. MW stated that he and Bryan Spooner have the only control of access. TG to check with Bryan.	TG
	<u>ITC request for access to FFTC mailing list.</u> It was agreed that we cannot authorise this but we can put a notice in News giving the link to the ITC for people to ask to be added to their list. CS to supply to PW	CS
FFTC Deliverables	CS suggested that this would be a more useful tool if sorted to date order. He undertook to do so and pass around for comment.	CS
BMFA Growth	Paper "BMFA Growth – Proposals for Spend" sent to the BMFA Chief Executive and Chairman. Acknowledgement received from the Chief Executive saying that he will put it before the Executive Committee. Nothing further heard. CS was asked to send the paper to Nigel Barker to see if we could get any information or	CS

comment.

- A.O.B.** MF pointed out that the office are using various databases, some of them very out of date, when sending out information. MW undertook to speak to David Phipps MW
- MW had received a proposal setting up a Euro Challenge for F1H in 2012 and asking for UK participation. It was agreed that F1H at the Nationals should be put forward. MW
- MW asked all members to produce a brief job description to help with any difficulties in future arising from the extensive knowledge required in order to conform with the set agenda. ALL

Next meetings Dates
Wednesday 25th January 11.00 am at Chacksfield House.
Wednesday 14th March 11.00 am at Chacksfield House.
Wednesday 16th May 11.00 am at Chacksfield House.

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Critical dates for FFTC

BMFA News Copy dates February 2012 Issue (110) – Late December (estimated)
Full Council **January 7th** Agenda deadline December 12th
Technical Council
FFTC meetings 25th January, 14th March, 16th May

Appendix A

FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE **MINUTES OF MEETING (to first meeting set agenda) 7th DECEMBER 2011**

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

1a : Initial voting strength 6
1b : Chairman. Mike Woodhouse
1c : Co-Options Nil
1d: Full voting strength 6
1e : Chairman. (2) NA
1f : Secretary. Chris Strachan
1g : Treasurer. John Carter (also holder of the Team Travel Fund).
1h: Council Delegate. Trevor Grey
1i : Specialist Body Reps. FAIR (Space Modelling) Mike Francies
SAM 35 John Huntley
1j : Final voting strength 8
1k : Chairman NA
1k(ii) Temp Chair NA
1l : Unfilled offices NA
1m : PRO. Peter Williams
1n : Safety Officer. Phil Ball
1o : Rules Officer Trevor Grey
1p : Results Officer Phil Ball
1q : Budget Holder - TTF. John Carter (also holder for training and excellence)
Mike Francies for FAIR (Space Modelling) TTF and
training and excellence

2 Apologies Nil

- 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
Nigel Bathe GBR 63592 Judge- Space CIAM
Stuart Lodge GBR 79141 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 (see main minutes)
- 8 Nationals De-brief** De-brief at FFTC meetings 30/06, 21/09
final report to office 04/11.
Planning for 2012 already commenced
- 9 Teams** 2012 teams(F1A,B,C Euro- F1E Euro-Space
world),see minutes of main meeting
Team trials for 2012 already published in 2012 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** Airfield Pass 3day £10 1day £5
Championship events £10
Non Championship events £5
Unlimited events £45
- 11(d) Team Selection Fees** Pre-entry required 50% surcharge on field entry
Pre-entry only £25 (single event over 2 weekends)
FAIR – Site charge only
- 11(e) Diploma Reqts** 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 09.12.11

Appendix B

CODE OF CONDUCT WHEN USING BARKSTON HEATH

To ensure that we protect the future use for Barkston Heath for Free Flight please be sure to follow these simple rules.

Signing in and Out

When you arrive you must record both your personal and car details in the book which is kept in the sentry post by the barrier, you must also record a departure time and signature when you leave the airfield. **Please note you must do this even if you leave the field by car to retrieve a model**, this is an essential requirement of the licence and could be checked by the airfield security at any time.

Speed limit

Please keep to the 20 mph speed limit on the airfield

Contact Details

Please place your mobile phone details in a prominent position on your car dashboard and carry your mobile phone at all times, this is for your own safety so you may be contacted in an emergency.

French Drains

When you arrive at the contest area please ensure **you do not park on the French Drains**, these are the lightly bonded areas of large stones at the boundary of the peri-track and the grass, these allow rain water to drain freely and are easily damaged if cars are parked on them.

Runways

Please do not drive on the runways and also avoid parking on the ends of the runways, Barkston Heath is an active airfield and aircraft could use it in an emergency at any time.

Other Users

Barkston Heath is the home of the Grantham Model Club and could also be used by other BMFA Groups, it is also used by several non aero modelling organisations, please act in a courteous manner to these other users **and avoid cycling or walking through flight lines**.

Appendix C

Junior Team qualification requirements **FFTC Sixth Draft**

Background

Minimum qualifications for membership of a UK Junior Free Flight Team

At present the only requirement is that the junior should compete in the team selection process. This can be met by making one short flight. There is no element of competition as for many years we have had fewer than 3 juniors competing in any of the three free flight classes.

The reasons for previous non-proposals of thus "qualified" juniors have been various and usually multiple but have arisen from the FFTC's conviction that the junior would not be capable of a reasonable performance due to either inexperience or immaturity. The need to do so has put the FFTC in an invidious position that illustrates the need for the FFTC to make and publish its own rules for junior selection.

We therefore intend to implement minimum performance requirements set at a level where a junior will prove that he has sufficient competence and maturity to be worthy of inclusion in a junior national team. This requirement will be that:

Proposed rule

The junior must achieve a total time equal to or greater than 50% of the highest total time achieved by an adult in the same class.

The junior will be a minimum of 12 years old on 1st January of the year in which the team will compete.

CDJS for FFTC 8.12.11