

BMFA
FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING 11 MAY 2017

Present: Mike Woodhouse MW Phil Ball PB
Chris Strachan CS Ken Faux KF
Ian Kaynes IK

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| 1 | Apologies | Mark Bennis
John Carter | MB
JC | John Jacomb JJ |
| 2 | Minutes of Previous Meeting | Accepted | | |
| 3 | Matters Arising | BAMS is still being worked upon at Thetford. All FF meetings are now on the BMFA calendar. JJ to get his meetings added. | | |
| 4 | Flying Fields | <p>North Luffenham – nothing to report</p> <p>Barkston – All on for the Nationals. Grantham club are now getting some additional access.</p> <p>Salisbury – Landmark are now charging a single lump sum of £2,000 p.a. Toilets remain an issue and a note to be added to NEWS that flyers must make their own toilet arrangements, either to take solid waste home or use the permanent toilets (which are some distance away).</p> <p>Merryfield – Nothing to report except the issue of special access requirements. Special Access requirements: There is now a notice on the website that on sites with limited access requirements flyers must book 2 weeks in advance. This issue to be raised at Council for agreement in principle and then followed with preparation of rule changes. See immediately below.</p> | | |
| 5 | Management of Sites | MW to chase up MB for the proforma that will then be completed for all sites. | | |
| 6 | Calendar | <p>2017 – no changes</p> <p>2018 – The issue of the large number of classes in the calendar was once again discussed and it was agreed that no major changes should be made as dropping classes will almost certainly reduce overall numbers of competitors. However, it was proposed that at the Nationals the non-championship classes (Lulu and junior 55/35) should be dropped and the SAM Wakefield Classes should be returned to SAM35. Also the Women’s Cup should be dropped as an anachronism in this day and age!</p> <p>KF to put a note in news asking for suggestions.</p> | | |
| 7 | Nationals | <p>All arrangements are now in place. The following items were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Hook, Kevin Wallace and Belair will be the traders present • CDs are all agreed • No special access for Grantham Members. PB to remind them • Results will be on the website and by request only. • The Keil Craft Trophy is missing. MW to speak to Jim Wright at the Council Meeting • The issue of possible big fly-offs and an awkward wind direction was discussed. The principles agreed were <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Leave the fly-off until as late as possible. No pressure to go | | |

(b) FFTC and the CD to meet before decisions are made.

8	International Teams	F1ABC All in place. Team meeting to be held on 24 June 2017. F1E All in place Junior All in place Development Day meeting has been held and was successful.	MW
9	Stonehenge and Equinox	This was an excellent meeting and well managed by Richard Jack, Peter Martin and John Cuthbert. The Committee offered their thanks and congratulations.	
10	Officers' Reports	Treasurer – nothing to report Council Delegate – MW stated that at the forthcoming Council meeting he will be raising the issues of Site management (see above) and arguing against the proposals on team selection, team managers' expenses and additional rules on sharing of sites. PRO – nothing to report Results Officer – It was noted that under General Rule 2.3.11 a minimum of two competitors is required for an event to be valid. Safety Officer – nothing to report Rules Officer – nothing to report	MW
11	Rules	Rule Changes – suggestions for 2018 are now to be requested under the usual arrangements. As a starting proposal from the committee it was agreed that altitude reached throughout the day and fly-off times must be reduced. Any use of DT fly-offs should be a last resort and competitors should be warned in advance when may be decided at the end of the event and not as a normal practice. A rule to cover DT fly-offs will be developed. To achieve these objectives the committee will once again look at reduced motor runs for power and electric, reduced tow-line lengths for gliders and reduced motor weight and ballast for rubber models. Actions agreed were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PB and KF to come up with engine runs • CS with Trevor Grey to address electric models • Rubber and Glider not yet allocated • CS to contact John Thompson re DT fly-off rules Once these initial ideas have been produced they will be put out in NEWS.	KF MB PB, KF CS CS KF
12	BMFA Website	All now good with FF Contest Calendar included	
13	Space modelling	Nothing to report	
14	FFTC Deliverables	Nothing to report	
15	Any other business	None	
16	Date of next meeting	Wednesday 14 th June 2017	

