

**BMFA**  
**FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

				Action
<b>Present</b>	Mike Woodhouse	MW	Phil Ball	PB
	Chris Strachan	CS	Trevor Grey	TG
	John Carter	JC	Ken Faux	KF
	John Jacomb	JJ	David Phipps (part time)	DP
	Ian Kaynes	IK	Ian Lever	IL
	Peter Watson	PW	Alan Jack	AJ
	Steve Philpott		Andy Brough	
<b>Apologies</b>	All present			
<b>Minutes of previous meeting,</b>	Minutes accepted from 2 <sup>nd</sup> December			
<b>Matters arising</b>	The CIAM rulebook for 2016 is now available. The BMFA rule book will be issued within a couple of weeks			
<b>Contest Calendar</b>	<u><b>Calendar 2016</b></u> Version 2a is the current version			
<b>Flying fields</b>	<u><b>Barkston</b></u>			
	DP reported that Barkston appears safe for the FF Nats and he expects final confirmation at the end of this week. There is no news yet on the appointment of the contractors for the building works around the area of the main gate and the hard standing.			DP
	<u><b>Luffenham</b></u>			
	The extra trimming dates have been included in the licence application but no report of progress has yet been received. DP agreed to speak to Bryan Spooner now that the Christmas break is over.			DP
	<u><b>Middle Wallop</b></u>			
	CS agreed to attend the emergency meeting at Middle Wallop on 16 <sup>th</sup> January provided this seems sensible after speaking to Tony Shepard.			CS
	<u><b>Salisbury Plain</b></u>			
	Bookings are in place from 1 <sup>st</sup> February to the end of April. The licence for May to December 2016 has been applied for and TG will follow up next week. TG pointed out that red cards are only valid for 3 years and holders should allow at least 6 months for renewal. PW holds a list of card holders and dates.			TG PW
<u><b>Merryfield</b></u>				
The requirement of the airfield for sponsors is causing alarm but a number of possibilities have now been identified.			CS	
<u><b>Area Meeting Sites.</b></u>				
It was noted that the Northern Area's only local site is limited to 25 users at any one time and it is not entirely clear from the rule book that this is permitted for an Area Centralised event. It was agreed that in the present difficult circumstances we should permit the users to go ahead and PB will check the numbers whilst TG will consider if any rule revisions are needed.			PB TG	
<u><b>Drones</b></u>				
DP stated that there will be a government consultation this year but he does not anticipate any problems for model flying. An official strategy statement will appear in due course in BMFA news and he will email his own summary memo to KF for inclusion in News.			DP KF	

<b>Nationals</b>	<p><b><u>Airfield</u></b> It was agreed that the building works present a potential problem of a magnitude that cannot be properly judged until the contractor is appointed and any conditions he may impose can be considered.. It was agreed that a final go/no go decision must be made at the end of April and preparation will proceed on the assumption that this will be positive. MW</p> <p><b><u>SAM Events</u></b> It was agreed that all SAM events will be included on the entry form and require pre-entry and all fees will apply to both SAM and BMFA events/entrants. IL and MW to work together to include a full detailed list of events in a single entry form based upon the entry fees already specified on the draft form, KF to draft a statement warning of problems and possibilities arising from the uncertainties on the airfield IL MW KF</p> <p><b><u>2015 Items</u></b> DP undertook to check that the sponsorship money and diesel cost items have been resolved DP</p>
<b>International Teams</b>	<p><b><u>F1A,B,C and E 2016</u></b> All teams should be ratified at the Council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January</p> <p><b><u>F1E</u></b> IK felt that the decision made by the Committee on the F1E team was somewhat draconian but the committee stood by its decision.</p> <p><b><u>Junior F1A,B,C</u></b> Alan Jack reported on progress with the Junior team. He is assured of one member and has hopes of getting one to two more. He is preparing an article for Aeromodeller which will be both a report on the 2015 champs and a recruiting aid for this year. AJ</p> <p><b><u>Space</u></b> There is an error in the Space team proposal where classes have been transposed between two members. CS to correct and inform the Competition Secretary. CS</p> <p><b><u>Juries</u></b> 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. ALL</p> <p><b><u>Team Selection Rules and Guidelines</u></b> MW to provide the latest trials documentation to JC and PB for review JC MW PB</p>
<b>Stonehenge Cup and Equinox Cup Officer's Reports</b>	<p>JC reminded the meeting that these events are now at a point where a proper management team is needed and it was agreed that MW will raise this at the January Conference, MW</p> <p><b><u>Treasurer</u></b> JC pointed out that there is an anomaly in the operation of Salisbury Plain in that the FFTC funds pay for the licence but site fees at Area Centralised events are not collected. He proposed that the site fee for Salisbury Plain should be £5 to be collected by the CD and returned to the FFTC treasurer Proposed JC Seconded PB Carried unanimously.</p> <p><b><u>Council Delegate</u></b> Nothing to report.</p> <p><b><u>PRO</u></b></p>

Nothing to report  
**Results Officer**  
Nothing to report  
**Safety Officer**  
Nothing to report  
**Rules Officer**  
Nothing to report

PB

TG

**Rules** See under Area Meeting sites. No other items

**Space Modelling** **Safety**  
JJ reported that he now has a best practice document on operational safety available on request.

**UKAYRoC 2016**

JJ outlined the programme developing and the opportunities for publicity for the BMFA and Free Flight. KF will be meeting with JJ next week

KF JJ

**Amalgamation of Space with FFTC**

TG will continue his investigation and will report to the next meeting

**BMFA and FFTC websites** MW and KF to ensure that there is now a single FFTC website and that it is the one within the main BMFA site.

KF MW

**AOB** **Assets list**  
JC agreed to check that accounts have an end of 2015 assets list

**Dates of next meetings** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March (*note that this is a change of date from previous minutes*)

**Critical dates for FFTC**

<b>BMFA News</b>	Delivery 24 <sup>th</sup> March copy 21 <sup>st</sup> February
<b>Full Council</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> May Agenda deadline 18 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Technical Council</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> March Agenda deadline 22 <sup>nd</sup> February
<b>FFTC meetings</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> March

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