

BMFA
 FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETING 26 JULY 2017

Present: Mike Woodhouse MW Phil Ball PB
 Chris Strachan CS Ken Faux KF
 Ian Kaynes IK John Carter JC
 Mark Benns MB John Jacomb JJ
 John Ashmole JA (Guest)

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| 1 | Apologies All present | |
| 2 | Minutes of Previous Meeting Accepted | |
| 3 | Matters Arising BAMS is still being piloted
Southern Gala CD will be Bernard Aslett
Bowden results still need to appear on the BMFA website. PB to check with Andy Symons | PB |
| 4 | Flying Fields North Luffenham: No problems but trimming usage remains low.
Barkston: Continues to be available to Grantham (see below under 'Decentralised Sites')
Salisbury Plain: The process for informing users that the site is available is becoming unwieldy and it was agreed that the circulation of emails should be replaced by use of a page on the FFTC website within the BMFA site. MW and KF to ask Andy Symons to advise and set up an approach after discussion with Peter Watson. | KF,
MW |
| 5 | Management of Sites Decentralised sites:
MB has assembled a list of sites and has sent off the proformas for completion. Some have already been returned and need to be developed. Once all conform to General Rule 2.1.2 all sites will be acceptable. PB undertook to pursue getting the form completed for Barkston by the Grantham Club to resolve the issue of the use of the field for Area meetings on the dates when it is already available to the club. | MB,
PB |
| 6 | Contest Calendar 2017 Calendar
The SMC trophy for F1E to be moved to 20 September.
JJ to send new dates for Space trials to KF | KF
JJ |

2018 Calendar

After discussion, the following alterations from the 2017 format were agreed for the 2018 calendar.

- For each Area event all five combined events will be added (including the retention of any duplicated classes)
Proposed KF, Seconded MB 7 in favour
- CLG/HLG will be added to all Area Events
Proposed KF, Seconded MB 7 in favour
- Each combined event at Area meetings shall have an overall champion at the end of the season, calculated on best five from eight results and based on senior championship points
Proposed JC, Seconded KF 7 in favour

MB to write the rules required for the above.

MB

The champions should get certificates and invitations to the dinner, funded by the FFTC.

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| 7 | Nationals | The 2017 event is expected to produce a healthy positive balance. The relationship with the Scale Free Flight Nationals and overall procedures to be resolved in September.
Concerns with prizegivings, results display on the day and subsequent publication need to be resolved and responsibilities clearly understood for Bowden, SAM35, Scale and Space.
JA asked if Radio Assist could be included in the Nationals in future. He was told that this was not a viable option. | MW |
| 8 | International Teams | F1ABC teams leave for Hungary next week. Some concerns about peculiarities of the (Hungarian) organisation need to be resolved.
IK assured the meeting that all would be sorted come the day!
Team Trial entry form to go in next NEWS | IK
KF |
| 9 | Stonehenge and Equinox | Nothing to report | |
| 10 | Officers' Reports | <u>Treasurer</u> – all accounts looking healthy
Training and excellence for 2017 has been half spent
Tech committee costs are to budget
Team Travel Fund stands at £7,400 but Forum report sales are decreasing.
<u>PRO</u> – nothing to report
<u>Council Delegate</u> – nothing to report
<u>Results Officer</u> : PB asked for clarification of the need for fly-offs at Area meetings. Some lucidity needs to be added to the rule book to make it clear that only achievers of maximum scores are entitled to make a fly-off. Any other cases of more than one equal score will be recorded as a draw with any Championship or Plugge points being equally shared. | JC |

	<p>MB to modify rule 3.1.4.3(b) accordingly MB</p> <p>Space results should be published at the time they are achieved.</p> <p>JJ to instruct Geoff Seabrook accordingly. JJ</p> <p><u>Safety Officer</u>: nothing to report</p> <p><u>Rules Officer</u>: see below</p>	
11 Rules	<p>Following discussion of the feedback received from the performance reduction rule change proposals circulated in NEWS it was clear that there was little appetite for performance reduction and a feeling that the changes would do more harm than good.</p> <p>It was proposed that there should be no rule changes for 2018 Proposed JC, Seconded JJ 6 in favour, 1 against</p> <p>The Committee will continue to discuss some control of fly-offs with DT fly-offs as a possible option – but always a last option. MW to talk to Peter Tribe about this with respect to the Southern Gala. MW</p>	
12 BMFA Website	<p>Martin Dilly has pointed out that the definition of Free Flight on the FFTC section of the site is unsatisfactory. CS to contact him and ask for a revised version for Committee approval. CS</p>	
13 Space Modelling	<p>JJ apologised for the recent limited contact between Space Modelling and the FFTC and reported on recent developments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His email address has been changed and has now been corrected on the FFTC list • Mike Francies is considering going to the Space Championships in 2018 and will take part in the Space Trials in class S8 on September 10th • FAIR now have a new member Slavomir Zach who is Polish but resident in the UK with useful contacts in Poland • A manager will be needed for the 2018 World Championships. JJ to supply details to KF for advertisement JJ • Sept 17th FAIR are involved in a Technical Festival at Stowe Maries. KF will contribute with a Free Flight presence KF • FAIR team details promised to CS for early October JJ 	
14 Any other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Cuthbert is running the first trials at Sculthorpe on 9/10 September and may not be aware of the three Free Flight events on the Sunday PB to warn him PB • CS to speak to Ken Sheppard and see if any news is available of Old Warden dates in order to avoid clashes in the 2018 calendar. CS • John Ashmole summarised his impressions of the meeting and displayed a good understanding of the difficulties that Free Flight (Duration) has to deal with. The committee 	

thanked him for a good explanation of the ways in which the SAM35/Sport Flying community is working to encourage more activity in the 'middle ground' of model flying and can work with the Free Flight duration community. The committee hopes he will continue to attend its meetings.

14 Date and venue of next meeting Wednesday 27th September 2017 at Buckminster Lodge

Critical dates for FFTC

BMFA News

Delivery 3rd October Copy 05 September

Full Council

09 September Agenda Deadline 14 August

Technical Council

14 October Agenda Deadline 18 September

FFTC meetings

Wednesday 27th September 2017