

BMFA
FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING 21st November 2012

Action

Present	Mike Woodhouse MW	Phil Ball PB	
	Chris Strachan CS	Trevor Grey TG	
	John Carter JC	Ian Kaynes IK	
	Stuart Darmon SD	Mike Francies MF	
		Dave Phipps (part time) DP	
Apologies	Ian lever absent without apology		
Note	These minute to be read in conjunction with MINUTES OF MEETING (to first meeting set agenda) 21st November 2012 see below as Appendix A		
Minutes of 12.09.12	Accepted		
SAM 35 relationship	The meeting noted that the relationship between SAM 35 remains unresolved pending a decision by Council on the question of their transfer to direct reporting to the Chief Executive. It was proposed that, whatever the result may be, if SAM 35 wish to participate in events and upon sites organised as part of the Free Flight calendar then they should have a presence at the majority of FFTC meetings.		IK
	Proposed JC		
	Seconded PB All in favour		
Matters Arising	<u>BMFA News calendar.</u> The need for fast editing of the Calendar when errors appear at proof stage was raised. DP agreed that a fast track system to allow the printer to confirm requests from TG would be set up.		DP TG
Contest Calendar	<u>2013 calendar</u> Published version 1a remains with no changes		
	<u>Northern Gala</u> There is uncertainty whether to go for Barkston or Church Fenton. In spite of operational restrictions the FFTC would prefer Church Fenton as the local site. TG to liaise with Gordon Warburton and agree the final choice.		TG
	<u>Southern Area Rally 23 June 2013 at Odiham.</u> SD to mention this meeting in News		SD
	<u>Salisbury fund moneys</u> DP attended and following this discussion and further discussions with Bernard Aslett both before and after the meeting it was agreed to gather the names of all who have contributed to the fund (action TG) as a possible “electorate” to consider any transfers from the fund. It was also realised as discussions continued after the meeting that it will be impossible for the FFTC to “wash its hands” concerning whatever takes place and so we should postpone any actions until after further discussion at our next meeting. MW to action with DP		TG MW DP
Nationals 2013	<u>Fees</u> To be the same as in 2012		
	<u>Entry Form</u> MW to prepare draft entry form		MW
	<u>Tony Nelson</u> MW to invite Tony to attend with his “display” wagon.		MW
	<u>SAM Presence in 2013</u>		

In the absence of the SAM35 Specialist Body Representative and having no feedback from SAM35 following passing information on the contribution expected from them at the Nationals, DP agreed to contact them to find out what is going on. DP

Officer's Reports

Treasurer

All accounts OK. Stonehenge and Equinox both slightly in credit.
Expenses to be increased to £60 per night to reflect increased costs.
Proposed JC
Seconded PB
All in favour

JC

Council Delegate

Report on Tech Council Meeting already circulated and no matters arising. MW reported that at the AGM it was agreed that all extra funding which becomes available to the Central Team travel Fund will be documented and minuted. Also that the proposal for the appointment of a museum and history officer was turned down.

PRO

New in post and nothing to report. SD stated that Peter Williams has agreed to help with handing over. CS to write to Peter thanking him for his 4 years of work. CS

Safety Officer/Results Coordinator

Results

PB reported that based on discussions at the Free Flight Forum the Free Flight Championships and the Calendar seem to meet with general approval. He asked for IK to help him to sort out the incorporation of F1E points in the Free Flight Championship. It was suggested that a brief article on the results of the Championship might make a piece of publicity for inclusion in BMFA News. PB to consider

IK PB

PB

Safety

Nothing to report and no claims arising from Free Flight in 2012

Rules Officer

All changes have gone to the 2013 Rule Book and the proof has been checked. The notice of changes for 2013 is available from the office. Final publication of the Rule Book awaits the availability of FAI rule changes.

