

BMFA
FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING 3rd December 2014

Action

Present	Mike Woodhouse MW	Phil Ball	PB	
	Chris Strachan CS	Trevor Grey	TG	
	John Carter JC	John Jacomb	JJ	
	Dave Phipps (part time) DP	Ian Kaynes	IK	
		Alan Jack	Guest to present	
		junior programme proposal		
Apologies	Ken Faux KF			
Note	These minutes to be read in conjunction with MINUTES OF MEETING (to first meeting set agenda) 3rd December 2014 see below as Appendix A			
Minutes of previous meeting	Minutes accepted with corrections of :- Entry fees for Stonehenge and Equinox £10 and included in season ticket Under CIAM proposals the last line saying 5 rounds and a flight of 6 minutes, to be corrected to 5 flights including 2 flights of 4 minutes.			
Matters Arising	No matters arising			
Contest Calendar	<u>2015 Calendar</u> Following responses to publication it was agreed that 1/2A and F1J should be run simultaneously, as planned when the separation was first agreed. PB proposed and TG seconded that to balance numbers they should be removed from the Midland Gala. Agreed unanimously			
	<u>FAIR dates</u> JJ asked that the space events at the Nationals should be scheduled for the 23 rd and 24 th and that 27 th Sept at the Equinox should be specified as the reserve date for their trials.			
	<u>Entry fees</u> Entry fees were agreed as proposed at the previous meeting and are included as Appendix B in the format subsequently sent to the Competition Secretary.			
	<u>Income and costs planning</u> JC provided a statement of contest income and costs for the last three years. PB agreed to supply the relevant entry numbers to MW to use in the development of a future budget.			
	<u>Trophies (from previous meeting)</u> It was noted that the records officer is looking at the relationship between trophies and entry numbers. PB and TG undertook to look at such figures for Free Flight and consider possible reallocations			
Flying Fields	<u>Barkston</u> DP reported that negotiations are proceeding and that the BMFA President is giving assistance. The situation is more complex than before as extensive works to support increased activity and associated organisational changes are being considered. No hard information is yet available.			
	<u>Luffenham</u> The land agent has been asked about another licence for a trimming club but as yet there is no reply. Competition bookings remain business as usual.			

SAM 35	Nothing to report until Nationals planning is underway.	
Nationals	<u>2014</u> JC reported that the final result looks like a £600 positive balance. One invoice remains unsubmitted but is allowed for in this figure	
	<u>2015</u> PB is happy to be in charge again. It was agreed that entry fees will remain the same as in 2014. The entry form is needed by the end of January and PB will talk to Ian lever to determine the events SAM wish to run and to agree the handling of entry fees, consideration of a one of charge and particularly the level of returns from control line. He will then draw up both BMFA and SAM entry forms.	PB
	It was agreed that discussion of any changes and improvements for 2015 should be deferred to the next meeting in good time for submission to the appropriate issues of BMFA News	ALL
Officer's Reports	<u>Treasurer</u> JC stressed that Season Tickets are important in promoting more entries under the pressure of flying field problems and the increasing need to travel.	
	<u>Council Delegate</u> Nothing to report	
	<u>PRO</u> Nothing to report	
	<u>Results Officer</u> He still needs to sort the junior championship results.	PB
	<u>Safety Officer</u> He is concerned about the Bowden safety problems and will discuss options with Manny Williamson.	PB
	<u>Rules Officer</u> All rule changes have gone to the Technical Secretary and the 2015 Rule book is expected mid. January.	
Stonehenge Cup and Equinox Cup	<u>Stonehenge</u> JC to speak to Peter Tribe re. the management of the event. Under AOB it was agreed that a round of the Southern Coupe league could be run on the second day of the Stonehenge. Entry fee to be £5	JC
	<u>Equinox</u> JC reports all OK	
International teams	<u>F1A,B,C and E</u> Teams have all been submitted to the Competition Manager	
	<u>F1A,B,C</u> IK is going to CIAM on Wednesday and should have more information about arrangements for Mongolia. A meeting is needed between MW, Peter Tribe and IK to allow MW to prepare a briefing document for team members.	MW IK
	<u>F1E</u> Nothing to report	
	<u>ATM</u> It is felt that, at least for Free Flight, the title of Assistant Team Manager is misleading as it does not reflect the clear distinction between the administrative role of the Team Manager and the Flight Line role of the "ATM" (coach, Flight Line Manager or whatever). MW to discuss with the Competition Secretary when the opportunity arises.	MW
Space	JJ reported upon recent successes and the involvement of FAIR with the promotion	

