

BMFA
FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING 28th January 2015

				Action
Present	Mike Woodhouse	MW	Phil Ball	PB
	Chris Strachan	CS	Trevor Grey	TG
	John Carter	JC	John Jacomb	JJ
	Ken Faux	KF	Ian Kaynes	IK
	Dave Phipps (part time)	DP	Alan Jack	(Part time)
	Ian Lever (part time SAM 35)			
Apologies				
Minutes of previous meeting	Minutes accepted			
Matters Arising	ATM definition as flight line manager or coach. MW to discuss with the Competition Secretary			MW
Contest Calendar	<u>2015 Calendar</u> P30 to be added to the East Anglian Gala as a non-championship event. PB to be added as contact for the Nationals. Calendar to be reissued as V3			TG
Flying Fields	<u>Barkston</u> DP reported that the Free Flight nationals date is safe and the indication is that some further use may be possible in 2015 but it is expected to be less than in previous years. The Committee is aware that the FF Nationals will be the first use since August 2014 and demonstration of successful behaviour and management is vital.			DP
	<u>Luffenham</u> DP reported that the licence is on the way but has been delayed by communication problems over the New Year period. He advised proceeding as normal for the 1 st Area meeting on 8 th February.			PB
	<u>Salisbury Plain</u> TG reported that all dates for 2015 have been submitted but the new licence will not be issued until after April 25 th which is the start of the army planning year. He will be attending a planning meeting next week and will see what level of assurance he can obtain for the events from April onwards.			TG
	<u>Airfields</u> DP reported that a database of 2000 airfields is available from the office. KF to mention in News			KF
SAM 35	See under Nationals			
Nationals 2015	<u>2015</u> These notes combine initial discussions and further agreement with Ian lever of SAM 35 and David Phipps when he joined the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fact that this is the return to Barkston and will be under scrutiny was once gain recognised • It was agreed that all those flying models during the Nationals whether in contests, trimming or sport flying should contribute the £5 per head per day which will have to be paid as the licence fee. This in already collected from 			

- pre-entries but will be collected from other flyers as part of the 1 day or 3 day flyer passes for which they will be charged £20 for a 3 day and £10 for a one day pass. On payment the flyer will receive a badge which must be displayed whenever flying. If a person wishes to enter a SAM event then he must produce this badge or his entry will be refused until he has purchased one from BMFA control. The wearing of these badges will be policed during the day. PB
- It was agreed that two Vintage Wakefield events to SAM specifications and “Sponsored” by SAM will be added to the pre-entry form as non-championship events and will be run by the BMFA CDs with results displayed and medals awarded at the BMFA prize giving. These will be 4oz and Middle Weights on Saturday and 8oz on Sunday. PB
 - All other SAM events will be listed in the programme but will be run by SAM with their own entry fees, prize givings, trophies and costs. PB
 - IL provided a list of SAM events and this will be included in the programme.
 - No details are yet available from the Vintage Team Race special interest group. PB to contact Dave Finch. PB
 - All event controllers will be required at the morning briefing each day to agree positioning of their activities PB
 - KF to pick up publicity and to speak to DP about the approach used for the August Nationals. PB
 - It was agreed that the Bowden must have an improved level of safety to reduce risk and demonstrate due care. Signs, barriers. A tannoy and tickets bearing a warning were all considered. A plan and manning arrangements needs to be developed in the next few weeks. PB
 - R/C and C/L models that are flown at the Nationals must be of types that are featuring in the competitions and/or practising for the same. All radio must be 2.4 Gig. No other RC flying is allowed. PB
 - DP stated that the hanger will not be available – hence a Marquee is required, PB to talk with Roy Wright PB

Officer's Reports

Treasurer

JC reported all funds satisfactory and FFTC costs within budget.

Council Delegate

MW attended the 10th January meeting and had already circulated a report to the Committee.

A working group is being set up by the Records Officer and PB will be asked to be a member. PB

PRO

KF reported that the junior team manager advertisement needs to be added to the web site and in future the website will be used for all such items and announcements. He is working on the relationship between the FFTC and BMFA websites. He was asked to ensure that the trials dates and entry form are added. KF

Results Officer

Nothing to report.

Safety Officer

The insurance claim from the 2014 Bowden event has been resolved. Safety at the 2015 Bowden was discussed under Nationals above

Rules Officer

2015 rule book has now been published and should be mentioned in News. KF
He hopes for very limited change for 2016 which will include the addition of basic F1P model data (rectifying its omission)

Stonehenge Cup and Equinox Cup	<p><u>Stonehenge</u> All OK. No format changes. KF asked to put out a reminder that you need to pre-enter even if you have a season ticket and to include a phone number and email address on the form</p>	KF
International teams	<p><u>Equinox</u> JC reports all OK</p> <p><u>F1A,B,C</u> MW reported that the entry has gone in and been acknowledged. Initial planning indicates that travel, entry and accommodation costs will be in the order of £2800 - £3000 per head.</p>	
	<p><u>F1E</u> Nothing to report,</p> <p><u>Junior F1A,B,C</u> The selection of a junior team to attend the European Championships in Romania has been accepted by Council. The team trials will be included in the appropriate events at the Nationals – KF to include in News.</p>	KF
	<p>At this stage it is unknown how many team members will be wishing to go but planning and preliminary entries will go ahead on a low number. The next stage is to ask for indications of interest by mid April. Alan to submit the PEF as soon as possible</p>	ALAN JACK
	<p><u>Team Travel Funds</u> It was proposed that the following allocations should be made towards team travel costs and leave sufficient funds in the TTF for 2016</p> <p>F1A,B,C £700 to 8 members from TTF (1 member fully funded as TM) F1E £200 per member from TTF Junior F1A,B,C £300 per member from Contest fund</p>	
	<p>Proposed JC 7 in favour unanimous Seconded CS</p>	JC
Space Modelling	<p><u>CIAM Rule Changes</u> IK stated that the agenda will be published in February and an FFTC member could attend to participate in discussions.</p> <p>JJ reported that the FAIR Specialist Body Annual Return for 2013/4 had been submitted to the office but the return for 2014/5 would not be available until after their AGM in March. CS to obtain a copy and circulate to the Committee.</p> <p>JJ also stated that the finals of the Essex Schools Rocketry Challenge 2015 will take place on 6th June at Stow Maries and asked if there was any interest or opportunity for free flight to attend. It was agreed that a number of members could attend to discuss and demonstrate. Bring forward to next meeting CS</p>	CS
Rules	Nothing to report	
BMFA and FFTC websites	KF to pick up.	KF
Events	<p>There is a need to plan something for 2015/6 to make use of the T&E budget. Topics suggested were:- Use of the team thermistor Best use of GPS General session on model retrieval</p>	

AOB No further items

Next meetings Dates
Wednesday 11th March
Wednesday 29th April
Wednesday 10th June

Critical dates for FFTC

BMFA News Copy dates April 2015 Issue – copy 18th Feb
June 2015 issue – copy 23rd April
August 2015 Issue – copy 19th June
Full Council 16th May Agenda deadline 20th April
Technical Council 21st March 2015 Agenda deadline 23rd February
FFTC meetings 11th March
29th April
10th June

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