International Teams

2012 Teams in F1ABC

An outstanding issue remains with expense claims for the assistant team manager. MW undertook to get involved as required. MW

2013 F1ABC team

The team trials are complete and the team selected comprises

F1A	John Cooper	003422	Biggles	Reserves	Chris Edge	064198	Scotia
	Richard Jack	108315	Tynemouth		Peter Williams	052853	Richmond
	John Williams	063375	B'ham				
F1B	Peter Brown	153422	Country Mem.	Reserves	Russell Peers	027418	Grantham
	Ivan Taylor	063257	Grantham		Peter Martin	045729	Tynemouth
	Mike Woolner	057957	East Grinstead				
F1C	Alan Jack	056873	Tynemouth	Reserves	Neil Allen	039572	East Grinstead
	Mick Lester	08968	B'ham		Stafford Screen	064182	Birmingham
	Ken Faux	052579	Vikings				

The Committee unanimously accepted this team

Due to the late completion of the trials the advertisement for Managers has yet to be placed, but will feature in the next BMFA News. CS to raise team proposal and inform the office of the intent to select managers

CS

In order to start preparations it was agreed that MW should be authorised to make initial investigations and contacts until such time as the advertisement in BMFA News has been in the public domain for 10days and any resulting applications have been considered. MW

Team for F1E

The team has been selected and comprises

Team members	I Kaynes	021003	Croydon
	S Philpott	064218	Birmingham
	P Fynn	009010	Country
Reserves	Doug Bartle	067661	Morley
	No second reserve available		

The Committee unanimously accepted this team

No manager has yet been selected and the situation will be handled as for F1ABC, but with IK undertaking the initial role IK

Team for Space

As previously documented no team will be selected for the 2013 European Championships.

Team Managers

SD to place the advertisements for team managers in the December BMFA News with a cut-off date for applications of 20th January SD

Team selection for 2013

The team selection process in 2012 suffered from difficult weather and some controversy at the second trials. The short term effects have now been resolved and teams have been selected and accepted. However there are lessons to be learned and a number of points were suggested in discussion including:

- Suitable CDs must be found and briefed in good time
- A brief must be prepared and the CD must work to it
- The process must be fixed and the CD's (limited) freedom to change must be clearly understood
- All competitors must be kept informed (PA system?)
- The two and a half minute max option should be removed
- Round times and sequence must be clearly expressed
- A jury should be nominated in advance
- The person in charge of the trials process should not have an interest in the results

JC undertook to put together a proposal on operating procedures and circulate it to all members for discussion before the next meeting. JC

Stonehenge Cup 2013

Stonehenge Cup 2013

No team is yet available to run the event. SD to put out a notice asking for volunteers for both the Stonehenge and the Equinox. SD

Equinox Cup

2012

JC reported a fairly small entry but a successful event with no financial loss. The Committee congratulated and thanked JC for his work.

2013

See comments above (Stonehenge cup) with respect to organisation.

Rules

E36 rules

CS to get provisional rules to SD asap split between model specification and procedural rules. CS

PR on BMFA and FFTC websites	<p><u>BMFA</u> SD to look at what we should do and what is possible. Ease of access from here to the FFTC website is poor</p> <p><u>FFTC</u> It is felt that the FFTC site is too difficult to access or manipulate. SD and TG to look at more information for newcomers.</p> <p><u>The Book that Flies</u> The FFTC agreed that it wishes Martin Dilly the best of luck with his endeavours to achieve a reprint. However we are not in a position to undertake the work on his behalf.</p>	
Events	<p><u>A Spring Workshop event</u> Two alternatives were discussed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A practical day with classroom presentations and group discussions on a variety of topics • A glider day with practical outdoor demonstrations and flying backed up by classroom sessions <p>It was agreed that we are too late for either session in 2013 and we should clarify the options and pick a front runner for 2014. TG will discuss with interested parties</p>	TG
Future Calendar	<p><u>2014</u> MW is drawing together the threads of what we might do and will add the items raised by PB and SD in their talks at the Forum. (PB and SD to send copies of their notes to MW). MW will then circulate a document for all to consider and discuss (along with the ideas on team selection listed above) at the next meeting. The results will then be circulated to the membership for further consultation.</p>	PB SD TG
FFTC Deliverables	<p>CS to update to include any application to the Central Team Travel Fund which should be made to the Competition Secretary by 31st March (see “Information on the Set Agenda”)</p>	CS CS
A.O.B.	<p>CIAM Sub Committee proposals to March Meeting IK informed us that the proposals of interest are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To allow gliders to score an attempt when a flight of under 20 seconds is achieved with RDT • To revise DT wording to allow RDT extension of DT time • To extend RDT to all outdoor classes • Alterations to marking models at processing • To require all fliers at World Cup Events to fly in round 1 • Definition of Junior championships • F1Q to adopt UK type proposals and measure power half way through the timed run • To set up a free flight ranking based upon a rolling assessment 	
Next meetings	<p><u>Dates</u> Wednesday 30th January 11.00 am at Chacksfield House. Wednesday 27th March 11.00 am at Chacksfield House. Wednesday 8th May 11.00 am at Chacksfield House.</p>	