Modelling	of Space Modelling. His report is attached as Appendix C JJ asked about how he should submit a T&E budget and it was agreed that he will put together a draft and bring it to the next meeting for discussion and preparation for submission in March	JJ
Rules	Nothing to report	
BMFA and FFTC websites	The transfer of the FFTC website to the BMFA site has now been completed and it exists as a subset of the main site. Updates are still being handled by Bryan Spooner but can and should be handled by KF for News etc, PB for results and TG for calendar. TG to co-ordinate.	PB KF TG
Events	Nothing to report	
Junior programme	Alan Jack joined the meeting and presented his proposal to take one or more juniors to an international event to compete in FI classes as a way of generating a continuing interest in model flying. He has thought through many of the surrounding issues and after a valuable discussion it was proposed by MW that:- “The FFTCF are minded to support a junior team in the 2015 Junior European Championships under the special conditions suggested.” Proposed MW Seconded TG 6 in favour. 1 absent The actions now required are. Alan Jack to prepare a briefing paper, which is now available and is attached as Appendix D MW to discuss the broad principal with the Competition Secretary A detailing meeting with these 3 parties including the development of an acceptable time line.	MW
AOB	No further items	
Next meetings	<u>Dates</u> Wednesday 28 th January Wednesday 11 th March	

Critical dates for FFTC

BMFA News Copy dates	February 2015 Issue - copy 8 th Jan April 2015 Issue – copy 18 th Feb June 2015 issue – copy 23 rd April August 2015 Issue – copy 19th June
Full Council	10 th January Agenda deadline 8 th December
Technical Council	21 st March 2015 Agenda deadline 23 rd February
FFTC meetings	28 th January 11 th March

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Appendix A

FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING (to first meeting set agenda) 3rd December 2014

Present : M Woodhouse, C Strachan, T Grey, J Carter , P Ball, J Jacomb, I Kaynes

Apologies : K Faux

- 1a :** **Initial voting strength** **5**
- 1b :** **Chairman.** Mike Woodhouse
- 1c :** **Co-Options** Ken Faux
- 1d:** **Full voting strength** **6**
- 1e :** **Chairman. (2)** NA
- 1f :** **Secretary.** Chris Strachan
- 1g :** **Treasurer.** John Carter (also holder of the Team Travel Fund).
- 1h:** **Council Delegate.** Mike Woodhouse
- 1i :** **Specialist Body Reps.** FAIR (Space Modelling) John Jacomb
- 1j :** **Final voting strength** 7
- 1k :** **Chairman** NA
- 1k(ii)** **Temp Chair** NA
- 1l :** **Unfilled offices** NA
- 1m :** **PRO.** Ken Faux
- 1n :** **Safety Officer.** Phil Ball
- 1o :** **Rules Officer** Trevor Grey
- 1p :** **Results Officer** Phil Ball
- 1q :** **Budget Holder - TTF.** John Carter (also holder for training and excellence)
John Jacomb for FAIR (Space Modelling) TTF and training and excellence
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- 2** **Apologies** Ken Faux
- 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
Nigel Bathe Space Tech sub Com
Stuart Lodge GBR 79141 Judge- Space CIAM
- 6** **Disciplines** All Non-Scale outdoor Free Flight
Space modelling (FAIR only)
- 7** **Council Agenda** Proposals for teams already submitted to Comp sec.
- 8** **Nationals De-brief** De-brief at FFTC meetings 11/06, 15/07
Planning for 2015 already commenced
- 9** **Teams** 2014 teams (F1A,B,C Euro- F1E Euro-,see
minutes of main meeting. Space World to follow
Team trials for 2016 already published in 2015 calendar
- 10** **Team Managers** See minutes of main meeting
- 11** **BMFA Comp Details**
- 11(a)** **Single event entry fees** Centralised and World Cup –Single fee of £5 includes site
charge and entry in all classes. World Cup requires pre-
entry.
- Area Cent. £5 for entry in all classes plus local site charge
F1E Single fee of £5 plus site charge
FAIR – Site charge only

All meetings – Juniors free

- 11(b) Season Tickets** £40 Includes site fees other than for Area Centralised
Does not include any aspect of Nationals
- 11(c) Nationals Entry Fees** Airfield Pass 3 day £10 1 day £5
Championship events £10
Non Championship events £5
Unlimited events £45
Pre-entry required 50% surcharge on field entry
Pre-entry only £10 (single event over 2 weekends)
FAIR – Site charge only
- 11(d) Team Selection Fees** Diplomas for all events as Contest Calendar. Office will be informed as required
- 11(e) Diploma Reqs** British Free Flight Championship Points and Junior British F F
Championship points to be awarded in all events except where indicated otherwise on the Competition Calendar
- Championships :** Completed
- 12 Tech. Comm. Return** Officer appointed. No further action at this time.
- 13 Safety Review**

