

**BMFA**  
**FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING 29th January 2014**

				Action	
<b>Present</b>	Mike Woodhouse	MW	Phil Ball	PB	
	Chris Strachan	CS	Trevor Grey	TG	
	John Carter	JC	Dave Phipps (part time)	DP	
	Stuart Darmon	SD	Ian Kaynes	IK	
<b>Not present</b>	Nigel Bathe	NB	Anticipating Space meeting 05/02/14 (see below)		
<b>Minutes of 04.12.13</b>	Accepted				
<b>Matters Arising</b>	<b><u>Rule Stability</u></b>				
	SD	stated that he has yet to write a piece on this subject. TG offered to assist from his point of view as rules officer			SD TG
	<b><u>RAFMA Trophies</u></b>				
	MW	still chasing.			MW
<b>Contest Calendar</b>	<b><u>Season tickets</u></b>				
	JC	stated that 10 have been sold so far (and two further at the meeting). SD to put a reminder in the next News			SD
	<b><u>2014 Calendar</u></b>				
	Version V1c	is the latest with new dates for the Stonehenge Cup and revisions for the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> F1E meetings. TG to circulate.			TG
	<b><u>Barkston situation</u></b>				
	Nothing new	to report. PB noted that laying snow would prevent access.			
	<b><u>Rissington</u></b>				
DP	reported that he has yet to find out the management structure for Rissington.			DP	
<b>SAM 35 relationship</b>	<b><u>Salisbury</u></b>				
	There are two	outstanding invoices for 2013 waiting to be checked before payment. JC to follow up.			JC
	<b><u>Crookham Gala.</u></b>				
	TG	reported that the Crookham Gala will be held on Area 8 on Easter Sunday. It will be invoiced via the usual Salisbury process and will then be settled with us by Crookham.			TG
	<b><u>Merryfield Risk Assessment</u></b>				
	DP	reported that Peter Tribe is doing well with local advice.			
	<b><u>Entry Fees</u></b>				
It was agreed	that, following queries, the Entry Fees for Area Centralised events will revert to the 2013 approach of £4 for first entry and £2 for each subsequent entry. This will make little or no difference to total takings but will correct the impression of an increase in charges create by what amounts to an administrative error. SD to announce in News, CS to inform those who have raised queries.			SD CS	
<b>Nationals</b>	Following a meeting with SAM 35 to discuss their presence at the 2014 Nationals the relationship seems to be much improved. The way in which they handle the entry and flying of RTM models will be a test case for future events.				
	PB	led the meeting through the planning sheets and activities list. The details are not minuted here but the following additional points were made			
	Information and publicity	to local press, radio etc. PB to talk to DP		PB DP	
	Public programme.	SD to prepare and pass to TG			

- Gate Charges have been passed to Roy Wright (£6 per person for one day or £12 for 3 days). PB to ask him to prepare a board for display at the entrance SD TG
- CDs and assistants are almost all in place. CS to inform Margaret Staples PB
- CD expenses will be £50 for each CD and £25 for each assistant CD CS
- (maximum of 2)
- No sponsor has yet been sought. TG agreed to contact Aeromodeller/Andrew Boddington. TG
- CD support from the FFTC will be
  - Saturday CS backed up by TG
  - Sunday PB backed up by ANO CS TG
  - Monday SD backed up by MW PB
  - SD MW

DP reported that Cranwell want to achieve more (PR etc?) from events held on their sites. This may have some relevance to the Nationals.

## Officer's Reports

### Treasurer

Nothing to report

### Council Delegate

MW had circulated a report after the January Full Council meeting. The key points are that the Space team proposal has been withdrawn and awaits discussion of the future of Space Modelling at a special meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> February. The agenda for that meeting is attached as Appendix A.

A paper was raised at the meeting suggesting major changes to BMFA Area organisation. Nothing was decided at this stage but we await developments. The removal of the FAI rules from the Free Flight Rulebook was proposed and is being checked for feasibility by TG TG

### PRO

Nationals and Stonehenge material produced .Nothing further to report

### Results Officer

Nothing to report.

### Safety Officer

Nothing to report

### Rules Officer

Full FAI rules are now being considered for removal from the FF rulebook but indoor duration rules will remain.

