

**BMFA**  
**FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING 19th March 2013**

Action

<b>Present</b>	Mike Woodhouse	MW	Phil Ball	PB
	Chris Strachan	CS	Trevor Grey	TG
	John Carter	JC	Ian Kaynes	IK
	Stuart Darmon	SD	Nigel Bathe	NB
			Dave Phipps (part time)	DP

**Absent** Ian Lever

**Welcome** The Committee welcomed Nigel Bathe who replaces Mike Francies as FAIR representative and recorded its appreciation of Mike's long membership and valuable contribution to its work.

**Minutes of 30.01.13** Accepted

**Matters Arising** **Calendar to Aeromodeller**

Efforts to get the Calendar featured in Aeromodeller have so far failed and it may not be a suitable vehicle due to its long (bimonthly) lead time. SD will submit a piece for submission to the magazine explaining where details of the calendar can be found. SD

**Contest Calendar** **2013 calendar**

Latest version V1e has been issued. IK asked that the BMFA News calendar be asked to refer to his discipline as "Free Flight Slope Soaring" rather than F1E – the latter being unknown to all but its immediate participants TG

**Church Fenton.**

TG to get the instructions on FOD control to SD for further publicity and to check with Gordon Warburton on any developing practicalities. TG SD

**CD boxes**

JC reported that the current situation is:

A box held by David Greaves for Salisbury

A box held by JC for Nationals and Equinox etc

A box to be made up for eastern meetings to be held by CS JC

A box to be held by TG TG

It was agreed that mobile phones will no longer be included in the boxes as their use is now so widespread that a CD's personal number can always be displayed at control.

**Barkston availability**

The problem of obtaining bookings and avoiding clashes with motor sport etc. was discussed with DP. Although firm bookings cannot be made earlier than September it was agreed that TG should supply DP with a list of desired dates asap including possibilities for variations. DP will then feedback on what is practicable. TG DP

**Salisbury Fund moneys**

CS reported that he had sent out 12 letters and 38 emails to those who had contributed to the fund in 2012, explaining the proposal that £1000 be held in reserve and the balance be transferred to the Free Flight Travel Fund. Comments had been received from 6 of the recipients. 4 were in favour and 2 suggested alternative uses for the surplus. It is assumed that the 44 who did not reply had no objection to the proposed action.

That this action should now take place was:

Proposed JC

Seconded TG

In favour 6  
Against 1  
JC to authorise the necessary transfer. JC

**SAM 35 Relationship** CS reported on a recent conversation with Brian Lever, President of SAM 35. He was assured that SAM 35 wish to work with the FFTC in future. The Committee agreed that the door is open for discussions of appropriate SAM competition activities at BMFA Free Flight Competition events.

**Nationals 2013** Points noted were:

- The entry form is included in the April edition of BMFA News
- Certificates list is with the office
- List of medals passed to PB and promised for end April PB
- FAIR co-ordinator will be John Jacomb
- MW to pass contact for team racing to SD for publicity MW SD

**Officer's Reports**

**Treasurer**  
All accounts OK. FFTC costs below budget

**Council Delegate**  
No meeting since last time. Report for Technical Council done and to be circulated to the Committee TG

**PRO**  
SD thanked TG for his assistance in sorting out IT problems. He now holds the FFTC laptop and will retrieve the Equinox Cup database and pass it to JC. He is writing and information piece on "Starting in Free Flight" and will discuss previously existing material with TG. JC SD TG

**Results Officer**  
PB stated that he would like to reduce the time for return of results (currently 8 days) but after discussion it was agreed to make no change. He also asked that it be noted that he was unhappy with the recent situation where he had been required to note a competitor as DQ (disqualified) and suggested that in any such case omission from the results is more appropriate.

**Safety Officer**  
Nothing to report.

**Rules Officer**  
Nothing else to report other than items covered by **Rules** below

**International Teams** **Progress report F1A,B,C 2013**  
All arrangements made. Team meeting to be fixed.  
Kris Best available for second reserve. CS to update CS  
The large number of UK spectators expected in France may present problems.

**Progress report F1E 2013**  
Nothing to report

**Payments from TTF**  
Payments of £100 for F1ABC and £200 for F1E were suggested  
Proposed CS  
Seconded SD  
All in favour  
JC to action JC

