

**BMFA**  
**FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING 2nd December 2015**

Action

<b>Present</b>	Mike Woodhouse	MW	Phil Ball	PB
	Chris Strachan	CS	Trevor Grey	TG
	John Carter	JC	David Phipps (part time)	DP
	John Jacomb	JJ		
<b>Apologies</b>	Ken Faux	KF	Ian Kaynes	IK

**note**                    **These minutes to be read in conjunction with MINUTES OF MEETING (to first meeting set agenda) 2nd December 2015 see below as Appendix A**

**Minutes of previous meeting,**                    Minutes accepted from 23<sup>rd</sup> September

**Contest Calendar**

**Calendar**

2016 Version 2 is the current version

**Experimental meetings**

The November meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. It was noted that this is not a precedent for cancelling calendar events (experimental meetings have been ex-calendar). Team trials are a special case. TG to annotate calendar to clarify this point

TG

**Weather Forecasts**

It was agreed that XC Weather and the Met Office forecast will be the systems used to support decisions on team trials.

PB

**Flying fields**

**Barkston**

DP reported that Barkston appears safe for the FF Nats but there will be building works around the area of the main gate and the hard standing which we will have to accommodate. Increased flying use at weekends makes it look as if any other access for FF competition use is unlikely

**Luffenham**

No progress on the “Trimming Club”. DP agreed to apply for a licence for the competition use in 2016 including additional weekend date.

DP

**Salisbury Plain**

TG to modify the regulations to retain the requirement that a minimum of two people must be present but allow that it is acceptable for only one of them to be a red card holder. TG has booked for May to December 2016 and will then hand over to Peter Watson as the official contact. TG was asked to make it plain to permit holders that there permits are only for sports flying/trimming and do not include the site fee when they fly in a contest. Peter Watson to be invited to the next committee meeting

TG

CS

**Middle Wallop**

Following difficulties in meeting new operational requirements revealed at a meeting to set up the programme for 2016 it now seems likely that some use of the site will continue. SAM 1066 will hold an EGM in mid-January to agree the way forward.

**Area meeting sites.**

It was agreed that the Northern Areas' request that they may fly on a local site when no area site is available should be accepted but it must be made clear to them that a sufficient number of people must be available to provide timekeeping, management and return of results to PB. PB

**International Teams**

**F1A,B,C 2016**

Acceptance of the team and team managers shown in Appendix B was voted upon

Proposed CS

Seconded TG carried unanimously

**F1E**

IK had proposed an F1E team which caused concern

Firstly Doug Bartle was proposed as the reserve but based upon the team manager's report from 2015 the committee did not accept him as a potential team member.

Proposed MW

Seconded JJ Carried unanimously

Secondly Paul Fynn was proposed as both ATM and a team member and it was felt that a three man team does not require an ATM. It was proposed that the team should be modified accordingly

Proposed MW

Seconded JJ Carried unanimously

The resulting team is shown in Appendix C

**Junior F1A,B,C**

Alan Jack had submitted a proposal to be Junior team manager on the same basis as in 2015 and take a team, selected upon their performance at the Nationals, to the Junior World Championships. The Committee agreed that his proposal should be accepted.

Proposed JC

Seconded PB Carried Unanimously

Details so far are attached as Appendix D

PB to talk to Alan and KF about publicity and help for the team

CS to inform Alan and invite him to the next meeting

PB KF  
CS

**Space**

JJ proposed the team shown in Appendix E. The team manager is still to be confirmed but if the preferred man cannot be persuaded then JJ will take up the position

Proposed JC

Seconded CS Carried unanimously

**Trials Rules.**

It was agreed that the trials guidelines must be incorporated into the rule book to avoid the tendency for CDs to ignore them when they chose to do so. JC to draft the wording and pass to PB for approval. TG to then undertake the required rule book changes for 2017. JC  
PB TG

**Stonehenge Cup and Equinox Cup**

These events are now at a point where a proper management team is needed and it was agreed that MW will raise this at the January Conference

MW

**Officer's Reports**

**Treasurer**

Reserves have dropped in 2015 and an increase in fees throughout the calendar was discussed and agreed. The resulting fee structure is included in Appendix F

**PRO**

Nothing to report

**Results Officer**

All results for the year have now been completed and are on the website. He circulates results to 250 people some who require Word and some PDFs. It was suggested that next year we send out results in PDF format only.

