

BMFA
FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING 25th January 2017

					Action
Present	Mike Woodhouse	MW	Phil Ball	PB	
	Chris Strachan	CS	Mark Benns	MB	
	John Carter	JC	Ken Faux	KF	
	Ian Kaynes	IK	Ian Lever (SAM 35)		
			Andy Brough (SAM 35)		
Apologies	John Jacomb absent				
Minutes of previous meeting, Matters arising	Minutes accepted from 30 th November				
	<u>CD for Northern Gala</u>				
	In spite of several approaches to Northern Area fliers and Committee members no offer to CD is forthcoming. PB agreed to pursue. PB				
	It was noted that both the London and East Anglian galas have agreed CDs				
Contest Calendar	<u>Calendar</u>				
	No changes other than detail date changes for Space which KF will incorporate in the calendar.				
	<u>Certificates</u>				
	KF will talk to Julie with respect to the dating of certificates. MW asked him to ensure that all Nationals certificates are sent direct to him. KF				
Flying fields	<u>Barkston</u>				
	MW stated that both the Free Flight and the August Nationals have been agreed for Barkston				
	<u>Luffenham</u>				
	MW to speak to Alan Jack about the BAMS booking system and to determine who is now taking responsibility for progress chasing the 2017 licence MW				
	<u>Salisbury</u>				
	Everything in place up to April and no problems anticipated with the 2017/18 licence. Peter Watson to be informed about BAMS MW				
	Garthorpe				
	It was agreed that it would be inadvisable to attempt early use of the Garthorpe site in view of the need for careful control of access, positioning of cars and conduct of flyers.				
	It was proposed that MB should discuss with Manny Williamson that he takes it forward alongside the development of Buckminster Lodge with the possibility of 2 or 3 small/experimental events for Free Flight. MB				
	Proposed MB				
	Seconded JC Agreed unanimously				
	<u>Merryfield</u>				
	MW and MB to speak to the Competition Secretary at the forthcoming team Managers Meeting about the past and future consequences of the Navy's access requirements. MW M				
	<u>Decentralised sites</u>				
	The meeting agreed to a rule change replacing the requirement for "two competitors				

to be present” with one for “ two BMFA members to be present”

MB

Motorised Retrieving

A change to the guidelines was agreed to include that “electrically assisted cycles must be powered by a motor of no more than 250 watts and limited to 16 mph when under power and for all intents and purposes be a standard cycle.”

Management of sites

The committee are concerned that the detailed management of sites in increasingly moving from the Areas to the Committee itself and the introduction of decentralised sites is expected to increase the overloading on a team who are inevitably remote from the sites will increase. MB circulated a draft of a form to collect all management information for a site as basis for local management. It was agreed that this would be a good starting point for openness and local ownership. PB agreed to complete a form for North Luffenham and MW will do the same for Sculthorpe.

PB
MW

Nationals

2016

All records and accounts are now complete and show an increase in receipts with a healthy positive balance.

2017

MW ran through the feedback and suggestions from 2016 and the following items were agreed

- A map will be displayed at main control with the location of all activities and their controls. MB to provide an A3 map
- E36 will be moved to Monday, to give another major event on that day with E30 moved to Sunday. KF to update the Calendar.
- KF will undertake some “random” scrutineering.
- The entry form will be produced as a PDF and will not appear in BMFA News. There will be a fall back of an SAE to the office for a hard copy.
- Prizes will be vouchers (value £8) not wine.
- KF will organise stickers from Gemma
- **SAM 35** are happy with the same entry form and process as in 2016. IL circulated a list of events and he and MW will go through an iterative process to produce the complete entry form. It was agreed where events such as control-line have heats on one day and finals on the following day this will be regarded as on event and entries shown on the form accordingly.

MB
KF

KF

IL MW

International teams

F1A,B,C 2016

The initial entry is in and the accommodation has been arranged. JC proposed a team travel fund contribution of £200. This was seconded by MB and agreed unanimously.

F1E

Accommodation booked. TTF contribution as above.

Junior F1

Any additions to the currently one competitor team will be selected on the quality of their performance in the respective classes at the Nationals. KF to announce in News.

KF

Stonehenge Cup and Equinox Cup

Nothing to report

Officer's Reports

Treasurer

13 season tickets sold so far. He will action the team travel contributions.
Council delegate
MB attended as in lieu of MW. All rule changes went through and the teams were approved. It was noted that building work is now underway at the National Centre

JC

PRO

Nothing to report. He queried whether we intend to make documents on the website available to download as PDFs. MW confirmed that this was so and agreed to take actions as necessary

MW

Results Officer

Nothing to report

Safety Officer

Nothing to report

Rules Officer

All changes have been submitted and accepted
KF was asked to include a reminder of rule changes in the News – especially the 5 minute fly-of period

KF

Space Modelling

JJ not present.

AOB

CIAM proposals.
Will be considered and voted on at the next meeting

Date of next meetings

Wednesday 29th March
Wednesday 10th May

Critical dates for FFTC

BMFA News	Delivery 21st March Issue – copy 21 st February
Full Council	13th May Agenda deadline 18 th April
Technical Council	18 th March Agenda deadline 20 th February
FFTC meetings	29 th March. 10 th May

FFTC 27/01/2017