

BMFA
FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING 14th March 2012

				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
Apologies	John Huntley	JH	David Phipps	DP
Minutes of 25/01/12	Accepted as a true and accurate record			
Matters Arising	<u>Little Rissington</u>			
	CS reported that he has spoken to Devonair who are happy to proceed with arrangements once the licence has been obtained. DP has applied and is chasing up progress			CS DP
	<u>Lifetime awards</u>			
	MW reported that he has discussed with DP who confirms that nothing exists at present but the Exec are now thinking about these awards along with a review of the awards procedure.			DP
Contest Calendar	<u>2012 calendar</u>			
	Version V1.7b is to be replaced by V1.7c which only differs in the number and date of Space team trials - reducing to two per year.			TG
	<u>Barkston Dates and Access</u>			
	Dates are now booked. PB stated that extra care is need in dealing with the security staff and that he is concerned that the behaviour of the Grantham radio flyers (particularly driving on the main runways) may put free flight as well as their own use in jeopardy. It was suggested that he should discuss the issues with DP and suggest to him that it might help if he were to speak to the Chairman of Grantham.			PB PB
	<u>Salisbury Plain</u>			
	TG reported that he has spoken to Martin Dilly and Bernard Aslett about the problems with the provision of toilets and has been informed that the two recent problems have been reported to Landmarc and it is agreed that we will not be charged. However it was agreed that it would be preferable if defence estate billed us for the toilets after ordering them themselves so that they are aware that problems lie with the contractor and not with the BMFA. TG to see if any such arrangement is possible.			TG
	<u>Risk Assessment</u>			
	There have been queries whether the size and scope of some of the risk assessments recently produced offer a hostage to fortune. MW pointed out that each case is different and we have to satisfy whoever controls the permission to use the site. Some cases have required a number of iterations and we do not have the option of refusing to meet licensees demands.			
	<u>CD Expenses</u>			
	MW had prepared a draft document which was discussed. It was agreed that we should pay the full mileage travelled (at actual cost of fuel) in all cases rather than doing so only when over an arbitrary threshold. Also that overnight expenses needed further thought to allow for early starts and presence overnight at two day meetings even when quite near to the CD's home. MW to rework the document and all to send him their suggestions.			MW ALL

F1J Euro Challenge

Simon Dixon has asked for the support of the FFTC in running a Euro Challenge for F1J. The Committee agreed that we are happy for him to run it. No involvement of the FFTC or BMFA is required and IK agreed to talk to Simon if he needed any information of advice. CS to inform Simon.

CS

F1H Euro Challenge

TG stated that John O'Donnell had asked him to ask the FFTC why F1H will not be run to full FAI rules at the Nationals when it is included in the F1H Euro Challenge calendar which states that all events must be run to those rules. The committee told TG to tell him to raise the point with the Euro Challenge organiser if he so wishes. The FFTC agreed to ask TG to inform Mr O'Donnell that if he wants to raise issues with the FFTC will he please do so directly and in writing via the secretary.

TG

TG

Nationals

All proceeding to plan. Specific point discussed were

- Camp site and overstaying. The RAF want everyone of the airfield by 10.00am on the Tuesday, including any hired vans left for collection. A note to go in the information pack to all campers making clear that this is their responsibility to ensure that any equipment they hire is removed.
- The catering van is not available for CDs. MW and Roy Wright are still working to obtain an alternative.
- Gate entry to be controlled by the issue of a one day coloured pass for each day and gate sales to be controlled by use of the ticket machine from the office.
- Roy Wright to run a carvery , at his own risk, on the Sunday evening. Other attractions , in support of the Jubilee, were discussed but no suitable item was identified other than the possibility of bunting on the gate..
- The BBMF may make an overhead pass on one day.
- A number of members of the Grantham club have offered assistance. PB to send a contact list to MW.

MW

MW

PB

Officer's Reports

Treasurer

Nothing to report now at end of year. Final figures will be available at the next meeting

Council Delegate

No meeting since our last meeting so nothing to report. MF will attend next Tech Council meeting. TG to inform office. TG to prepare FFTC report. Votes on CIAM proposals will be needed (see later in this meeting)

MF

TG

PRO

Nothing to report

Safety Officer/Results Coordinator

Results

Nothing to report

Safety

Nothing to report.

Rules Officer

See below under rules

International Teams

F1A,B,C

All team members and management now in place. Hotel fixed and entry submitted. Currently in dialogue with the organisers on earliest access to the site.

MW

Space

Team manager proposal now submitted and approved

F1E

First reserve (Nick Bosdet) has withdrawn. Still waiting to see if the second reserve will be needed

IK

World Cup Events

Stonehenge Cup 2012

All proceeding to plan

Equinox Cup 2012

Trophies ordered. Artwork still to be done. The meeting agreed that trophies should be given to 5th place in F1A and B but only to 3rd place in F1C and Q.

