

BMFA
FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING 23rd September 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	David Phipps (part time) DP	
	John Jacomb JJ		
Apologies	All present		
Minutes of previous meeting,	The Calendar issued after the previous meeting was version 7 (not 6 as minuted)		
	Steve Philpott has asked that the committee reconsider the reason given for his leaving the previous meeting. The committee considered that this should be amended to “SP was unhappy with the response <i>of the meeting</i> and left”.		
	The minutes of 13 August were accepted with these amendments		
Matters Arising	No matters arising		
Contest Calendar	<u>2015 Calendar</u>		
	Version 7 remains current and includes the experimental meeting at North Luffenham on 8th November		
	<u>Experimental meetings</u>		
	PB will supply details of the meeting on 8 th November to KF for inclusion in News PB to publish, on the BMFA website, the results of the August 9th experimental meeting and all F1E results		PB KF PB
	<u>2016 Calendar</u>		
	TG submitted the dates for 2016 for discussion. . These were agreed for release subject to		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving the Area Cen meeting on 10th July to 15th May with associated re-numbering • Moving the F1E meeting on 15th May to 14th May • Moving the F1E meeting on 31st July to 14th August 		
	TG to release final version asap.		TG
	TG to add events to these dates for circulation to the Committee and approval at the next meeting.		TG
Flying fields	<u>Barkston</u>		
	DP hopeful for both Nationals with assurance around Christmas. He expects little change from the current situation over the next two years but is hopeful that new developments by that time may improve matters with more stability at Barkston.		
	<u>Luffenham</u>		
	DP reported that he expects a response from Defence Estates to the proposition for a trimming club in the next week. He pointed out that he has no objection to any direct approach to the management at Luffenham seeking trimming access.		PB
	<u>Salisbury Plain</u>		
	A recent incident where a Free Flight Red Card holder had signed on correctly for a		

trimming session and upon leaving early had met with refusal from sport flyer Card holders to take on responsibility for logging off was discussed. KF undertook to write a note for MW to send to all Red Card holders making it clear that this responsibility is not an option and any repeat will result in the cancellation of permits. At the same time he will point out that there is now a requirement for a windsock to be displayed at all times when flying is taking place and all Red Card holders must make such provision.

KF
MW

Site Searches

Nothing to report.

International teams

F1E

The F1E team manager's has been produced and expresses concern that some flights had not been attempted. This will be kept in mind when selecting the 2016 team.

IK

Trials

All trials are proceeding and anticipate team selection in due time. See under rules for some items raised.

Team Managers

Advertisement to be put out asap.

KF

Stonehenge Cup and Equinox Cup Officer's Reports

JC reported that entries have been good with a total of 45-50 including 12 from overseas. All preparations are in place.

Treasurer

JC reported that we are in line on the FFTC account. The Contest account has flattened off with some reduction in entry numbers. Season tickets have been successful and might be further exploited next year.

JC

Council Delegate

CS had attended Full Council meeting on 12/09/15 and reported to the meeting. He will circulate his report to Committee members. No actions required.

PRO

KF reported that he had circulated a notice of the Crookham Gala and asked if he should do so for non-BMFA events. It was agreed that he should not do so in order to avoid issues of ownership and responsibility.

KF

Results Officer

PB agreed that he will get all results onto the BMFA website and in addition will continue to send them to his email list as previously.

PB

Safety Officer

Nothing to report for Free Flight from the Safety meeting. The Bowden at the 2015 Nats was agreed to have been well run with no repeat of safety problems.

Rules Officer

See under Rules below

Events and Future Plans

Future of free Flight meeting

This is planned for the 3rd week in January and MW and TG have started work on the programme

MW TG

Rules

Rule Change Process

The document "*Rule change Proposals for 2016-stage 2; all feedback*" had been circulated to the Committee and was discussed with decisions as follows

1 Universal use of RDT

We should encourage the use of RDT but not make it compulsory. A note to this effect should be added to the Rule Book.

2 HLG and CLG

No change to rules needed

3 All mini classes to 5 rounds

No change

4 Recombine electric and IC power

No change

5 Restricted tech. in FAI classes

No rule book change but run as an experimental add-on at the 2016 Nationals

6 National champion awards

No change

7 Towline lengths

No change at this time but raise at January meeting

8 E36 motor runs to 3 x 10 seconds

Accepted on a unanimous vote

9 Reduced motor runs

No change at this time but raise at January meeting

10 Recombine electric and IC power

No change

11 Change to Plugge scoring

Proposed PB Seconded JC

Voting - rejected 2 for, 3 against, 1 abstention

Action on above

TG to prepare rule changes as necessary.

TG

Other Rule Book updates

TG pointed out that in the short-form definitions of FAI classes F1K, F1P and F1S are missing. He proposed to add all three and this was accepted.

TG

Deletions or transfers of Free Flight relevant items from the General Rules

TG reported on a number of items that the Technical Secretary has suggested removing from the general rules. These are

1.2.4 Snuffer tubes

2.1.2 Free Flight Area Centralised Contests

2.3.14 (c) recording scores Free flight

In discussion the Committee considered that all of these rules were of interest and potential use to those sports fliers and others who use the general rules for guidance without referring to the specific contest disciplines covered by the Free Flight rule book. TG was therefore asked to decline the changes.

Start and finish times for trials

JC suggested that Rule 3.2.4.1(f) requires clarification. TG to agree suitable wording with JC before including in rule book changes as a clarification

Proposed PB Seconded JC

Voting - carried All in favour

PB

Alternative team selection approach

PB proposed too late for the 2016 process that team selection should be based on the Nationals, Stonehenge and Equinox results. It was agreed that this suggestion should be featured at the January meeting.

Control of CD lobbying

This proposal from Peter Brown was too late for the 2016 rule change process and it was agreed that it should be carried forward to next year.

Space

Nothing to report

Modelling

BMFA and

FFTC

websites

AOB

KF to speak to Andy Symons about sorting the transfer of all content of freeflightuk to the BMFA site. Also to put out a notice that all Free Flight results are now on the

BMFA site

None

KF

Date of next meetings

Wednesday 2nd December

Critical dates for FFTC

BMFA News

December 2015 Issue – copy date 26th November

Full Council

9th January Agenda deadline 7th December

Technical Council

17th October Agenda deadline passed, next meeting March 2016

FFTC meeting

2nd December

FFTC 24/09/15