

BMFA  
FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING 29 November 2017

**Present:**

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

- Action
- 1 Apologies All present
  - Note** **These minutes to be read in conjunction with MINUTES OF MEETING (to first meeting set agenda) 29 November 2017 see below as Appendix A**
  - 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting Accepted
  - 3 Matters Arising None
  - 4,5 Flying Fields and Management of Sites **Barkston:** MW has been told that there is a possibility that some weekends may be available for 2018 for model flying. The meeting discussed the importance of any possible use of Barkston as a way of easing pressure on Luffenham and in the first instance as a possible site for perhaps two Centralised and up to four Area meetings. MB will speak to Ian Pallister and ask for advice on any such proposal and the need for any relationship with the Grantham Club and its usage of the site. MB
  - PB proposed and MB seconded a proposal to the above effect which was accepted unanimously.
  - MB will speak to PB and JC following his talk with Ian Pallister and before the next Grantham Committee meeting. MB
  - Luffenham:** It was confirmed that the airfield has been sold to the local council but that the Army will remain as users for some two years.
  - Merryfield:** There are problems with the licence and the need for suitable naval sponsors for users. A suitable contact has been found and is assisting.
  - Ashdown Forest:** The Area Committee is concerned that they are

paying £450 for a licence but receiving little or no income. MB to write to Stuart Willis and make it clear that it is up to the local licence holder (the Area Committee) to set a site fee to be paid by users and to collect those fees. MB

**Middle Wallop:** A change of airfield management is expected and Roger Newman is 'on the case'.

**Beaulieu:** Nothing to Report

**Salisbury Plain:** Nothing to Report

**Sculthorpe:** There appear to be no problems with the licence for 2018.

**Decentralised Sites:** PB to collate the information from sites received so far and have the required authorisations in place for the first 1918 decentralised meetings on 18<sup>th</sup> February. PB

The committee discussed the anomalies between the rulebook requirements for flyer access to locally sourced and managed sites and the restrictions (number, prior registration, etc) imposed by site owners. It was agreed that the development of rulebook changes should not be started until we have collected details of sites and local imposed requirements.

## 6 Contest Calendar

Version V1 remains unchanged

JA asked how entry fees for his proposed postal and other events sharing BMFA venues could be collected. The impossibility of BMFA event CDs collecting these was accepted and it was suggested that he should consider season tickets as the most practical alternative. JA agreed to consider and to communicate with KF about publicity. JA

### **Entry Fees**

It was agreed at the previous meeting that entry fees for 2018 will remain unchanged from 2017. It was agreed at this meeting that Nationals fees will also remain unchanged. See Appendix B **2017:** Accounts complete and showing a healthy positive balance.

## 7 Nationals

**2018:** MW has had a meeting with the Scale Technical Committee chairman and agreed that the scale events to be run at the Free Flight Nationals will be fully integrated with the Free Flight Events on a single entry form.

- SAM 35 events are all agreed
- JA agreed on behalf of SAM 35 to add the 8-ounce Wakefield, 4-ounce Wakefield and Lulu events to the