FFTC 24/11/12

Critical dates for FFTC

BMFA News Copy dates February 2012 Issue– Late December (estimated)

Full Council January 5th Agenda deadline December 10th
 Technical Council
 FFTC meetings 30th January, 27th March, 8th May

Appendix A

FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING (to first meeting set agenda) 21st November 2012

Present : M Woodhouse, C Strachan, T Grey, J Carter , M Francies, P Ball, Stuart Darmon, I Kaynes

Absent : I Lever

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| 1a : | Initial voting strength | 5 |
| 1b : | <u>Chairman.</u> | Mike Woodhouse |
| 1c : | <u>Co-Options</u> | Stuart Darmon |
| 1d: | Full voting strength | 6 |
| 1e : | <u>Chairman. (2)</u> | NA |
| 1f : | <u>Secretary.</u> | Chris Strachan |
| 1g : | <u>Treasurer.</u> | John Carter (also holder of the Team Travel Fund). |
| 1h: | <u>Council Delegate.</u> | Trevor Grey |
| 1i : | <u>Specialist Body Reps.</u> | FAIR (Space Modelling) Mike Francies
SAM 35 Ian Lever |
| 1j : | Final voting strength | 8 |
| 1k : | Chairman | NA |
| 1k(ii) | Temp Chair | NA |
| 1l : | <u>Unfilled offices</u> | NA |
| 1m : | <u>PRO.</u> | Stuart Darmon |
| 1n : | <u>Safety Officer.</u> | Phil Ball |
| 1o : | <u>Rules Officer</u> | Trevor Grey |
| 1p : | <u>Results Officer</u> | Phil Ball |
| 1q : | <u>Budget Holder - TTF.</u> | John Carter (also holder for training and excellence)
Mike Francies for FAIR (Space Modelling) TTF and training and excellence |
| 2 | Apologies | Nil (Ian lever absent without apology) |
| 3 | Minutes of previous meeting | See minutes below at 14 |
| 4 | Matters arising | See minutes below at 14 |
| 5 | Miscellaneous appts | Ian Kaynes. Free Flight technical expert to CIAM
Mike Francies Space Tech sub Com and Judge
Stuart Lodge GBR 79141 Judge- Space CIAM |
| 6 | Disciplines | All Non-Scale outdoor Free Flight
Space modelling (FAIR only)
SAM 35 |
| 7 | Council Agenda | No proposals other than teams (see main minutes) |
| 8 | Nationals De-brief | De-brief at FFTC meetings 28/06, 12/09
final report to office 20/08.
Planning for 2013 already commenced |
| 9 | Teams | 2013 teams(F1A,B,C World- F1E World-,see minutes of main meeting.
Team trials for 2014 already published in 2013 calendar |
| 10 | Team Managers | See minutes of main meeting |

- 11 BMFA Comp Details**
- 11(a) Single event entry fees** Centralised –Site access charge £6
 First class – £4
 Subsequent classes - £2
 Area Cent. and F1E –local charge for site
 First class - £4
 Subsequent classes - £2
 FAIR – Site charge only
 All meetings – Juniors free
- 11(b) Season Tickets** No season tickets
- 11(c) Nationals Entry Fees** Airfield Pass 3day £10 1day £5
 Championship events £10
 Non Championship events £5
 Unlimited events £45
- 11(d) Team Selection Fees** Pre-entry required 50% surcharge on field entry
 Pre-entry only £25 (single event over 2 weekends)
 FAIR – Site charge only
- 11(e) Diploma Reqts** Diplomas for all events as Contest Calendar. Office
 will be informed as required
- Championships :** Free Flight Championship Points and Junior F F Championship points to be
 awarded in all events except where indicated otherwise on the Competition
 Calendar
- 12 Tech. Comm. Return** Completed
- 13 Safety Review** Officer appointed. No further action at this time.
- 3, 4, 14, 15 and 16 further agenda items, AOB and next meeting** See Minutes of main meeting

FFTC 22.11.12