3, 4, 14, 15 and 16 further agenda items, AOB and next meeting See Minutes of main meeting

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Appendix B

2015 BMFA Contest Fees		
FREE FLIGHT		Notes
Centralised		
Per Class	£5	Day ticket covering all classes
Subsequent Classes		
Site Access Charge		
Area Centralised		
Per Class	£5	Day ticket covering all classes
Subsequent Classes		
Site Access Charge	x	Set by area
Season Tickets	£40	Covers all events except Nationals and Area Cent.site access
Team Selection	£10	
Juniors	Free	
Nationals		
Airfield Pass	£10	Covers 3 days, alternative £5 per day
1st Class	£10	Championship classes

1st Class	£5	Non-Championship classes
Subs Classes	£10	Championship classes
Subs Classes	£5	Non-Championship classes
Unlimited Classes	£45	
On field entry	+ 50%	
F1E	x	Same as Area Centralised
Space Modelling	x	Site charge only including team trials

Any extra notes here:	
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Data provided by:	Name:	Chris Strachan
	Title:	Secretary FFTC
	Date:	04/12/2014

Appendix C

Fair report on recent achievements and future plans

World Championships Bulgaria 22-30 August 2014; -New British record in S1 Altitude class set at championships - team flew three new designs of S4 Gliders each of which achieved maximum flights, meaning good prospects for future competition after testing in 2015

Essex Schools Rocketry Challenge 2015;

-following on from this years successful Rocketry Challenge for Schools around the UK (UKAYRoC), John J has been asked by Essex County Council (ECC) to run a similar competition in 2015 -JJ is managing the whole project on behalf of ECC and to date 39 school teams from around the county have signed up to take part. To put this into perspective in 2014 the total number of participating teams from around the country including Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man was 80.

-the age of students range from 11 to 17 years and the aim of the competition is to launch and recover an egg safely to an altitude of 800 feet and with a target time from launch to landing of 46 to 48 seconds

- the competition is part of the STEM initiative for schools and mirrors a similar project in the USA which to date has seen over 70,000 students participate -in the last two months JJ has made two presentations/briefings to teachers and mentors from local industry as well as visiting three schools to give briefings for the 2015 competition -JJ is running three qualification events with bookings at Stow Maries WW1 Aerodrome in March, April and May and a finals day fixed for June 2015 -the Royal Aeronautical Society has confirmed its' support and will be donating prizes for the finals in June

Other items;

-John J has agreed to set up and run a monthly Rocket Club for Essex County Council at Stow Maries Aerodrome beginning some time after Easter -In the summer and autumn of this year JJ also provided static rocket displays and

ran 'build and launch' workshops at the request of Stow Marires. These were very successful and he has been asked to do the same in 2015 at 'Fly in' days, open days and special events such as 'Army Day'
-JJ hopes that all this input may lead to some interest in FAI competition flying from some junior rocketeers

Appendix D

Case for Junior Team Trials for 2015 European Junior Championships at the FF Nats 2015

The proposal outlined below was discussed and supported at the recent meeting of the BMFA FF Tech Comm. This briefing paper is the result of that discussion.

1 The UK has not sent any Junior Free Flight Team to a Championship for more than 10 years. Yet in the last two teams we did field four of them went on to represent Britain in the senior team.

2 We currently have at least 7 juniors who are flying FAI FF models to a good standard and who have good parental/grandparental support. This is a rather unusual position and we feel we need to act to try to capture this group whilst we have this window of opportunity.

3 Unfortunately none of these juniors are able to attend our normal Trials for a variety of reasons but mostly because their parents/grandparents do not attend the Trials.

4 They do however all attend and fly in the Nationals.

So this proposal is to move our Junior Trials to the appropriate FAI class contests at the Nationals to pick a team for the Championships occurring in the same year. The rider "in the same year" is necessary simply because juniors are not juniors for long and given that adequate competence only really develops as they become teenagers their years of junior competition are necessarily short. I understand the nominal minimum age is 12 years – which seems appropriate and sensible.

I am sure we appreciate that aero modelling in general and Free Flight in particular is not exactly blessed with an abundance of youth. We feel the need to make the Trials as accessible to juniors as possible.

We feel that if we make a commitment to taking a Junior Team this year and in subsequent years and make the necessary steps to encourage them to come forward we have more chance of creating role models for other juniors to compete at a high level.

Finally we wish to start at the FF Nats of 2015 to select the Junior Team for the European Junior FF Champs in Romania in 2015.

I am more than willing to act as the Team Manager to the Junior Team for Romania 2015 should this be thought acceptable. I have been on many Senior FF teams and I have twice been "coach" to my son Richard at his two Junior Championship appearances for GB in F1A (and subsequently for his three Senior Team Championships).

Alan Jack