		SAM 35 events.	JA																		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Leeding has asked that Bowden entries should be taken up to 10.30 a.m.</li> <li>• It was noted that there was some use of electric starters in the Bowden in 2017. David asked for clarification. It was agreed that this was not the intention. MB to add to the Bowden Rules a statement that “no use of mechanical starters is permitted”.</li> </ul>	MW MB																		
8	International Teams	<p>All team trials have been completed and membership is detailed in Appendix C. The committee accepted these teams with the following votes :</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>F1ABC</td> <td>Proposed JC</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Seconded MB</td> <td>accepted unanimously</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F1E</td> <td>Proposed MB</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Seconded KF</td> <td>accepted unanimously</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Space</td> <td>Proposed KF</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Seconded CS</td> <td>accepted unanimously</td> </tr> </table> <p>However team manager applications will be accepted, as advertised, up to 9<sup>th</sup> December. It was agreed that a vote by email will be taken immediately after that date.</p> <p>It was agreed that, for F1ABC MW should continue to make arrangements as necessary under his remit as 2017 manager until such time as the above postal vote has been completed</p> <p>The possibility of a team development meeting for the 2018 teams has been proposed previously but it was decided not to proceed for the 2018 team.</p>	F1ABC	Proposed JC			Seconded MB	accepted unanimously	F1E	Proposed MB			Seconded KF	accepted unanimously	Space	Proposed KF			Seconded CS	accepted unanimously	CS MW
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9	Stonehenge and Equinox	Nothing to report other than an amendment on the event contact to be changed from MW to Richard Jack. IK to implement	IK																		
10	Officers' Reports	<p><b>Treasurer:</b> Nothing to report</p> <p><b>Council Delegate:</b> Report from the meeting of 14 October has been circulated. AGM voted for a membership increase of £1 which he believes will result in an over-tight budget.</p> <p><b>PRO:</b> Paul Tallett of Progressive Marketing is keen to support us with Nationals Publicity. MW will send a CD of pictures to KF who will then contact Paul about improvements to both the Nationals Publicity and the image of Free Flight on the BMFA website.</p> <p><b>Results:</b> PB proposed that we should get results onto the website only and set up a reminder system informing each time more results are added. KF to talk to Andy Symons.</p> <p><b>Safety:</b> Nothing to report</p>	MW KF KF																		

	<b>Rules Officer:</b> P30 and F1QUK changes have been added. The Bowden starters change to be added as above.	MB
11 Rules	See above under Rules Officer	
12 BMFA Website	Nothing to report	
13 Space Modelling	MW to speak to JJ about removal of his work in children's rocketry from FFTC business It was noted that Space results, together with AGM and Committee minutes are being passed to the BMFA Secretary as required. However it was noted that the results should also be sent to the FFTC Results Officer	MW JJ PB
14 Any other business	In discussion it was noted that we have no plans in place to accommodate a future with fewer fliers and flying sites.  It was suggested that we should put together a 5-year plan and an early stage of doing so should be to convene a meeting at Buckminster at which all attendees should be asked to contribute ideas along the lines of : "The next 5 Years" All members were asked to put together any initial ideas and send them to KF and JA for discussion at our next meeting	KF JA
14 Date and venue of next meeting	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 at Chacksfield House	
	Critical dates for FFTC	
BMFA News	Delivery 06 February Copy 09 January	
Full Council	13 January Agenda Deadline 11 December	
Technical Council	29th March Agenda Deadline 19th February	
FFTC meetings	Thursday 18th January	

## Appendix A

### FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING (to first meeting set agenda) 30th November 2016

**Present :** M Woodhouse, C Strachan, M Bennis, J Carter, P Ball, J Jacomb, I Kaynes, Ken Faux, John Ashmole

<b>1a :</b>	<b>Initial voting strength</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>1b :</b>	<b><u>Chairman.</u></b>	Mike Woodhouse
<b>1c :</b>	<b><u>Co-Options</u></b>	<b>None</b>
<b>1d:</b>	<b>Full voting strength</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>1e :</b>	<b><u>Chairman. (2)</u></b>	NA
<b>1f :</b>	<b><u>Secretary.</u></b>	Chris Strachan
<b>1g :</b>	<b><u>Treasurer.</u></b>	John Carter ( also holder of the Team Travel Fund).
<b>1h:</b>	<b><u>Council Delegate.</u></b>	Mike Woodhouse
<b>1i :</b>	<b><u>Specialist Body Reps.</u></b>	FAIR (Space Modelling) John Jacomb