PB

Proposed MW

Seconded JC Carried unanimously.

**Safety Officer**

Nothing to report

**Rules Officer**

TG reported a problem in BMFA Power in that the rule book allows electric power in what is intended to be an I/C class. As this is purely a drafting error CS proposed that TG make the necessary changes as part of his current proof reading of the 2016 rule book

TG

Proposed CS

Seconded JJ Carried 5 in favour 1 abstention

**Nationals**

**2015**

**Equal Firsts**

PB has sent out all the first place medals. Still awaiting clearance of the diesel fuel and sponsorship accounts.

**2016**

MW produced a full set of documentation which was well received. Points of note were

- We will work around the building works (see above under flyting sites)
- Roy Wright will provide a marquee (no hanger)
- The office will be asked to dispose of last year's PA and we will find a new system
- MW will investigate a new source of medals, seeking improved quality, reduced workload on FFTC and reduced cost.
- SAM 35 to be invited to our next meeting
- A revised fee structure was agreed See Appendix F

CS

**Free Flight Conference**

**Free Flight**

A conference will be held at Husbands Bosworth on 31st January. Initial work on content has been done by MW and TG and a publicity notice has been sent out. The meeting discussed the content and approach to the meeting and topics for the opening presentations (5 minutes each) were allocated

MW Introduction

MW

CS History

CS

TG The future

TG

PB Model options

PB

JC Event options

JC

DP Fields

DP

KF FAI

KF

JJ Exposure and Recruitment

JJ

All were asked to produce no more than 5 overheads to go with their presentation and TG undertook to put all of them into a common style.

MW

It was also agreed that a presence from Bill Longley (radio assist) and a promoter of the Tomboy duration events would be useful

**Rules** See under rules officer, nothing further to report. The latest FAI rules will be used throughout 2016

**Space Modelling** JJ presented two papers on the opportunities for Free Flight and Space Modelling to work together for the benefit of both, especially in the areas of awareness and recruitment. These were well received and are a basis for further discussion. In the short term KF is working with JJ to have BMFA material and free flight model displays and/or demonstrations at UKAYRoC events in 2016. DP agreed to Society support of this initiative.

KF  
DP

JJ also queried the existence of FAIR as a Specialist Body and suggested that their activities could be viewed as another class of Free Flight with full membership of the FFTC. This idea was viewed by the Committee with some caution and a need for further examination. TG to investigate

ALL  
TG

**BMFA and FFTC websites** Carried forward to next meeting

CS

**AOB** None

**Dates of next meetings** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Critical dates for FFTC**

**BMFA News** Delivery 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015 Issue – copy 8th January  
**Full Council** 9th January Agenda deadline 7<sup>th</sup> December  
**Technical Council** 19<sup>th</sup> March Agenda deadline 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
**FFTC meetings** 6<sup>th</sup> January  
10<sup>th</sup> February

FFTC 05/12/15

## **Appendix A**

### **FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE** **MINUTES OF MEETING (to first meeting set agenda) 2nd December 2015**

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

**Apologies :** K Faux, I Kaynes

**1a :** **Initial voting strength** 7  
**1b :** **Chairman.** Mike Woodhouse  
**1c :** **Co-Options**  
**1d:** **Full voting strength** 7  
**1e :** **Chairman. (2)** NA  
**1f :** **Secretary.** Chris Strachan  
**1g :** **Treasurer.** John Carter ( also holder of the Team Travel Fund).