The meeting voted upon their removal, after a feasibility check by TG, as follows TG  
Proposed JC, Seconded SD - all in favour (6)

TG reported that the new Technical Secretary is planning that all Technical Committees will be given a deadline for their rule change proposals. The Committee had no problems with this.

## International Teams

### F1A,B,C

All travel and accommodation has been booked.

A Team managers meeting has been called by the Competition Secretary for next Sunday 1st March.

A team meeting will be held in June MW

### F1E team

Nothing to report

### Space team

The team proposal has been withdrawn pending the meeting to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> February (see Appendix A)

### **Team Travel Fund distribution**

A contribution of £200 was proposed  
Proposed CS, Seconded TG - all in favour (6)  
JC, MW to decide payment process

JC MW

### **Overseas Insurance**

DP reported that he and the BMFA's brokers are currently looking into a scheme for BMFA members which would be provided FOC for team members. The costs and benefits he summarised looked to be very satisfactory. Discussions are continuing to determine liabilities etc. and he expects to be able to announce the scheme in the near future

<b>Team Selection</b>	2014 Pre-entry required by 31 <sup>st</sup> May. PB to supply entry form to SD for inclusion in News	PB SD
<b>Stonehenge Cup</b>	JC reported that Peter Tribe is working on preparations and all is going OK. Change of date has been made and included in the Calendar (see above)	JC
<b>Equinox Cup PR on BMFA and FFTC websites</b>	Nothing to report  <b><u>BMFA</u></b> Andy Symons and DP presented the new BMFA website to the Committee and all were favourably impressed with both the site and the management process for changes. There seems to be no reason why the FFTC website should not be included as pages within the BMFA site with all of the consequent advantages. It was proposed that this route should be followed Proposed JC, Seconded PB - all in favour (6) It was agreed that MW and TG should be the controllers of the FFTC pages. Also that the FFTC domain name should be retained with a link through to the FFTC pages.	MW TG
<b>Events</b>	<b><u>A future event</u></b> No event currently planned for 2014 but an event early in 2015 to be considered – possibly at Husbands Bosworth and making some use of the airfield.	ALL
<b>AOB</b>	<b><u>Sports Flyer charge at Centralised Events</u></b> Following a query from the Northern Gala organisers it was agreed that a reasonable charge to be levied would be £5 Proposed JC, Seconded SD - all in favour (6) CS to inform the source of the query. SD to publicise in News	JC  SD
	<b><u>CIAM</u></b> IK reported that the CIAM change proposals for discussion in April and possible implementation in 2015 will be summarised in the next edition of FFN	
<b>Next meetings</b>	<b><u>Dates</u></b> Wednesday 9th January 11.00 am at Chacksfield House. Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May Wednesday 25th June	

FFTC 31/01/14

### **Critical dates for FFTC**

<b>BMFA News Copy dates</b>	May 2014 Issue– early March 2014 (estimated)
<b>Full Council</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> May Agenda deadline 22 <sup>nd</sup> April
<b>Technical Council</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> March Agenda deadline 24 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>FFTC meetings</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> January
	7 <sup>th</sup> May
	25 <sup>th</sup> June

## **Appendix A**

**Agenda for Space Models (FAIR) meeting. Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2014  
11.00 am at Chacksfield House**

**Attendees**

**Jo Halman Competition Secretary**

**Mike Woodhouse Chairman FFTC    Chris Strachan Secretary FFTC**

**Mike Francies FAIR**

**John Jacomb FAIR**

**The objective of the meeting is to agree the operation and management of UK Space modelling going forward from the current situation.**

### **Immediate Issues**

- Is the proposed team for the 2014 World Championships the result of a Trials process which represents the classes in which they intend to compete
- Is there sufficient competent team management available
- Is the UK going to send an official team

### **Long Term Issues**

- Are there enough active members for FAIR to continue as a Specialist Body and /or for the UK to continue to select and submit international teams.
- Is Specialist Body status the only way to organise Space modelling inside (or outside ?) the FFTC
- UK Space Modelling representative to CIAM
- The long term future of Space Modelling?

**CS 30/01/14  
Secretary FFTC**