

BMFA
FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING 13th August 2015

				Action
Present	Mike Woodhouse	MW	Phil Ball	PB
	Chris Strachan	CS	Trevor Grey	TG
	John Carter (part time)	JC	Ian Kaynes	IK
	Ken Faux	KF	Steve Philpott (guest)	JH
	Peter Watson (guest)	PW		
Apologies	John Jacomb	JJ		
Minutes of previous meeting, Matters Arising	Minutes accepted from 10 th June			
	<u>Lodge Farm</u>			
	PB reported that Lodge Farm is now secure			PB
	<u>EGM</u>			
	PB reported that the EGM approved the motion that Council could proceed with the purchase of a site in future without the delay caused by detailed consultation with the membership.			
	CS to ask the office if minutes of the EGM are available.			CS
Contest Calendar	<u>Calendar</u>			
	Version 6 to be issued with an 8th F1E meeting added on 15 th November. No other changes			TG
	<u>Experimental meetings</u>			
	The meeting on Aug 9 th was held and provided useful responses which TG will detail in a report.			TG
	PB will run an experimental meeting similar to last year, with the addition of a rubber class on 50% motors, (date and location to be announced asap).			PB
	The meeting accepted the importance of emphasising the “stay on the field” principle as part of these experiments.			
Flying fields	<u>Barkston</u>			
	The Grantham Club now have access for both radio and free flight on Wednesday evenings.			
	<u>Luffenham</u>			
	Access for contests use is available but there is no progress on the “Trimming Club”. PB will contact Bryan Spooner to see what can be done to move things forward.			PB
	<u>Salisbury Plain</u>			
	Sport flying and trimming is now up and running and no changes will be made until the end of the year. Peter Watson is now in the role of - SPTA.Liaison BMFA			
	FFTC			
	<u>Site Searches</u>			
	Correspondence from Gavin Manion concerning the possibilities of Chetwynd and with Steve Phillipott on a potential F1E (and possibly free flight) site in the Peak District had raised the issue of a perceived lack of response from the FFTC and the BMFA office. SP explained the situation on the F1E site and MW pointed out that the development of new sites has to be lead locally. The FFTC or the BMFA office			

should offer support by accrediting any approach on request but they or the BMFA staff cannot pick up a lead and develop it with their own resources. SP was unhappy with this response and left the meeting.

International teams

F1A,B,C

MW stated that the World Championships in Mongolia was well run with the GB team placing 3rd overall. The only material issue was in the supply of fuel for F1C which had been badly prepared but was resolved. IK stated that he is aiming to make an addition to the organisers guide to avoid a repetition.

IK

Junior F1A,B,C

Joseph Gibbs placed 26th and Alan Jack has put out a blog as an initial report

F1E

The team leaves for Serbia in a weeks time

Trials Rules.

Rule changes to be implemented in 2016 (particularly reduced F1C motor runs) raise the issue of whether the trials in 2015 for 2016 should be flown to the new rules.

It was agreed by vote that the 2015 rules should be used

Proposed PB

Seconded TG

Carried with 4 in favour and 1 abstention

Stonehenge Cup and Equinox Cup

Nothing to report.

Officer's Reports

Treasurer

Nothing to report

Council Delegate

Nothing to report

PRO

Nothing to report

Results Officer

PB undertook to ensure that the competition results to date are put on the BMFA website within the next two weeks. IK to supply F1E results

PB IK

Safety Officer

PB will be attending the Safety Meeting in September

PB

Rules Officer

See under Rules below

Nationals

2015

Equal Firsts

All the certificates are ready together with Waitrose vouchers (in lieu of wine) and will be sent by the office together with a note that medals are to follow. TG to send the list to PB so that he can get the medals modified within the next two weeks whereupon they will be sent out by the office.

TG
PB

2016

MW would like to co-ordinate in 2016

Proposed PB

Seconded KF

Carried with 5 in favour and 1 abstention

Events and Future Plans	<p><u>Presentation</u> TG made a presentation to the Committee focussing upon the approaches to the ways in which contests might be run to meet the objective of staying on the field. The discussion in response added some further suggestion for contest organisation, mentioned the use of RDT and added a consideration of ways in which model performance might be reduced.</p> <p><u>A meeting</u> It was agreed that the process of deciding what changes to make must be a public one and to make sufficient time available we should be considering implementation for the 2017 season. A meeting in late January 2016, probably at Husbands Bosworth will be organised with papers from JC, PB and TG and the opportunity for attendees to present their own ideas.</p>	<p>TG</p> <p>TG JC PB</p>
Rules	<p><u>Change proposals 2016</u> CS summarised the change proposals received so far and will pass then to TG for incorporation in the change process for 2016.</p> <p><u>Plugge Points</u> PB suggested a change to Plugge points whereby places in events with less than a total of 10 entries will be awarded reduced points on a linear scale down to 10 for a winner of an event where there is only one entry. He undertook to email his proposal to TG and CS</p> <p><u>Tidying up the rule books</u> TG reported that he will be involved in a project with the Technical Secretary to move rules that are specific to free flight only from the general rule book to the free flight book</p>	<p>PB</p>
Space Modelling	<p>KF stated that he will offer support on behalf of free flight to the schools rocketry projects in 2016</p>	<p>KF</p>
BMFA and FFTC websites	<p>Carried forward to next meeting</p>	<p>CS</p>
AOB	<p>None</p>	
Date of next meetings	<p>Wednesday 23rd September.</p>	

Critical dates for FFTC

BMFA News	August 2015 Issue – copy 19th June
Full Council	12 th September Agenda deadline 10 th August
Technical Council	17 th October Agenda deadline 21 st September
FFTC meeting	23 rd September

FFTC 17/08/15