

BMFA
FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING 2nd May 2018

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

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| | | Action |
| 1 | Apologies All present | |
| 2 | Minutes of Previous Meeting Accepted | |
| 3 | Matters Arising None | |
| 4 | Flying Fields | |
| | <p>Barkston: PB confirmed that access is OK for the 4th Area meeting and beyond on the arrangement now established.</p> <p>Luffenham: The field is also available for further Area Meetings and if a group of fliers wishes to fly there PB must be informed and supplied with results.</p> <p>Merryfield: David Phipps is trying to find a solution for access based upon an arrangement with the local club.</p> <p>Sculthorpe: All OK however it was noted that security is tightening. Three signatories (MW, Steven Bowles and David Oldfield) have now been authorised and one of them must be present throughout any meeting and must telephone to report arrival and departure.</p> <p>Ashdown Forest: The field is available for use with the Area paying as reported previously. However, they have difficulties collecting fees from flyers and have yet to find a solution.</p> <p>Middle Wallop: No change so far</p> <p>Beaulieu: Nothing to report</p> <p>Salisbury Plain: Nothing to report</p> <p>Buckminster: Available for Free Flight use but attempts to</p> | PB |

	organise a trimming and/or small class occasion have both been prevented by bad weather.		
	A co-ordinator is needed to handle booking and use. MB volunteered to take the position. He will generate an item for NEWS and do some selling for Free Flight on the site, emphasising its suitability for trimming and mentioning the planned event on 2 nd September. (see Competition Calendar below)	MB	
5	Management of Sites	PB now has the completed forms for all current sites and will copy them to all Committee members with a view to putting them on the website.	PB
6	Contest Calendar	MW stated that for each Centralised event an FFTC member must be appointed as the link person on the Calendar and must be responsible for finding a CD and ensuring that all the supporting items are in place (Licence, CD box, certificates, etc.). He stated that this must be in place on the 2019 calendar.	
		For the remainder of 2018 PB will be the link for the Midland and Southern Galas having already looked after the Northern and London Galas.	PB JC
		JC will continue to be link person for the World Cup Events	
		The Committee thanked PB and JC for taking on these tasks and noted that MW fills this role for the Nationals and should be thanked, as well as IK for F1E and JJ for Space.	ALL
		The Galas held so far this year are showing a cost out of proportion to their income and possible economies were discussed. These included the continuation of certificates and a token award only such as a small medal, for competitions with a sufficient number of flyers (e.g. six) or possibly to winners only, regardless of numbers. These, and any other options, to be considered in time for the 2019 calendar and discussed by email and at the next meeting. MW to look into cost and style of possible medals.	ALL MW
		<u>Correction:</u> IK asked that the F1E site given on the Calendar should be amended to read 'Peak District or Melton Mowbray.	KF
		<u>Buckminster Free Flight Gala 3rd September 2018:</u> the site has been booked and JA presented a proposed list of events which was welcomed and some small improvements accepted (Mini-vintage to have low maxes and expect a fly-off, E36 to have 5-sec. runs, Classic Glider to have a short line) See Appendix A	JA
		Maximum coverage to be given in News from the FFTC, KF to ensure that it is added in the BMFA Events Calendar, JA to	KF JA

	contact Aeromodeller , IK to feature in Free Flight News and MM to feature in BMFA News.	IK MW	
7	Space Modelling	JJ reported that the team is established and he is finalising some details of the entry form with the Competition Secretary. He expressed concern that many National bodies seem to be giving reduced support to their entries in international events. He was informed that this trend is not confined to Space!	JJ
8	Nationals	MW reported that all arrangements are in place and CDs have been appointed. Queries have been raised regarding the fees but they have all been settled. All administrative arrangements are in place with the RAF. 88 entries have been received so far which is normal at this stage.	
9	International Teams	F1 ABC is all set The F1E entry form is in. Organisers have been informed of possible health difficulties and have stated that they will provide some retrieving help if needed.	MW IK
10	Stonehenge and Equinox	All in place	
11	Officers Reports	Treasurer: JC reported that all funds are currently healthy but under pressure from increasing site costs and reducing numbers of competitors. The reserves are diminishing. At the present rate of decline we have sufficient funds, allowing for inflation, to operate for about 7 years, hence the measures being considered in item 6 above. Council Delegate: It will probably not be possible for a member to attend the Full Council meeting on 12 th May, in which case a written report will be submitted. PRO: Paul Tallitt will be at the Nationals. JJ has experience of working with Dennis Stretton on filming with a drone and agreed to contact him or ANO to investigate costs and availability.	MW JJ
		Results Officer: it was agreed that PB will discuss the placing of results on the website to replace direct circulation to individuals.	PB
12	Rules	Safety: Nothing to report In Rule 3.1.4.3(b) the time period for fly-offs is given as 10	

minutes. MB to correct this to 5 minutes in keeping with sections (a) and (c). MB

The FFTC are not proposing any rule changes for 2019 other than clarifications or corrections.

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| 13 | BMFA Website | Free Flight Image Paper (Newcomers). JA has provided a new introduction to Free Flight text and it was agreed that this was an improvement on the current version and should be passed to Paul Tallitt for comment and suggestions on suitable illustrations. | KF |
| 14 | GDPR | MW and CS have a meeting booked with David Phipps to discuss implications for the Committee's future handling of data and other issues. | MW
CS |
| 15 | Date of next meeting | To be arranged | |

Critical dates for FFTC

BMFA News	Delivery 17 July 2018 Copy 19 June 2018
Full Council	12 th May 2018 Copy 16th April
Technical Council	13th October 2018 Agenda Deadline 17th September 2018
FFTC meetings	To be arranged

APPENDIX A

Buckminster Free Flight Gala

..... 2nd September 2018

Competitions for all tastes....

....sports flying and trimming welcome!

- Run by BMFA:**
- 1) E 36 (5 second engine run.)
 - 2) Mini Vintage
 - 3) Classic Glider, using 50M towline, with award for the best Classic A/1 (prior to Jan 1961)

4) HLG/Catapult Glider

- Run by SAM 35:**
- 1) All – In Precision.
 - 2) Under 25” Vintage Rubber

Run By Peterborough MFC:

- 1) 36” Hi-Start Glider
- 2) E20 (members only, demonstration event.)

Run by BMFA F/F Scale:

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Gates open 9am. Events begin 10.00 am. Field entry £6 per flyer. Contest entries £3 per event. Maxes to be announced on the day.

No thermistors, mylar streamers or any other type of thermal sensing equipment. (One Mylar streamer will be provided by the organisers on the day to establish wind direction.)

This event is an attempt at making fullest use of the Buckminster site, and is part of a programme to ensure a practical future for Free Flight alongside the continued use of larger fields. Depending upon circumstances it may be necessary for the CD's to impose launch lines, to move control to respond to wind direction or to vary flyoff procedure but it is hoped that flyers will enter into the spirit of the event and enjoy the sense of inclusivity which we hope to promote.