

BMFA
FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING 2nd February 2011

Action

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

Apologies Ian Kaynes IK

Guests John Huntley

Minutes of 16.12.10 Accepted as a true and accurate record.

Matters arising

Championship Changes

- CS reported that there is no problem in renaming the "Senior Championship" as the Free Flight Championship.
- The award of the Heather Cup for a Junior Free Flight Championship run throughout the year requires a proposal to Council as the Cup is currently allocated to a single event at the Free Flight Nationals. The Records Officer will support such a proposal to the May Council meeting. The meeting agreed that CS should raise the proposal. In 2011 the junior event for the Heather Cup will be run at the Nationals as usual, and points will also be collected for a season long championship as specified in the 2011 rule book. A suitable award for the 2011 winner will be made by the FFTC. PW to publicise in News

CS

PW

Outstanding sponsorship for 2010 Nationals

JC reported that this has now been paid

Anonymous

Supporting data for Proposal for Merit Award to be carried forward to next meeting

Contest Calendar

CurrentVersion

Version V3 has been issued and remains current

Plugge Points

It was agreed that the current system should be left unaltered

South Western Area concerns

A letter from the South Western Area in which they expressed concern at the first area meeting being held in January was discussed. It was noted that nationally there was a good entry on January 23rd and that on the date the South Western Area had flown on a local site. The intention is to hold the early season meeting again next year.

Officer's Reports

Treasurer

JC reported that all accounts are healthy. However the TTF will stand at only £1200 after allocations to 2011 teams and is dependant on the Free Flight Forum, a few book sales and a contribution from the Nationals. Martin Dilly's work is much appreciated but it behoves the Committee to consider further initiatives.

ALL

Council Delegate

His report from the Technical Council meeting on 5th October had been circulated and accepted. It was noted that the issue of club memberships of members of

Technical Committees was referred back to Technical Council. The issues was discussed and MF will seek clarification on whether the memberships considered are only those to clubs through which the member joins the society or all BMFA affiliated clubs to which the member joins. If the latter then the Committee considers the proposal to be unworkable. If either the latter or the former then the Committee considers the proposal to be of little value. The proposal will be picked up from the Technical Council agenda for further examination. MF CS
MW

PRO

Nothing to report except under Nationals.

Safety Officer/Results Coordinator

It was agreed that the Free Flight Safety Guidelines should be added to the Website and passed to Chris Bromley with the proposal that it should be included in the Handbook. TG
CS

There was some discussion of changes of club membership during the season and consequent (Plugge or team contest) points allocation. It was pointed out that this issue is covered in detail in rule 3.1.9.4(a) and anyone requesting a change should be advised to read it. PB

Rules Officer

Nothing to report except under Rule Changes.

Nationals

2011

- Advert and documentation had been circulated before the meeting
- Gate fees to be featured on the advert were agreed as
 - Day ticket flying £10 per day £25 for 3 days
 - Day ticket spectator non-flying £3 per day £8 for 3 days
 - Children under 16 free
- Entry form and documentation agreed subject to final checking by MW and TG MW TG
- Roy Wright to purchase wine, TG to agree budget TG
- PB confirmed trophies proceeding OK PB
- CDs - Some volunteers already, finalize at next meeting MW PB
- MW to brief PB on outstanding tasks before leaving to Argentina

International Teams

F1A,B,C

All in hand

F1A,B,C Team selection

The meeting agreed that change is required. JC to circulate a proposal for discussion at the next meeting JC

Space

MF reported that the team manager has withdrawn and no other suitably qualified individual is available who is not already on the team. It was agreed that MF should be proposed as "player manager".

Proposed JC, Seconded MW agreed unanimously.

MF or CS to contact the Competition manager MF CS

F1E

Nothing to report

UK representation at CIAM

IK had circulated an explanatory paper. Discussion carried forward to next meeting

World Cup locations

Carried forward to next meeting

Junior Team qualification requirements

The Competition Secretary has acknowledged receipt of the paper but has not yet commented. CS to follow up. CS

World Cup Events	<p><u>Stonehenge Cup 2011</u> All proceeding and first entries have been received .</p> <p><u>Equinox Cup 2011 Space</u> To be held at Barkston, preparations going to plan</p> <p><u>Equinox Cup 2011 F1</u> To be held at Salisbury. Preparation to start upon return from Argentina</p>	JC
Rules	<p><u>SAM 35 and 1066 rules</u> AB reported a delay for personal reasons but the task will recommence in about 6 weeks</p> <p><u>BMFA Electric Class motor size.</u> TG reported that the amendment to the rules to allow Brushed motors up to 600 size issued after rule book release in 2010 had been omitted in error in 2011. It was agreed that he should repeat the late release for 2011.</p> <p><u>RCDT in 2011</u> All feedback received has been positive and it is expected that RDDT will be permitted for all classes in 2012. All members to be aware that use of RCDT, (for F1 classes in F1 only events in 2011) does not terminate the contest flight (i.e. timing continues as normal) and to clarify this when any confusion is apparent.</p> <p><u>Accommodation of R/C assist within Free Flight.</u> AB has continued to develop documentation and circulated it to committee members. Manny Williamson and Terry Eato (Club Support officer) joined the meeting for this discussion. It was agreed that the core problem is that both the FFTC and the various Radio Technical Committees are organised around competition with the consequent sets of detailed rules for model specifications and operational procedures which ensure control of operations. RC assist flyers (and other sport flyers) do not have the immediate need for rules and procedures and so do not have the infrastructure for sharing of multiple use sites. AB and John Huntley agreed to continue to develop a "formula" to address this problem and Manny Williamson undertook to circulate the result and coordinate agreement with the RC Committees. The FFTC stressed that the, already specified and permitted, use of RCDT within some Free Flight classes should not be confused with any aspect of radio assist.</p>	AB TG ALL AB AB
Events	<p><u>Free Flight Showcase 2010</u> PB to contact Martin Dilly as a possible coordinator.</p>	PB
Free Flight Info.	<p><u>Website</u> TG reported that the new website is now up and running. All earlier versions have been removed. He is continuing to check its integrity but no problems have emerged.</p>	TG
FFTC Deliverables	<p>CS to update as necessary</p>	CS
BMFA Growth	<p>Discussion focussed on the idea that the BMFA should use extra income to develop a professionally organised advertising and media programme with the object of obtaining the benefits of exposure in the real world. TG undertook to generate a "heads of project" document as a basis for further development</p>	TG
A.O.B.	<p>None</p>	
Next	<p><u>Dates</u></p>	

meetings Wednesday 23rd March 11.00 am at Chacksfield House.
Thursday 12th May

FFTC 04/02/11

Critical dates for FFTC

BMFA News Copy dates	April Issue (105) – 11 th February June Issue (106) – 15th April August Issue (107) – 10th June October Issue (108) – 12th August December Issue (109) – 4th November February 2010 Issue (110) – 16th December
Full Council	May 21 st Agenda deadline April 26th
Technical Council	March 26 th Agenda deadline February 28th
FFTC meetings_	- March 23 rd May 12th