

BMFA
FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING 1st March 2016

				Action
Present	Mike Woodhouse	MW	Phil Ball	PB
	Chris Strachan	CS	Ken Faux	KF
	John Carter	JC	Mark Benns	MB
	John Jacomb	JJ	David Phipps (part time)	DP
	Ian Kaynes	IK		
Apologies	All present			
Membership	The meeting noted that Trevor Grey has stepped down from the FFTC and Mark has been co-opted . The Committee wished to pass their thanks to Trevor for all his work and welcomed Mark. CS to pass a statement and note of thanks to Trevor to KF for inclusion in News. MB will take over the role of Rules Officer. The handover of responsibility for Salisbury Plain Area 8 from Trevor to Peter Watson has now been completed. CS to inform the office of these changes.			CS KF MB CS
Minutes of previous meeting, Matters arising	Minutes accepted from 6 th January			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MW to chase up the paper on the possibilities of amalgamation of space modelling (FAIR) that was being prepared by TG. • MW and KF to talk to Andy Symons about full amalgamation of the FFTC website with the BMFA site • KF and PB to rationalise their circulation lists • MW to add a note to his column in BMFA News reminding people that this is now the official source for results 			MW MW KF KF PB MW
Contest Calendar	<u>Calendar 2016</u> PB agreed to take over responsibility for the calendar. DP will pass the proofs for the latest version of BMFA news to him for checking. PB will also get the latest version from TG for the rest of the year and issue version 3.			PB DP PB
Flying fields	<u>Barkston</u> DP reported no change from the situation in January.			DP
	<u>Luffenham</u> A licence including the extra trimming days has now been issued and Alan Jack had passed a suggested management process to the FFTC. It was proposed that this should be accepted and that the licence cost should be half funded by the trimming club and half by contests on the usual split between site charge and entry fees. Proposed JC Seconded KF Approved unanimously PB to inform Bryan Spooner and Alan Jack			PB
	<u>Middle Wallop</u> Use of the site is continuing under the new conditions imposed by the military management. The practicality of meeting their requirements remains to be seen.			
	<u>Salisbury Plain</u> Nothing to report			CS
	<u>Merryfield</u> The requirement of the airfield for sponsors has been met but has resulted in a			

restricted number of flyers

A New Flying Field

A possible new field has been identified and negotiations are proceeding with the owners lead by MB. It was agreed that the work should continue in confidence until a conclusion is reached.

MB

Decentralised Sites.

It was proposed that we should permit the use of decentralised sites provided that the FFTC results officer is informed in advance and that the results officer is happy that suitable BMFA members are in place. The current shortage of sites is urgent so this use of decentralised sites will run under rule 1.1.6 for 2016 and we will learn from experience and tidy up the rules for 2017.

PB

Proposed MW

Seconded MB Accepted unanimous

Nationals

Overall situation

MW reported that planning is proceeding to schedule. Particular items mentioned were:-

Entry Form

The form has been completed and includes SAM 35 events for which entries will be required on the same basis and charges as for BMFA championship events. The form has been passed to BMFA News, along with an advertising piece for inclusion in the next addition, and will also be circulated with News. It is understood that the Competition Secretary intends to produce a version as a fillable pdf but the committee has not been informed of her plans for its use. DP confirmed that the office will be able to process entries however they are provided.

MW

CDs

Two more CDs are needed

MW

Medals

A new supplier for medals has been found and an order placed which will give a saving of £400 and a considerable reduction in workload

PA System

A new PA system has been assembled and tested using donated components

2015 Items

DP undertook to check that the sponsorship money and diesel cost items have been resolved

DP

International Teams

F1A,B,C

Provisional entries have been made and bookings are under way

F1E

IK reported that he is waiting for two declarations. He requested that the Committee should agree to the nomination of one team member as assistant team manager. The Committee agreed to this unanimously on the clear understanding that this would entail no additional funding.. IK to inform CS of the complete team as soon as the declarations are made and the ATM is nominated.

IK CS

Junior F1A,B,C

The team will be selected based on the results of the F1 events at the Nationals. It was agreed that we should consider providing official time keepers for these junior flyers. CS to include in agenda of next meeting

CS

Space

Nothing to report

Medical facilities

It was noted that organisers of internationals are “obliged to provide medical facilities” but at some recent Championships these have been poor or hard to find.

