

BMFA
FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING 21st September 2011 V2

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				Action
Present	Mike Woodhouse	MW	Phil Ball	PB
	Chris Strachan	CS	Trevor Grey	TG
	John Carter	JC	Ian Kaynes	IK
	John Huntley	JH	Mike Francies	MF
	Peter Williams	PW		
Minutes of 30.06.11 Matters arising	Accepted as a true and accurate record.			
	<u>CD Expenses</u>			
	It was agreed that the structure for CD expenses agreed at the previous meeting did not provide a complete solution and further work is required. JC will come up with some figures and suggestions for centralised meetings, possibly driven by radius or similar, and circulate them for discussion. Vouchers will continue to be issued. Nationals expenses remain a special case.			JC
RDT	<u>Adoption for 2012</u>			
	Following full discussion and consideration of feedback received it was agreed that RDT will be permitted for all classes in 2012. The following detailed proposal was Proposed by PB and Seconded by JC			
	<i>The use of RDT will be permitted in all classes. A flight of less than 20 seconds during which the DT has operated will be classed as an attempt in power and rubber but in glider classes (including under 10 seconds in HLG and CLG) such a flight will be a scoring flight</i>			
	Voting All in favour			
	TG to produce rule book amendments			
	TG to also consider the need to prevent use of a part jettisoning system to score an attempt later in the flight.			TG
	It was decided that in future we will use the initials RDT to further distinguish the systems from established Radio Control			
	<u>Inclusion of FAI rules in the UK rule books</u>			
	It was proposed that the inclusion of FAI full class rules in the UK rule books for Free flight and for Space should be discontinued in order to avoid repeats of past problems where competitors have been confused by apparent contradictions. FAI rule books are easily available to those who need them either in hard copy or on the web.			
	Proposed by PW Seconded by MF			TG
	Voting All in favour			
	TG to add to list of rule changes			
Team Selection System	<u>Team Selection 2012 for 2013 teams</u>			
	Following full discussion and consideration of feedback received it was proposed that team selection should be based upon two 2 day events with no nominated reserve			
	Proposed by JC seconded by TG			
	Voting All in favour.			
	TG to draft appropriate rule changes incorporating the following points and to circulate to the Committee for final approval			TG
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 flights with a fly-off at each event • Results on a time basis 			

- Team selection on round times with any ties decided on fly-off scores
- Single entry for both events. Pre-entry only
- 0900 start time on Saturdays. Also allow for late finish when possible
- Event cancellation in very extreme conditions
- Revisions to wind speed rule still to be agreed
- 3 rounds in total completed after two events will be sufficient for a result
- If 3 rounds not achieved then consider options for later event

**Rule
Changes**

Following full discussion and consideration of feedback received after proposal publication the following changes were agreed

- **P30 entry restrictions**

No change.

Reason. Banning those with previous contest successes will leave too few to keep the class viable

- **Separate vintage Rubber and Power**

No change

Reason. Performance of power and rubber is very similar and separation will create a further class for no good reason.

- **BMFA Electric**

Battery weight limits

Ni 120 gm (all Ni based batteries permitted)

Lithium 90 gm

Model specification

No camber changes, surface area changes or bunt permitted

Motor run

17 seconds

Reason To define the class now that sufficient experience has been gained and restrain performance to a sensible level.

- **HLG/CLG**

All flights from the box to be official

Reason To prevent confusion and misunderstanding on the separation between trimming and competition flights

Setting of maximums

Additionally it was proposed that rule 3.1.4.1 (b) should be clarified to make clear that at Centralised contests the CD may vary a maximum to suit conditions before the start of the contest but may not subsequently vary the maximum during the event.

Proposed by PB Secoded by PW

Voting All in favour.

Housekeeping

TG asked that he be permitted to make a number of rule book corrections, such as listings of classes which have got out of date, which do not change current practice. This was agreed.

TG to prepare rule book changes for all of the above

Windspeed

MW undertook to circulate the complete CD guidelines to all members for consideration of updating – particularly with respect to wind speed limits (see Team selection above)

MW

SAM 35 and 1066 rules.

JH reported that this work is now restarting and he will have an update after the SAM 35 AGM.

Logistics of radio assist

MW reported that he has had clarification from the Technical Secretary at the Safety Committee meeting that radio assist models are classified as radio models and come under the responsibility of the appropriate Radio Technical Committee and as such are nothing to do with Free Flight.

**Contest
Calendar**

CurrentVersion

Version V3 remains current.

2012 calendar

TG to make some modifications to his version V1.3. Including: 2 team selection meetings only and change location, move 4th FIE team selection, remove Equinox Cup (Space) and move Midland Gala.

MW to contact David Phipps re Barkston dates.

CS to investigate moving the Southern Gala back to Little Rissington.