JC

The FAI Competition Calendar

No progress but carry forward

CS

Rules

Bowden rules survey

The meeting agreed with Ian Middlemiss's proposal to conduct a survey of opinion on the Bowden rules

Radio Assist/ 2.4 ghz

Nothing to report but item to remain and be carefully watched

1066/Crookham memberships

The FFTC had been made aware by John Thompson of a breach of rule 3.1.9.4 (a) in that the 5 members of Crookham who had affiliated through SAM 1066 in order to manage licences and operation of Middle Wallop had continued to attribute their competition results to Crookham. Following careful, discussion it was proposed and agreed that:

From 1st January 2012 all points earned by SAM 1066 affiliated members are to be allocated to SAM 1066 in accordance with rule 3.1.9.4 (a)

PB

Proposed JC 6 in favour

Seconded PW 1 abstention

It was also proposed and carried that:

No retrospective action to be taken with respect to previous years

Proposed PB 6 in favour

Seconded JC 1 abstention

PB undertook to check that all returns of results so far in 2012 are in accordance with rule 3.1.9.4 (a)

PB

Electric/Combined Power

Correspondence received indicates substantial dissatisfaction with the inclusion of electric models in the Combined Power class. The Committee agreed unanimously to propose in the 2012/13 change process that Electric should be split from Combined in 2013. This change and any associated change to the BMFA Electric rules will thus be the subject of public discussion during 2012 as part of the change process.

TG

CIAM Proposals

The Committee considered the proposals for changes to the Free Flight Sporting Code and a summary of the together with the recommendations for the UK vote are attached as Appendix A

2013 Calendar, balance and content

TG had produced an initial discussion document which remained uncirculated. He agreed to circulate a new version which would take account of the change proposals discussed earlier in the meeting. All to comment before the next meeting.

TG

Free Flight Info.

Website

Nothing to report other than the return of Tony Calan to Free Flight and he has

suggested to PB that he could help with the preparation of web site material. PB to pass contact details to TG PB TG

Events **Technical Workshop**

All agreed that the workshop was a great success and that TG did a superb job of pulling together a well run event. Thanks from all to TG. MW has submitted a report to BMFA News. It was agreed that a similar event early in 2013 should be planned and TG offered to produce a statement of ideas

TG

Free Flight Showcase

PB to talk to Martin Dilly about possibilities

Museum

Nothing to report

FFTC Nothing to report.

Deliverables

CS

BMFA Growth Report awaited from DP

A.O.B. **Nil**

Next meetings **Dates**

Wednesday 16th May 11.00 am at Chacksfield House.

Thursday 21st June 11.00 am at Chacksfield House.

FFTC 19/03/12

Critical dates for FFTC

BMFA News Copy dates	June 2012 Issue (111) – deadline 29 th April
Full Council	May 19th Agenda deadline April 23rd
Technical Council	March 24 th Agenda deadline February 27th
FFTC meetings	16th May, 21 st June

Appendix A

In the document below FFTC comments are in bold italic and underlined after each item

Sporting Code Proposals – Free Flight summary

12.1 Volume ABR, Section 4A

(CIAM Internal Regulations – page 20 (2011 Edition))

b) A.11 Judges Lists Germany

Require contest director list for championships

FFTC Comment Not relevant to Free Flight. Against

c) A.12 Technical Experts List United Kingdom

Technical Experts may only be nominated by their own NACs.

FFTC Comment In favour

g) Annex A.1a Bid Applications Germany

Add to the bid details list a List of international competitions successfully conducted for the same class(es) by the organiser or the submitting NAC

FFTC Comment Against

h) Annex A.1c Naming of Championships FFSC ***

Make names explicit for FID and FIE

FFTC Comment In favour

d) B.4. CONTEST OFFICIALS Bureau

Standardisation between world and continental championships juries

FFTC Comment In favour

j) B.9. Free Flight USA

Allow organisers to move or rotate launch line ???

FFTC Comment No point as already permitted Against

p) B.17. Processing of Model Aircraft F1 Sub-committee

Model must not carry numbers of any person other than the competitor.

FFTC Comment In favour

q) B.17 Processing of Model Aircraft for International Competitions Bureau

Move it all round

FFTC Comment In favour

r) B.17. Processing of Model Aircraft France

Require models to carry large FAI stickers on each part with 10mm high model numbers

FFTC Comment Against

s) B.17. Processing of Model Aircraft France

Require other models as well as FF to have numbers

FFTC Comment Against

t) B.18. Protests France

Cannot protest twice on same subject

FFTC Comment Against

u) B.19.4 Safety Precautions & Instructions France

All spinners should have a minimum radius of 5 mm.

FFTC Comment Against

Free Flight Outdoor

a) 3.1.2. Characteristics of Gliders F1A Bulgaria

Ban radio communication on F1A – RDT (and trackers?)

FFTC Comment Against

b) Annex 1 Rules for Free Flight World Cup F1 Subcommittee

Increase events counting for total from 3 to 4, allow only 2 events in a European country and 3 from outside Europe country – only on basis of where event flown, no regard to organising country

FFTC Comment Prefer total of 5 events counting with 2 and 3 as above

c) Annex 1 Rules for Free Flight World Cup F1 Subcommittee

Extra points for juniors who do well in the main event

FFTC Comment In favour

d) Annex 1 Rules for Free Flight World Cup F1 Subcommittee

Increase F1A bonus points to 1 in 10

FFTC Comment In favour