ALL

In view of the increasing age of many competitors IK was asked to query the facilities in Serbia this year and also to take up with CIAM the need for a more specific definition of the requirements. MW undertook to raise the issue at Technical Council. IK
MW

Team Selection Rules and Guidelines

It was agreed that the document currently titled as “Guidelines” should be retitled as “Procedures” and CDs should be required to treat it as such. JC

Stonehenge Cup and Equinox Cup

2016

JC reported that Richard Jack is now leading preparations and things are going well, JC will continue to be available for advice but is keen that the new team should develop its own strength. JC

Officer's Reports

Treasurer

JC reported that all funds are healthy. The team travel fund stands at £7000 and he proposed that the payment to team members should be £300

Proposed JKC

Seconded CS Agreed unanimously

MW to inform accounts

MW

Council Delegate

Nothing to report.

PRO

Nothing to report

Results Officer

Nothing to report

Safety Officer

Nothing to report

Rules Officer

Nothing to report

Rules

The meeting discussed the CIAM Plenary Meeting Agenda and its views are given in Appendix A

Future of FF Conference

Follow up process

It was agreed that following the conference a programme for change should be developed starting with changes for 2017 which should be put out for discussion as soon as possible. The time scale for the discussion will be

First release asap

Cut-off for comments 1st June

Second release 1st July

Cut-off for comments 1st August

Finalisation 1st September

Initial Proposed Changes

1 RDT for large model classes comprising

All F1 , BMFA Glider, BMFA Rubber, BMFA Power and BMFA Electric plus all models flown in combined events. A further catch-all definition of large to be to include all models either of weight over 250gm or wingspan over 1.25metres

2 All Centralised contests to be flown in rounds and from a line

3 Attempt rule to be dropped

These initial proposed changes to be written up and refined by MW

- Space Modelling** **Safety**
 JJ reported there had been a recent fatality at an American space meeting which, although it was a freak accident, might filter through to the UK. DP stated that he was already aware of it.
- BMFA and FFTC websites** **BMFA attendance at UKAYRoC 2016**
 The local finals will be at Stowe Maries on 21st April and KF will attend, JJ gave the dates of a number of other events throughout the UK including the finals at Farnborough on 14/15 July. Further details are available from JJ.
- AOB** **Juries**
 MW and KF to ensure that there is now a single FFTC website and that it is the one within the main BMFA site.
- A discussion took place of the need for a jury to be available from the start of all major events so that the CD is neither left without support in making difficult decisions nor apparently ignored when such decisions are, quite correctly in certain circumstances, taken out of his hands, This item to be carried over for further discussion at the next meeting.
- Dates of next meetings** Wednesday 27th April

KF JJ

MW KF

CS

Critical dates for FFTC

BMFA News	22 nd April Copy deadline	24 th May Delivery
	17 th June Copy deadline	19 th July Delivery
Full Council	14 th May Agenda deadline	18 th April
Technical Council	19 th March Agenda deadline	22 nd February
FFTC meetings	27 th April	

FFTC 05/03/16

Appendix A

FFTC views on CIAM Plenary Meeting agenda

The FFTC discussed the agenda at its meeting on March 1 and reached the following decisions YES for in favour, NO to oppose.

Page 5 Nominations for FAI-CIAM awards

Alphonse Penaud	IVAN TREGER
Frank Ehling Diploma	JOHN JACOMB

Page 6 Special Proposals

b) Numbering System	F1SC	YES
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Page 8 Volume ABR Section 4A

Page 10 Volume ABR Section 4B

b) B.3.4 Age classification for the contest	Poland	NO
d) B.9.1 Free Flight	Belgium	YES
e) B.15.1 Interruption of the contest	Germany	
f) B.15.2 Interruption of the contest	Germany	
g) B.16.1 Individual Classification	South Africa	NO
h) B.17.6 Identification Marks	F1SC	YES

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a) 3.1.5 Definition of an unsuccessful attempt	F1SC	YES
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b)	3.1.7 Duration of flights	F1SC	YES
c)	3.1.8 Classification	F1SC	YES
d)	3.2.5 Definition of an unsuccessful attempt	F1SC	YES
e)	3.3.2 Characteristics	Netherlands	YES
f)	3.Q.2 Characteristics	Germany	NO
g)	Annex 1 FF World Cup	F1SC	YES
h)	Annex 1 FF World Cup	F1SC	YES
i)	Annex 2 Organisers guide	F1SC	YES