

BMFA
FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING 6th April 2015

				Action
Present	Mike Woodhouse	MW	Phil Ball	PB
	Chris Strachan	CS	Trevor Grey	TG
	John Carter	JC	Ian Kaynes	IK
	Ken Faux	KF	Dave Phipps (part time)	DP
	Peter Watson (guest)	PW		
Apologies	John Jacomb	JJ		
Minutes of previous meeting, Matters Arising	Minutes accepted from 31 st March			
	<u>Lodge Farm</u>			
	The use of the site is secure until October, when it will return to the estate. PB and JC agreed to get together with Walter Hodgkinson and make contact with the estate manager to discuss further use. They will also draft a set of rules on conditions of use (Noise, time of day, cash collection etc.)			PB JC
Contest Calendar	<u>Experimental meetings</u>			
	It was agreed to move the August experimental meeting to the 9 th to avoid a clash with the Timperley gala.			TG
	PB will organise the November meeting as before but with the addition of a restricted rubber (half motors?) class.			PB
	TG will organise the August meeting at either Stowe Maries or Salisbury. He will circulate a list of classes together with a heading item describing the purpose of the meetings to the Committee for comment in the next week.			TG
	<u>Contest Fund</u>			
	MW had circulated to the Committee a paper on the contest fund which he will present to Council on 16 th May. This was agreed.			
Flying Fields	<u>Barkston</u>			
	DP reported that the Nationals licence is assured but nothing to report on further use.			DP
	<u>Luffenham</u>			
	DP stated that any progress on a trimming Club awaits the appointment of a new CO.			
	<u>Salisbury Plain</u>			DP
	The limitation of Area 8 usage to competition dates has caused concern to the trimming and sports flying users who now have the use of contest days but no others. It was agreed that with active management on contest dates from the FFTC as licence holders now established a procedure should be put in place to allow some sports and trimming to restart on additional dates under a set of rules for conduct and reporting to ensure that as licence holders the FFTC can meet its responsibilities. KF and PW agreed to lead the development of these rules for acceptance by the Committee.			KF PW
	DP agreed to write to Mr Lancaster, who has established himself as the apparent spokesman for the sports flyers, informing him that this work is underway and that he will be contacted in due course.			DP
	<u>Decentralised Sites</u>			

It was agreed that a “free for all” acceptance of decentralised sites for Area meetings would lead to an unmanageable situation – particularly for the collection of results and entry fees. However where there was a sensible request for a particular site to be used it should be possible for it to be used with some authorisation. TG to investigate any changes required to the Rule Book

TG

Airfield Survey

CS reported that he had looked through the files from the 2002/4 airfield survey and had sorted out the most useful data into a single file which is accompanied by three files of back up date. DP undertook to keep these files in the office and available for examination but not to be removed. Steve Philpott is the only person who has recently asked for access and CS agreed to contact him and invite him to the next meeting.

CS

SAM 35 Nothing to report

Nationals 2015

Points made were

CD for Saturday not yet finalised

FFTC duty members will be

Saturday JC PB (PB as CD if necessary)

Sunday TG CS

Monday MW KF

Field entries for events on the second page of the form will be at the flat rate as the events were not included in BMFA News.

Officer's Reports Treasurer

T and E budget underspent in 2014/5. All accounts healthy

Council Delegate

Report on 21st March has been circulated. Contest fund paper will be presented on 16th May.

MW

PRO

Nothing to report

Results Officer

PB reported that the fear of unpaid up members competing was a case of mistaken identity and no problem.

Safety Officer

Nothing to report

Rules Officer

Nothing to report

Stonehenge Cup and Equinox Cup Agreed that all is clear to go ahead and advertise with combined entry form available by the end of May.

JC

International teams F1A,B,C

MW reported that all entries have been paid. A team meeting will be held on 30th May and it is hoped that one of the organisers will be able to attend.

MW

F1E

Doug Bartle has now joined the team which now comprises Doug, Paul Fynn and IK

IK

Junior F1A,B,C

It appears that the only potential member is Joseph Gibbs but the results of the qualifying events at the Nationals are awaited

CIAM Rule Changes

IK reported that the UK and German plans for performance reduction received a lukewarm reception but will be picked up for further discussion. Changes to contest organisation are being considered as better than changing the models. An example is reduced number of rounds to allow greater flexibility as weather conditions change during the day.

Space Modelling Rules	Nothing to report	
	Nothing to report on UK. See above for CIAM under International Teams	
BMFA and FFTC websites	Andy Symons was unable to join this meeting and CS will invite him to the next one. Concern was expressed about the proposed new results system. CS to circulate the Competition Secretaries original email.	CS CS
Events and Future Plans	It was agreed that the previously discussed event should take place late in the Autumn. The content to be agreed but to focus upon the need to stay on the field, the problem of shortage of flying sites and both technical and organisational solutions. A paper on “Key thoughts for the future of free flight” from TG and CS was passed round and CS was asked to send a copy to all the Committee.	TG
AOB	Rule Change procedure and Calendar suggestions KF was asked to include a note in News asking for any suggestions on Rule changes and Calendar revisions for 2016	KF
Next meetings	<u>Dates</u> Wednesday 10 th June had been proposed but not agreed CS to confirm.	

Critical dates for FFTC

BMFA News Copy dates	June 2015 issue – copy 23 rd April August 2015 Issue – copy 19th June
Full Council	16 th May Agenda deadline 20 th April 5 th September Agenda deadline 10 th August
Technical Council FFTC meeting	17 th October Agenda deadline 21 st September TO be agreed

FFTC 10/05/15