<b>1j :</b>	<b>Final voting strength</b>	7
<b>1k :</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	NA
<b>1k(ii)</b>	<b>Temp Chair</b>	NA
<b>1l :</b>	<b><u>Unfilled offices</u></b>	NA
<b>1m :</b>	<b><u>PRO.</u></b>	Ken Faux
<b>1n :</b>	<b><u>Safety Officer.</u></b>	Phil Ball
<b>1o :</b>	<b><u>Rules Officer</u></b>	Mark Benns
<b>1p :</b>	<b><u>Results Officer</u></b>	Phil Ball
<b>1q :</b>	<b><u>Budget Holder - TTF.</u></b>	John Carter (also holder for training and excellence) John Jacomb for FAIR (Space Modelling) TTF and training and excellence
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	All present
<b>3</b>	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b>	See minutes below at 14
<b>4</b>	<b>Matters arising</b>	See minutes below at 14
<b>5</b>	<b>Miscellaneous appts</b>	Ian Kaynes. Free Flight technical expert to CIAM John Jacomb Space Tech sub Com Stuart Lodge GBR 79141 Judge- Space CIAM
<b>6</b>	<b>Disciplines</b>	All Non-Scale outdoor Free Flight Space modelling (FAIR only)
<b>7</b>	<b>Council Agenda</b>	Proposals for teams to be submitted to Comp sec. on 11/12/17
<b>8</b>	<b>Nationals De-brief</b>	Report presented to Council Planning for 2018 already commenced
<b>9</b>	<b>Teams</b>	2018 teams F1A,B,C World- F1E World- Space World (Euro) Team trials for 2019 already published in 2018 calendar
<b>10</b>	<b>Team Managers</b>	See minutes of main meeting
<b>11</b>	<b>BMFA Comp Details</b>	
	<b>Entry Fees</b>	See minutes of main meeting
	<b>Season tickets</b>	
	<b>Nationals fees</b>	
	<b>Team selection fees</b>	
<b>11(e)</b>	<b>Diploma Reqt's</b>	Diplomas for all events as Contest Calendar. Office will be informed as required
	<b>Championships :</b>	British Free Flight Championship Points and Junior British F F Championship points to be awarded in all events except where indicated otherwise on the Competition Calendar
<b>12</b>	<b>Tech. Comm. Return</b>	Completed
<b>13</b>	<b>Safety Review</b>	Officer appointed. No further action at this time.
<b>3, 4, 14, 15 and 16</b>	<b>further agenda items, AOB and next meeting</b>	See Minutes of main meeting

## Appendix B

<b>2018 Free Flight Contest Fees</b>						
<b>FREE FLIGHT</b>		Notes				
<b>Centralised</b>						
Per Class	£5	Day ticket covering all classes per day				
Subsequent Classes						
Site Access Charge	£5	Day site ticket per day				
<b>Decentralised</b>						
Per Class	£5	Day ticket covering all classes				
Subsequent Classes						
Site Access Charge	x	Set by Area except Salisbury and Luffenham set by FFTC, Decentralised and F1E set locally				
Season Tickets	£50	Covers all events except Nationals, Decentralised site access and F1E events				
Team Selection	£25					
Juniors	Free					
<b>Nationals</b>						
Airfield Pass	£15	Covers 3 days, alternative £10 per day				
	£7	Daily sports flying pass				
1st Class	£11	Championship classes				
1st Class	£6	Non-Championship classes				
Subs Classes	£11	Championship classes				
Subs Classes	£6	Non-Championship classes				
Unlimited Classes	£50					
On field entry	+ 50%					
<b>F1E</b>	£4	plus site fees as appropriate				
<b>Space Modelling</b>	x	Site charge only including team trials				
<b>World Cup</b>	£20	Juniors free				

Any extra notes here:						

<b>Data provided by:</b>	Name:	Chris Strachan
	Title:	Secretary FFTC
	Date:	01/12/2011 7