<b>1h:</b>	<b><u>Council Delegate.</u></b>	Mike Woodhouse
<b>1i :</b>	<b><u>Specialist Body Reps.</u></b>	FAIR (Space Modelling) John Jacomb
<b>1j :</b>	<b>Final voting strength</b>	7
<b>1k :</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	NA
<b>1k(ii)</b>	<b>Temp Chair</b>	NA
<b>1l :</b>	<b><u>Unfilled offices</u></b>	NA
<b>1m :</b>	<b><u>PRO.</u></b>	Ken Faux
<b>1n :</b>	<b><u>Safety Officer.</u></b>	Phil Ball
<b>1o :</b>	<b><u>Rules Officer</u></b>	Trevor Grey
<b>1p :</b>	<b><u>Results Officer</u></b>	Phil Ball
<b>1q :</b>	<b><u>Budget Holder - TTF.</u></b>	John Carter (also holder for training and excellence) John Jacomb for FAIR (Space Modelling) TTF and training and excellence
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	Ken Faux, Ian Kaynes
<b>3</b>	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b>	See minutes below at 14
<b>4</b>	<b>Matters arising</b>	See minutes below at 14
<b>5</b>	<b>Miscellaneous appts</b>	Ian Kaynes. Free Flight technical expert to CIAM Nigel Bathe Space Tech sub Com Stuart Lodge GBR 79141 Judge- Space CIAM
<b>6</b>	<b>Disciplines</b>	All Non-Scale outdoor Free Flight Space modelling (FAIR only)
<b>7</b>	<b>Council Agenda</b>	Proposals for teams to be submitted to Comp sec. on 3/12/15
<b>8</b>	<b>Nationals De-brief</b>	De-brief at FFTC meetings 10/06/15 Planning for 2016 already commenced
<b>9</b>	<b>Teams</b>	2016 teams (F1A,B,C Euro- F1E Euro- Space Euro and Junior World) see minutes of main meeting. Team trials for 2017 already published in 2016 calendar
<b>10</b>	<b>Team Managers</b>	See minutes of main meeting
<b>11</b>	<b>BMFA Comp Details</b>	
	<b>Entry Fees</b>	See minutes of main meeting
	<b>Season tickets</b>	
	<b>Nationals fees</b>	
	<b>Team selection fees</b>	
<b>11(e)</b>	<b>Diploma Reqts</b>	Diplomas for all events as Contest Calendar. Office will be informed as required
	<b>Championships :</b>	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
<b>12</b>	<b>Tech. Comm. Return</b>	Completed
<b>13</b>	<b>Safety Review</b>	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

# Appendix B

<b>2016 FAI Championships</b>	<b>Recommended Teams</b>				
<b>Championship Name</b>	European Championships				
<b>Venue &amp; Country</b>	Zrenjanin	Serbia			
<b>Dates</b>	August 13-20				
<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Forename</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>BMFA/SAA/MACI N°</b>	<b>Club/Country member</b>
<b>Free Flight Technical Committee</b>	<b>F1A</b>	Phil	Ball	57180	Grantham
	<b>F1A</b>	Richard	Jack	108315	Midlands Free Flight Club
	<b>F1A</b>	John	Williams	63375	Birmingham
	<b>Reserve 1</b>	John	Carter	50520	Grantham
	<b>Reserve 2</b>	Peter	Williams	52853	Richmond and District
	<b>F1B</b>	Peter	Brown	153422	Country member
	<b>F1B</b>	Russell	Peers	27418	Grantham
	<b>F1B</b>	Peter	Martin	45729	Tynemouth
	<b>Reserve 1</b>	Mike	Woodhouse	34262	Vikings
	<b>Reserve 2</b>	Mike	Woolner	57927	East Grinstead
	<b>F1C</b>	Ken	Faux	52579	Vikings
	<b>F1C</b>	Alan	Jack	56873	Tynemouth
	<b>F1C</b>	Mick	Lester	89683	Birmingham
	<b>Reserve 1</b>	Simon	Dixon	75247	Birmingham
	<b>Reserve 2</b>	trachan			
	<b>Recommended Team, &amp; Assistant Team, Managers</b>				
	<b>TM</b>	Mike	Woodhouse	34262	Vikings
	<b>ATM</b>	Simon	Dixon	75247	Birmingham
	<b>Attach the TM &amp; ATM Resumes and tick the box:</b>				
<b>Data provided by:</b>	Name:	C Strachan			
	Title:	Secretary FFTC			
	Date:				

