

**BMFA**  
**FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011**

Action

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

**Apologies** All present

**Minutes of 02.02.11** Accepted as a true and accurate record.

**Matters arising** **Junior team qualification requirements**  
 CS reported that the Competition Secretary has received the draft paper and has said that she will comment as soon as possible.

**Contest Calendar** **CurrentVersion**  
 Version V3 remains current. However the first F1E meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> May is cancelled due to lack of a CD. IK to inform F1E flyers and PW to include in News. IK PW  
 TG reported that the Space Equinox Cup is still shown in Model Flyer Mag. As on Salisbury Plain. He will chase up a correction TG  
 MW reported that all dates for Sculthorpe have been confirmed except for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Area meetings.  
**BMFA Insurance for Foreign flyers**  
 MW stated that the office have confirmed that anyone who flies in a UK BMFA contest and is a member of their national aero club is covered by BMFA insurance. There is no need to inform the office in advance but we should provide a figure at the end of the year that will be passed to the insurers for information.

**Officer's Reports** **Treasurer**  
 JC reported that returns from the Area meetings so far are slightly up on last year. Also that an extra £140 per head will be made available to team members

**Council Delegate**

- **FFTC Club memberships**

The issue of club memberships of members of Technical Committees is on the agenda for the next Technical Council meeting. During discussion it was agreed that even if the definition of "member from" a Club only applies to those clubs through which a member has joined the BMFA any limitation can seriously compromise the already small number of potential new members who can be encouraged to serve on the FFTC. This point is peculiarly relevant to Free Flight because of the small number of clubs from which most active contest flyers are drawn. The restriction of number of members drawn from a Specialist body could have a similar effect. The Council Delegate was instructed to report to Technical Council that the FFTC will be putting a counter proposal to the next Council meeting proposing that all limitations on numbers from particular clubs or specialist bodies in Articles 32(b) and 46 Section A (i) Definition should be deleted. The principle being that the last thing that Free Flight needs is to put up any barriers on election to the Committee. MF

- **FFTC report to Technical Council**

The report to technical Council was discussed and it was agreed that the delegate

should report "nothing to report" but should also ask for a proforma of what is expected. MF

### **PRO**

Team Trials entry form has been circulated

### **Safety Officer/Results Coordinator**

Following helpful comments from the Technical Secretary it was agreed that the Free Flight Safety Guidelines should not be circulated widely but that PB should look at the possibilities for expanding the Free Flight entry in the Handbook. PB

### **Rules Officer**

Nothing to report except under Rule Changes.

## **Nationals**

### **2011**

A planning meeting was held on 21<sup>st</sup> March and MW had circulate the updated actions and progress sheet. Points noted at this FFTC meeting were

- Entry information is in the BMFA news issue no 105 (April)
- PB is covering the items affected by absences in Argentina PB
- Medals are in work PB
- Sponsor details are all agreed with TG
- It is hoped that Ken Sheppard will present prizes on Saturday TG
- MW and TG will do the magazine report MW TG
- 3 entry vouchers will be given to CDs JC
- MW and PB to discuss CDs for Sunday MW PB
- Back-up coordinators will be JC on Saturday, CS on Sunday and TG on Monday JC CS
- All correspondence to MW to be copied to PB TG

## **International Teams**

### **F1A,B,C**

All in progress.

Team meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> April

### **Space**

MF reported that with the announcement of the location for the Euro championships in Serbia and the entry fee of 350 euro all of the team members have withdrawn and consequently he also will not be going. Both MF and CS to inform the Competition Secretary. MF CS

### **F1E**

IK reported that the World Champs. will be in Serbia (entry fee 300 euro) and the first bulletin has been issued. He is awaiting responses for team members but suspects that he may be going alone due to distance and site. IK

### **UK representation at CIAM**

MW asked MF to indicate at the Technical Council meeting that that the FFTC will be preparing a proposal to their October meeting for a revision to the CIAM organisation and its treatment of technical proposals and rule changes. MF

MW will produce a draft discussion document for circulation and discussion within the FFTC MW

### **World Cup locations**

IK reported that there is no formal proposal for a rule change but he will seek to insert at bureau a motion that there should be a maximum of two events on the soil of any one country that can count as World Cup events for an individuals score. IK

### **F1A,B,C Team selection**

Following discussion of options the meeting voted upon the following proposal ;-  
*The team selection process shall comprise two separate events. Selection shall be decided on total score with totals of fly offs at each event only used to resolve ties. Any remaining ties will be resolved by additional fly-offs at the second event.*

	Proposed JC	In favour	7	
	Seconded PB	Against	0	
	PW to publish in News			PW
<b>World Cup Events</b>	<b><u>Stonehenge Cup 2011</u></b>			
	All proceeding			
	<b><u>Equinox Cup 2011 Space</u></b>			
	Preparations going to plan			
	<b><u>Equinox Cup 2011 F1</u></b>			
	Preparation to start upon return from Argentina			JC
<b>Rules</b>	<b><u>SAM 35 and 1066 rules</u></b>			
	Work will restart in April			
	<b><u>Logistics of Radio Assist on Free Flight sites.</u></b>			
	AB reported that an attempt to describe or define R/C assist has been developed by David Phipps and Manny Williamson together with AB and Ian lever and has been sent to Chris Bromley for his comments. AB to chase up Chris Bromley.			AB
	<b><u>CIAM Proposals</u></b>			
	It was agreed that TG will attend the forthcoming CIAM meeting and will have the UK vote for Free Flight.			
	Individual Proposals were discussed as follows			
	• Banning of discuss launch	Proposal supported		
	• Closed loop controls	Proposal supported		
	• Changing rule book numbers	Proposal supported		
	• World Cup events	2 contests for European country, 3 for non European countries	Proposal not supported	
	• All flights inside the round	Proposal supported		
	• No radio engine stop	Proposal supported		
	• F1Q.	After discussion of the multiple proposals it was agreed by 6 votes with 1 abstention to support the USA proposal with a revision from 4.5 to 5 watt secs. It is however expected that there will be discussion and compromise between the multiple proposals and TG is mandated to act as he sees fit.		TG
	<b><u>Rule changes for 2012</u></b>			
	TG to pass details of rule change process and timings to PW for inclusion in News.			TG
<b>Events</b>	<b><u>Free Flight Showcase 2010</u></b>			
	As all attempts to find a coordinator have failed it was agreed not to run the showcase in 2011. PW to announce in News			PW
<b>Free Flight Info.</b>	<b><u>Website</u></b>			
	TG reported all OK. More content to be added later in the year			
<b>FFTC Deliverables</b>	CS to update as necessary			CS
<b>BMFA Growth</b>	TG "heads of project" document for a professionally organised advertising and media programme as a basis for further development carried forward.			TG
	The appointment of a professional manager to organise all of the logistics and administration for (all) teams would be welcomed. To be added as agenda item for further development			CS
<b>A.O.B.</b>	<b><u>CDs for team selection meetings required.</u></b>			
	PW to include in News			PW

**Next meetings**            **Dates**  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 11.00 am at Chacksfield House.

CS to propose dates for the further meetings in 2011

CS

FFTC 24/03/11

**Critical dates for FFTC**

<b>BMFA News Copy dates</b>	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
<b>Full Council</b>	May 21 <sup>st</sup> Agenda deadline April 26th
<b>Technical Council</b>	March 26 <sup>th</sup>
<b>FFTC meetings</b>	- May 12th