

**BMFA**  
**FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING 12th May 2011**

Action

<b>Present</b>	Mike Woodhouse      MW Chris Strachan        CS John Carter            JC John Huntley          JH	Phil Ball                PB Mike Francies        MF Trevor Grey            TG	
<b>Apologies</b>	Ian Kaynes            IK Peter Williams        PW		
<b>Minutes of 23.03.11</b>	Accepted as a true and accurate record.		
<b>Matters arising</b>	<b><u>SAM 35 Representative</u></b> John Huntley has been appointed by SAM 35 as their representative on the FFTC, taking over from Andy Brough. The change was accepted and John was welcomed. CS to inform the office. <span style="float: right;">CS</span>		
	<b><u>Junior team qualification requirements</u></b> No comments on the draft received from the Competition Secretary. CS to follow up. <span style="float: right;">CS</span>		
	<b><u>Paper on team financing.</u></b> MW to follow up with the Competition Secretary. <span style="float: right;">MW</span>		
<b>Contest Calendar</b>	<b><u>Current Version</u></b> Version V3 remains current.		
<b>Officer's Reports</b>	<b><u>Treasurer</u></b> JC reported all accounts are healthy. He suggested that in 2011 a reduction in some competition fees might be appropriate as a way of stimulating entries. After some discussion it was agreed that all should consider possible options for discussion at the next meeting. <span style="float: right;">ALL</span>		
	<b><u>Council Delegate</u></b> MF stated that he will be required to submit a report to the Council meeting on 21 <sup>st</sup> April. He was asked to report along the lines of "All going well for Nationals. Stonehenge Cup completed, Equinox in preparation and season progressing satisfactorily". <span style="float: right;">MF</span>		
	The Council agenda was reviewed and he was asked to vote in favour of all proposals <span style="float: right;">MF</span>		
	<b><u>PRO</u></b> Nothing to report		
	<b><u>Safety Officer/Results Coordinator</u></b> No safety issues. Results going well with no complaints.		
	<b><u>Rules Officer</u></b> Nothing to report except under Rule Changes.		
<b>Nationals</b>	<b><u>2011</u></b> Points noted at this FFTC meeting were <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 180 entries received so far – entries close on Monday 16th</li> <li>• CD packs have been sent out</li> <li>• Ken Sheppard will be attending on Monday</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There have been some difficulties with the layout of the entry form this year which have caused extra work for the office. The committee offered thanks for the extra work they have undertaken resolving entrant's problems. TG undertook to produce a proposal for a revised fee structure, entry form and explanatory notes for discussion at the next meeting. MW to provide him with budget information.</li> <li>• MW will continue to update and circulate the action points list</li> </ul>	TG MW MW
	<p><b><u>2012</u></b> The Bank Holiday in 2012 will be extended to 4 days and will be one week later than normal. It was agreed that the Nationals will remain as a 3 day event over the Saturday to Monday of the holiday (with no activity on the Tuesday). David Phipps (after the meeting) stated that he will be making the usual booking arrangements and that he did not expect any special problems.</p>	
<b>International Teams</b>	<p><b><u>F1A,B,C</u></b> MW and JC reported upon the World Championships for which they had just returned. The UK teams placed fourth in F1A and F1B and Alan Jack was fourth individual in F1C. Detailed comments on the event and the UK participation will be made in team member and management reports.</p> <p><b><u>Space</u></b> Nothing to report</p> <p><b><u>F1E</u></b> IK reported that he will be the only UK representative at the World Champs. in Serbia. CS to ensure that the Competition secretary is informed.</p> <p><b><u>UK representation at CIAM</u></b> Carried forward to next meeting</p> <p><b><u>World Cup locations</u></b> Carried forward to next meeting.</p> <p><b><u>F1A,B,C Team selection</u></b> Following announcement of the revised selection process no adverse reactions have been received. TG to prepare necessary rule book amendments</p>	CS CS CS TG
<b>World Cup Events</b>	<p><b><u>Stonehenge Cup 2011</u></b> All proceeding. Some concern was expressed at the apparent shortage of publicity for the event and for the associated F1G meeting. To be reviewed at the next meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Equinox Cup 2011 Space</u></b> Preparations going to plan</p> <p><b><u>Equinox Cup 2011 F1</u></b> JC now starting to pick up arrangements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bryan Spooner to be contacted to arrange an area on the FFTC website</li> <li>• JC obtain from PW the programs previously used for the Stonehenge Cup</li> <li>• PB to look into awards</li> </ul>	MF JC JC PW PB
<b>Rules</b>	<p><b><u>SAM 35 and 1066 rules</u></b> JH reported that the rules are now being worked upon and will be presented to the SAM 35 and 1066 AGMs in October.</p> <p><b><u>Logistics of Radio Assist on Free Flight sites.</u></b> JH reported that David Phipps and Chris Bromley are discussing the definition of "Radio Assist" and associated issues.</p> <p><b><u>CIAM Proposals</u></b> TG reported that he attended the CIAM meeting. All the housekeeping changes considered at our last meeting went through in accordance with UK wishes. F1Q</p>	JH JH

rule discussions also came to a satisfactory conclusion although they may need some further refinement on measurement of energy levels as more experience is gained.

**Rule changes for 2012**

One rule change proposal has so far been received , see appendix 1. This will be circulated in News from the FFTC inviting comment.

TG PW

**Events**

**Free Flight Showcase 2010**

Under AOB JH reported that SAM 35 will be taking over all or part of the Tent area used in the last three years for the Free Flight Showcase. After discussion it was agreed that JH should explore with the SAM co-ordinator (Andrew Housden) the possibility of Competition Free Flight and Space Modelling taking part under that banner. PB undertook to be the link man for the FFTC. MF for Space Modelling

JH

PB MF

**Free Flight Info.**

**Website**

TG reported that the site is performing OK. He also state that a technical item on electrical measurement is to be added.

**FFTC Deliverables  
BMFA Growth**

CS to update as necessary

CS

TG apologised that his "heads of project" is not yet available and promised it for the next meeting.

TG

**A.O.B.**

**Electric Sub committee.**

TG stated that he sub-committee needs to meet for one more session to finalise its recommendations for 2012. MW proposed that this be supported and JC seconded, All voted in favour.

TG

**Next meetings**

**Dates**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 11.00 am at Chacksfield House.

Further dates for meetings in 2011 to be : Wed 21<sup>st</sup> September  
Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> November

FFTC 16/05/11

**Critical dates for FFTC**

<b>BMFA News Copy dates</b>	August Issue (107) – 10th June October Issue (108) – 12th August December Issue (109) – 4th November February 2012 Issue (110) – 16th December
<b>Full Council</b>	May 21 <sup>st</sup> Agenda deadline April 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept 10 <sup>th</sup> Agenda deadline August 15 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Technical Council</b>	October 15 <sup>th</sup> Agenda and CIAM deadline Sept 19 <sup>th</sup>
<b>FFTC meetings</b>	- June 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>

**Appendix 1 Rule Change proposal**

I suggest, to encourage more participation in competitions:-

P30 Rubber:-

A ban on entries from anyone who has placed in the top 5 (10?) of any BMFA competition in the past 5 years.

This would I feel, return the class to 'beginners' and 'returnees'  
I might even get my wife to fly P30!  
Robin Willes