**Allocation of costs**  
The FFTC noted the Competition Secretaries Formal Notification of 12 March 2013

**Team selection for 2013**  
The paper from TG titled Guidelines for Team Selection (March 2013) was

	discussed . MW and JC to tidy up sections 1,2 and 4 and to add Jury pre-selection.	MW JC
	<b><u>Trials Co-ordinator</u></b>	
	PB agreed to undertake this role	PB
	<b><u>Trials CDs</u></b>	
	Bryan Spooner has agreed to undertake the first weekend. Paul Fynn remains to be confirmed for the second.	
<b>Stonehenge Cup 2013</b>	<b><u>2013</u></b> Peter Tribe reports all going to plan	JC
<b>Equinox Cup</b>	<b><u>2013</u></b> Nothing to report at present.	JC
<b>Rules</b>	<b><u>Proposals for 2013 Plenary meeting relevant to Free Flight</u></b> These proposals were discussed in preparation for the Technical Council meeting and the decisions taken are attached as Appendix A	
	<b><u>Representation of FAIR in Lausanne.</u></b> TG to recommend to Peter Halman that NB attend Lausanne as FAIR representative	TG
	<b><u>Representation of FFTC in Lausanne</u></b> The Committee agreed that in view of the number of interlocking proposals on F1Q TG should attend Lausanne, to be agreed with Peter Halman	TG
	<b><u>Location of 2015 World Free Flight Champs</u></b> From the choice of Italy, Serbia or Mongolia the Committee were unanimous in the ranking of Mongolia 1st choice Italy 2nd Serbia 3rd	TG IK
	<b><u>E36 Progress</u></b> The Committee recognised the strong interest in E36 but maintained the position that any inclusion in the BMFA Calendar must wait until 2014	
	<b><u>Rule change proposals</u></b> Proposals so far received are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Split BMFA ½ A and F1J</li> <li>• Further amendments to trials procedures</li> <li>• Finalise E36 rules if accepted</li> </ul>	
<b>PR on BMFA and FFTC websites</b>	<b><u>BMFA</u></b> Ease of access from here to the FFTC website is poor <b><u>FFTC</u></b> It is felt that the FFTC site is too difficult to access or manipulate. SD and TG to look at more information for newcomers. No progress to report	SD
<b>Events</b>	<b><u>A future event</u></b> TG is working on the possibility of a workshop event combined with the FF Forum. No progress to report	TG
<b>Future Calendar</b>	<b><u>2014</u></b> There seems to be very little pressure for change but PB is working on a summary paper for the Free Flight Forum asking for comments <b><u>Future of Free Flight verses Radio</u></b> Nothing to report.	
<b>AOB</b>	<b><u>Recent Disqualification</u></b> A letter sent by Leon Cole to DP and copied to MW on the subject of disqualification for incidents of rule breaking by his sons at the second Area meeting	

was discussed. DP agreed to reply making the points that

- A line should be drawn under this and any other previous incidents or comments
- We cannot accept demands for processing and timekeepers
- Enclosing a rule book and suggesting that he reads it
- That he contacts the CD on the day if he is unsure that the flying by his sons is in accordance with the rules

DP

**Martin Dilly**

CS to write to Martin thanking him for the TTF contribution from the Neil Armstrong letter sale and informing him of the Salisbury surplus solution.

CS

**RAFMA Tropics**

Some have been offered on loan and the Records Officer is interested.

MW

**Next meetings**

Wednesday 8th May 11.00 am at Chacksfield House.

FFTC 20/03/13

**Critical dates for FFTC**

**BMFA News Copy dates** June 2013 Issue– 24th April 2013  
**Full Council** 18<sup>th</sup> May Agenda deadline 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
**Technical Council** 19<sup>th</sup> October Agenda deadline 23<sup>rd</sup> September  
**FFTC meetings** 8th May

**Appendix A**

**Proposals for 2013 Plenary meeting relevant to Free Flight Subcommittee Votes**

**FFTC voting preferences as agreed 19/03/13. All items unanimous except e)3.1.5**

<b>13.3 Volume ABR Section 4B</b>	
a) B.2.1 Open International Contests, Canada	<b>NO</b>
b) B.2.3 Continental Championships, UK	<b>NO</b>
c) B.2.4 World Championships, UK	<b>NO</b>
e) B.3.5 National teams for World and Continental Championships, FISC	<b>YES</b>
j) B.16.1 Individual Classification, FISC	<b>YES</b>
k) B.16.2 National Team classification, Bureau	<b>NO</b>
l) B.16.2 Team Classification, France	<b>NO</b>
n) B.16.3 Team Classification - multiple contest classes, Bureau	<b>NO</b>
o) B.17.15 Processing of FF model aircraft, FISC	<b>NO</b>
<b>13.4 Volume ABR, Section 4C Part One</b>	
a) 1.1 General definitions of model aircraft, Germany	<b>NO</b>
<b>13.6 Volume F1 - Free Flight</b>	
a) F1N IHLG, Serbia	Not for FFTC

b) 3.N.4 Definition of an official flight, Serbia	Not for FFTC
c) 3.N.5 Definition of an unsuccessful attempt, Serbia	Not for FFTC
d) 3.1.2 Characteristics of Gliders F1A, F1SC	<b>YES</b>
e) 3.1.5 Definition of an unsuccessful attempt, F1SC	<b>NO</b> Voted upon Proposed TG Seconded SD For 1 Against 4 Abstained 2
f) 3.3.2 Characteristics of F1C, F1SC	<b>YES</b>
g) 3.G.2 Characteristics of F1G/H, F1SC	<b>YES</b>
j) 3.J.2 Characteristics of F1J, F1SC	<b>YES</b>
i) 3.Q.2 Characteristics of F1Q, F1SC	<b>YES</b>
j) 3.Q.2 Characteristics of F1Q, Germany	<b>NO</b>
k) 3.Q.2 Characteristics of F1Q, Germany	<b>YES</b>
l) 3.Q.2 Characteristics of F1Q, Germany	<b>NO</b>
m) 3.Q.2 Characteristics of F1Q, UK	<b>YES</b> but withdraw if i) is accepted
n) 3.Q.2 Characteristics of F1Q, USA	<b>YES</b> but if i) is accepted not required
o) Annex 1 F1 World Cup, F1SC	<b>YES</b>
p) Annex 4 Free flight ranking, F1SC	<b>YES</b>

CS for FFTC 19/03/13