# Appendix C

## F1 ABC

2018	Recommended Teams				
Championship Name Venue & Country Dates	European Championships				
	Szentes		Hungary		
	July 22 to 27				
FFTC	Class	Forename	Surname	BMFA/SAA/MACI N°	Club/Country member
Free Flight Technical Committee	F1A	Chris	Edge	64198	Scotia
	F1A	Richard	Jack	108315	Midlands FFC
	F1A	Williams	John	63375	Birmingham
	Reserve 1	Carter	John	50520	Grantham
	Reserve 2	Tribe	Peter	33809	Bristol and West
	F1B	Wolner	Mike	66340	East Grinstead
	F1B	Woodhouse	Mike	34262	East Grinstead
	F1B	Russell	Peers	27418	Grantham
	Reserve 1	Benns	Mark	72513	Peterborough
	Reserve 2	Pictrzak	Pawel	206256	Country
	F1C	Lester	Mick	66362	Birmingham
	F1C	Jack	Alan	29448	Midlands FFT
	F1C	Faux	Ken	52979	Vikings
	Reserve 1	None			
	Reserve 2	none			
	<b>Recommended Team, &amp; Assistant Team, Managers</b>				
	TM	Mike	Woodhouse	34262	Vikings
	ATM	None			
	<b>Attached</b>				

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	Title:	Secretary FFTC
	Date:	
Any other pertinent comments:		

## F1E

<b>Venue &amp; Country</b>	<b>Martin</b>		<b>Slovakia</b>			
<b>Dates</b>	<b>August 26 to 31</b>					
<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Forename</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>BMFA/SAA/MACI N°</b>	<b>Club/Country member</b>	
<b>Free Flight Technical Committee</b>	<b>F1E</b>	Doug	Bartle	67661	Morley	
	<b>F1E</b>	Steve	Philpott	64218	Birmingham	
	<b>F1E</b>	Ian	Kaynes	21003	Croyden	
	<b>Reserve 1</b>	None		9010	Grantham	
	<b>Reserve 2</b>	None				
	<b>Recommended Team &amp; Assistant Team Managers</b>					
		<b>TM</b>	Paul	Fynn	9010	Grantham
	<b>ATM</b>	Ian	Kaynes	21003	Croyden	

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	Title:	Secretary FFTC	
	Date:		
Any other pertinent comments:	Paul Fynn is currently unfit (ref his CV) but anticipates being fit in plenty of time for the championships		

## Space

<b>2016 Championships</b>	<b>FAI</b>	<b>Recommended Team for Space Modelling</b>		
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<b>Championship Name</b>	<b>Space Modelling World Championships</b>			
<b>Venue &amp; Country</b>	<b>Nowy Tag</b>		<b>Poland</b>	
<b>Dates</b>	<b>25 August to 2 September 2018</b>			
<b>Submitted by:</b>		<b>Forename</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>BMFA/SAAM/ACI N°</b>
<b>Free Flight Technical Committee</b>	<b>Pilot 1</b>	Nigel	Bathe	63592
	<b>Pilot 2</b>	John	Jacomb	108203
	<b>Pilot 3</b>	Jonathan	Jacomb	157449
	<b>Pilot 4</b>	Trevor	Seabrook	113101
	<b>Pilot 5</b>	Slawomir	Zach	198386
	<b>Pilot 6</b>	Mike	Francies	39222
	<b>Recommended Team Manager</b>			
	<b>TM</b>	Mike	Francies	39222
	<b>Attach the Team Manager Resume and tick the box:</b>			
<b>Competitors/Classes</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Competitor Forename</b>	<b>Competitor Surname</b>	<b>Con</b>
	1,3 (reserve), 4, 8,9	Nigel	Bathe	All classes prefix S
	3,6, 9 (reserve)	John	Jacomb	
	1 (reserve),3,4 (reserve),6,9	Jonathan	Jacomb	
	1,4,6(reserve),9	Trevor	Seabrook	
	1, 3, 4, 5, 6	Slawomir	Zach	
	8	Mike	Francies	
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	<b>Date:</b>			