# Appendix C

<b>2016 FAI Championships</b>	<b>Recommended Team</b>				
<b>Championship Name</b>	F1E European Championships				
<b>Venue &amp; Country</b>	Turda		Romania		
<b>Dates</b>	July 21 to 27				
<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Forename</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>BMFA/SAA/MACI N°</b>	<b>Club/Country member</b>
<b>Free Flight Technical Committee</b>	<b>F1E</b>	Paul	Fynn	9010	Grantham
	<b>F1E</b>	Ian	Kaynes	21003	Croydon
	<b>F1E</b>	Steve	Philpott	64218	Birmingham
	<b>Reserve 1</b>	No reserves			
	<b>Reserve 2</b>				
	<b>Recommended Team &amp; Assistant Team Managers</b>				
	<b>TM</b>	Ian	Kaynes	21003	Croydon
	<b>ATM</b>				

<b>Data provided by:</b>	<b>Name:</b>	Chris Strachan	
	<b>Title:</b>	Secretary FFTC	
	<b>Date:</b>	03/12/2015	
<b>Any other pertinent comments:</b>			

# Appendix D

<b>Championship Name</b> <b>Venue &amp; Country</b> <b>Dates</b>	Junior F1 World Championships				
	Prilep		Macedonia		
	01 to 07 August				
<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Forename</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>BMFA/SAA/MACI N°</b>	<b>Club/Country member</b>
<b>Free Flight Technical Committee</b>					
	<b>Recommended Team &amp; Assistant Team Managers</b>				
	<b>TM</b>	Alan	Jack		
<b>ATM</b>					

<b>Data provided by:</b>	Name:	Chris Strachan
	Title:	Secretary FFTC
	Date:	27/05/2015
Any other pertinent comments:		



# Appendix E

<b>2016</b> FAI Championships	<b>Recommended Team for Space Modelling</b>				<b>SP</b>
Championship Name	Space Modelling World Championships				
Venue & Country	Lviv (DNIETROVSK)	Ukraine			
Dates					
Submitted by:		Forename	Surname	BMFA/SAA/MACI N°	Club/Country member
Free Flight Technical Committee	Pilot 1	Nigel	Bathe	63592	SERFS
	Pilot 2	John	Jacomb	108203	SERFS
	Pilot 3	Jonathan	Jacomb	157449	SERFS
	Pilot 4	Trevor	Seabrook	113101	SERFS
	Reserve 1	No reserves			
	Reserve 2				
	<b>Recommended Team Manager</b>				
	TM	To be confirmed			
	<b>Attach the Team Manager Resume and tick the box:</b>				
Competitors/Classes	Class	Competitor Forename	Competitor Surname	Comments as Necessary	
	1,4,8,9	Nigel	Bathe	All classes prefix S	
1,3,4,6,8	John	Jacomb			
1,3,4,6,9	Jonathan	Jacomb			
3,6,9	Trevor	Seabrook			
Data provided by:	Name:	C Strachan			
	Title:	Secretary			
	Date:	FFTC			

# Appendix F

2016 BMFA Contest Fees		
<b>FREE FLIGHT</b>		Notes
<b>Centralised</b>		
Per Class	£5	Day ticket covering all classes
Subsequent Classes		
Site Access Charge	£5	Day site ticket
<b>Area Centralised</b>		
Per Class	£5	Day ticket covering all classes
Subsequent Classes		
Site Access Charge	x	Set by area
Season Tickets	£50	Covers all events except Nationals and Area Cent.site access
Team Selection	£10	
Juniors	Free	
<b>Nationals</b>		
Airfield Pass	£12	Covers 3 days, alternative £6 per day
	£7	Daily sports flying pass
1st Class	£11	Championship classes
1st Class	£6	Non-Championship classes
Subs Classes	£11	Championship classes
Subs Classes	£6	Non-Championship classes
Unlimited Classes	£50	
On field entry	+ 50%	
<b>F1E</b>	£4	
<b>Space Modelling</b>	x	Site charge only including team trials
<b>World Cup</b>	£20	Ladies and Juniors free

Any extra notes here:		
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	Title:	Secretary FFTC
	Date:	03/12,15