TG
CS

Nationals

2011

Accounts almost complete and look like a small positive balance if £200 is donated to RAF benevolent fund. It was proposed that this donation should be made -

Proposed TG Seconded JC

Voting All in favour

2012

MW suggested a new pricing structure as follows

- Pre-entries Weekend pass £10, single day pass £5
- On field single day pass £6
- Camp site £40 for a unit, £20 single person both include passes
- Pre-entries Single event £10, block entries £45
- On-field entries £20, Bowden £15

A draft publicity announcement to be prepared by PW

MW to put together a draft entry form and circulate for discussion.

Income improvements suggested

- Better collection at the gate – receipt tickets
- A bigger and better car boot sale. JH to take to the Sam 35 AGM
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PW
MW

JH

**Officer's
Reports**

Treasurer

Accounts all OK

T and E budget balance still available. TG to produce a draft for a workshop day at Husband's Bosworth.

Next year's T and E and Committee operating cost budgets has been accepted

Council Delegate

MF reported items from the Full Council meeting

- BMFA insurance has been transferred to a new provider
- T and E budget was approved. Noted that only FF and CL had submitted budgets
- Additional team funding for helpers depends upon the definition of helper in the Sporting Code. .IK undertook to sort out a definition of a Free Flight helper in sporting code terms and make a case for their funding.
- It was stated that free flight Nationals report has not been received.

TG

IK
MW CS

PRO

All normal activities completed

Safety Officer/Results Coordinator

No problems except for Bowden results from the East Anglian Gala. MW attended the Safety Meeting as stand in for PB. Need for a definition of the end of the finite line at World Cup events arose. JC agreed to action.

JC

Rules Officer

	Nothing to report except under Rule Changes.	
International Teams	<u>F1A,B,C</u> Second team selection meeting completed. One more to come. Team details and availability for the Eurochamps in Italy from 5-12 August required by 30 th November	CS
	<u>Space</u> Team selection events completed. Teams for Slovakia available.	
	<u>Team managers</u> Team managers and assistants for both F1 and Space are required . PW to insert advert in FFN and on the website stating that the official advert will be in the December edition of BMFA News but that applications are required by 30 th November	PW
	MW to investigate if there are any guidelines which recognise the possibility of a player manager.	MW
	<u>F1E</u> Team manager report available	
	<u>UK representation at CIAM</u> Response from the Competition Secretary sees no problem with current approach. However suggests that as a sub-committee chairman must be independent then maybe his country should have an additional delegate.	
	IK reported that he is pushing for the early publication of proposals to CIAM	IK
	<u>CIAM representation from FAIR</u> The meeting accepted the nominations of Mike Francies as delegate to the Space modelling Sub-Committee and of Geoff Seabrook and Nigel Barthe to the CIAM judges list. CS to inform office.	CS
World Cup Events	<u>Equinox Cup 2011 Space</u> MF reported that the weather was fair on day one and excellent on day two. However entry numbers were very low (6 only) and the decision has been taken not to run the event in 2012. MF to inform the Competition Secretary. The possibility of running biannually in future is being considered.	MF
	<u>Equinox Cup 2011 F1</u> JC reported that the event was run successfully with worthwhile entry numbers . A loss of about £200 was made but the Committee accepted this as a good result for a new event and agreed to running it again in 2012	
Events	<u>Free Flight Showcase 2011</u> PB reported that the showcase went well this year and Paul Fynn has expressed an interest in being involved again next year	
	<u>A Workshop type event</u> PB suggested that a discussion day along the style of the previous Husbands Bosworth events addressing the future of Free Flight could be useful. TG suggested that it could take the form of a practical show and tell type event explaining some of the minor or even major mysteries of Free Flight with a combination of demonstration and practical training. It was agreed that this would be a good idea to develop. TG agreed to produce a draft programme for the day. See also under treasurer's report re T and E	TG
Free Flight Info.	<u>Website</u> TG asked PB for all possible information to enable him to put together an item on catapult gliders based those previously published in the magazines.	TG PB
FFTC Deliverables	CS to update as necessary with assistance from MW	CS MW
BMFA	TG passed copies of a paper "BMFA Growth – Proposals for Spend" to the	

Growth Committee. It was accepted by vote.
Proposed CS
Seconded JC
In favour ALL
CS to send to the BMFA Chief Executive and Chairman. CS

A.O.B. MW to circulate the paper on a model museum from Jim Wright. MW

MF raised the issue that Stuart Lodge is on the Slovenian Space Modelling judges list although he does not fulfil the qualification requirements since he neither has Slovenian citizenship nor has he been resident for at least 6 months in Slovenia. He asked for the Committee's support in objecting to this situation. The Committee's support was unanimously given. MF

Next meetings Dates
Wednesday 2nd November 11.00 am at Chacksfield House. All

FFTC 24/09/11

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Critical dates for FFTC

BMFA News Copy dates December Issue (109) – 16th November
February 2012 Issue (110) – 1st January (estimated)

Full Council **January 7th** Agenda deadline December 12th
Technical Council October 15th Agenda and CIAM deadline Sept 19th
FFTC meetings November 2nd