

BMFA
FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING 8th May 2013

					Action
Present	Mike Woodhouse	MW	Phil Ball	PB	
	Chris Strachan	CS	Trevor Grey	TG	
	John Carter	JC	Ian Kaynes	IK	
	Stuart Darmon	SD	Dave Phipps (part time)	DP	
Absent	Ian Lever				
Apologies	Nigel Bathe	NB			
Minutes of 19.03.13	Accepted				
Matters Arising	<u>Calendar to Aeromodeller</u>				
	SD is writing an explanatory piece which he will circulate to the Committee for comment				SD
Contest Calendar	<u>2013 Calendar</u>				
	Latest version V1f has been issued.				
	<u>Additional events at East Anglian Gala</u>				CS
	CS to send details to SD				
	<u>CD boxes</u>				
	TG to add tape measure, wind meter and spring balance to his CD box.				TG
	East Anglia box to be made up to full specification. MW to arrange with Dave Oldfield who will keep control of this box (not to be held by CS)				MW
	<u>Access signs.</u>				
	Particularly needed for Salisbury. TG to pick up what is available in the office.				TG
	<u>Mobile Phones</u>				
	It was confirmed that a mobile phone will not be included in any of the CD boxes. CDs will be asked to use their own phones on the day and to make the number known to all competitors – preferably on a paper handout.				
	<u>First Thoughts for 2014 Calendar</u>				
	TG to assemble a first draft. Features to include				TG
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft dates for Area meetings • A “Regional event” with a North/South split • An experimental event with novel timing or whatever 				
	<u>Barkston availability</u>				
	DP was asked to explore whether Barkston can be used for the rest of the 2013 area meetings. PB pointed out that having to use North Luffenham is losing up to 75% of the usual entry numbers.				DP
	<u>Dispensation for extra assistance following injury</u>				
	A request has been made for such a dispensation at the Nationals from Steve Philpott following severe wrist injury. It was agreed that no such dispensation can be given and his participation must comply with the rule book. CS to inform Steve				
SAM 35 Relationship Nationals 2013	Nothing to report				
	All arrangements are now in place.				
	It was agreed that prize giving will be held on the flightline, immediately after the last fly-off each day. The hanger will be used as a fall back in the event of extreme weather				

Officer's Reports	<p><u>Treasurer</u> JC reported upon a healthy situation at the end of year. FFTC costs were below budget in 2012. T and E funding for 2013 will be £1500. The future for TTF remains a source of concern and was discussed later in the meeting (see under International Teams)</p> <p><u>Council Delegate</u> Report from Technical Council had been circulated and is attached as appendix A.</p> <p><u>PRO</u> SD reported that he is continuing to look at what is available on “Starting in Free Flight”. He asked TG for further assistance with the use of the lap top</p> <p><u>Results Officer</u> PB reported that some difficulties with the return of London Area results have now been resolved with Peter Williams. He will have the 2012 Junior Championship award at the Nationals and will present it at one of the prize givings.</p> <p><u>Safety Officer</u> The new fences bordering Salisbury Plain present a hazard and it was agreed that every effort should be made to position control to avoid them.</p> <p><u>Rules Officer</u> Nothing else to report other than items covered by Rules below</p>	<p>SD TG</p> <p>PB</p>
International Teams	<p><u>Progress report F1A,B,C 2013</u> All entries made. Team meeting set up for early June. All support gear to be passed to Peter Tribe at Stonehenge.</p> <p><u>Progress report F1E 2013</u> Preliminary entry form has been sent in. No deadline for entries yet. Fitness of Steve Philpott unknown but Doug Bartle available as reserve</p> <p><u>TTF Income</u> Concern was expressed for future income once Martin Dilly “retires”. TG offered to take over at a suitable moment. MW to investigate inter-fund transfers</p> <p><u>Team selection for 2013</u> MW to recirculate final version of operating procedures.</p> <p><u>Trials 2013</u> Pre-entry (£25) required before 31st July. SD to get announcement into next BMFA News and to Bryan Spooner. MW to circulate last year’s entry form. JC to ensure that forms are available at Nats Controls.</p>	<p>MW, JC</p> <p>IK</p> <p>TG MW</p> <p>MW</p> <p>SD MW JC</p>
Stonehenge Cup 2013	<p><u>2013</u> Peter Tribe reports all going to plan. A good entry has been received.</p>	
Equinox Cup	<p><u>2013</u> Awards organised and all underway..</p>	<p>JC</p>
Rules	<p><u>CIAM Rule changes</u> Meeting concluded and all changes reported on and circulated by IK</p> <p><u>E36 Progress</u> Trial events to be continued</p> <p><u>Rule change proposals</u> Proposals so far received are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Split BMFA ½ A and F1J. The committee are minded to keep as one class but go back to a 10 second run for BMFA ½ A. This will be circulated with the proposal in due course • Ball bearing motors to be permitted in SLOP. When circulated to be 	<p>TG</p>

accompanied by FFTC comments/suggestions. (List of motors, different engine run etc.) TG

PR on BMFA and FFTC websites	<u>BMFA</u> Ease of access from here to the FFTC website is poor <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. <u>Free Flight/Radio future</u> TG promised a paper on the subject before the next meeting.	SD TG TG
Events	<u>A future event</u> TG summarised 3 possible formats for an event 1. A Glider day at Husbands Bosworth covering design, towing technique and practical demonstrations by 3 fliers 2. A show and tell day featuring presentations on particular rubber, glider, power and electric models 3. A day on E36, both models and contest rules It was agreed that the preferred format would be an amalgam of all 3 and that the date should be the end of January 2014. TG to go to the next stage of programme development	TG
AOB	None	
Next meetings	<u>Dates</u> Wednesday 19th June 11.00 am at Chacksfield House. Wednesday 18th September 11.00 am at Chacksfield House.	

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Critical dates for FFTC

BMFA News Copy dates	Aug 2013 Issue– 3 rd June 2013
Full Council	18 th May Agenda deadline 2 nd April
Technical Council	19 th October Agenda deadline 23 rd September
FFTC meetings	19th June, 18 th September

Appendix A

Tech Council Meeting , 23rd March 2013 – T.Grey

Items concerning or connected with FFTC

Note: In the absence (so far) of minutes for this meeting detail in the following is to the best of my memory.

1. Agenda item 8

The Technical Secretary led a discussion on the tidying-up and clarification of entry requirements to BMFA contests as currently detailed in the BMFA general rules (2.1.6 and 2.4 to 2.4.6).

Most of this concerned the titling - contests/events - to avoid confusion and ensure consistency throughout. Also considered were the requirements for valid insurance in the case of entries from non-BMFA member entrants - both UK residents and non-UK residents.

The results of this discussion will be detailed in the meeting minutes (see note above) when available. As a consequence of all of this the Technical Secretary noted that he intended to bring forward a proposal to enact the various changes to the next Full Council meeting. This has now been carried out and the proposal appears on the agenda for the full council meeting scheduled for 18th May 2013.

2. Agenda item 9

The free flight items on the (then) up-coming CIAM agenda were briefly discussed and instructions provided (later in writing) to the FAI delegate on the requirements of the FFTC - as approved and voted upon at the prior FFTC meeting (19.3.13). In addition the requirements of the ITC (Indoor Tech Committee) were noted with reference to those agenda items concerning them.

During the lunch break a request was made to the FAI delegate for finance to be provided to enable a UK technical expert to attend at the CIAM technical meeting - to take part in the discussions and put forward the UK requirements where possible. This request was granted by the FAI delegate.

3. Agenda 12

A report from the FFTC on activities up to the date of the meeting was presented and accepted.

T.G. 6.5.13