

BMFA
FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING 18 January 2018

Present:

Mike Woodhouse	MW	John Jacomb	JJ
Chris Strachan	CS	Ken Faux	KF
Ian Kaynes	IK	John Carter	JC
John Ashmole	JA (Guest)		

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| 1 | Apologies | Mark Bennis, Phil Ball |
| 2 | Minutes of Previous Meeting | Accepted |
| 3 | Matters Arising | None |
| 4 | Flying Fields | <p>Barkston: JC reported that he had been informed at a Grantham meeting that their Club members have access to the field every weekend and Wednesday evenings until the end of May. The charge will be £17/hour for any time that one or more members are on the airfield.</p> <p>MW to talk to David Phipps and Ian Pallister to determine the latest situation. MW</p> <p>Luffenham: Nothing to report MW</p> <p>Merryfield: MW will work with Peter Tribe to develop a solution.</p> <p>Ashdown Forest: Nothing to report</p> <p>Middle Wallop: A new Commanding Officer is coming in. Roger Newman will contact him on behalf of SAM.</p> <p>Beaulieu: Nothing to Report</p> <p>Salisbury Plain: Peter Watson in place and organised</p> <p>Sculthorpe: All in good order</p> <p>Buckminster: JA has booked the following dates:
April 16, 17 ((Monday, Tuesday)
June 15, 16, 17 (Friday – Sunday)
July 6,7,8 (Friday – Sunday)</p> |

	<p>It was agreed that a presence at Buckminster is important for the future of Free Flight within the BMFA. We need to have a champion within the BMFA (MB is already in post) and a person who will represent the flyers and be a contact person alongside JA, and set up a programme for suitable BMFA mini-classes at the site. MW and CS to discuss with suitable candidates. See further below under "Plan for the next 5 years"</p>	MW, CS	
5	Decentralised Sites	Carry forward to next meeting.	CS
6	Contest Calendar	On website and up to date with version V1.1 JJ to send space event calendar to KF for inclusion. It was agreed that certificates will be awarded to <u>all</u> classes.	JJ, KF KF
7	Nationals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The entry form has been completed • MW meeting with David Phipps and Roy Wright at end of January • Aeromodeller, SAMS Models and Belair approached for sponsorship • Vouchers will be given as prizes for all (28) BMFA events • SAM35 and Scale will charge full £11 entry fees and will be reimbursed for the costs of their own awards. • Scoreboard system for BMFA events will be unchanged 	MW JC CS
8	International Teams	<p>All have been ratified but details of team managers are still to be finalised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • F1A,B,C MW to discuss with the competitions secretary the possibility of Pawel Pietrzak (as a Polish citizen) being eligible for the post of ATM if he were to accept such an offer. • F1E Paul Fynn has not been ratified as team manager due to health concerns. MW to discuss with the Competitions Secretary and determine the latest date for a decision. • Space: There has been a change of date and Mike Francis can no longer fill the role. JJ to take over as team manager • CIAM Agenda for rule changes for 2019 will be available in early March. Nothing significant expected, but to be on next FFTC Agenda • Funding of team members: JC proposed and CS seconded the payment of £200 to each team member from the Team Travel Fund. Carried unanimously. 	MW MW JJ CS JC
9	Stonehenge and Equinox	All in place and JC supporting preparations	JC
10	Officers' Reports	<p>Treasurer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main funds all satisfactory • Training & Excellence spend in 2017/18 £850 • Technical Committee costs to budget 	

- Season tickets to be pushed in NEWS

KF
MW

Council Delegate: KF attended in MW's absence

- MB putting together a Disciplinary Process to be submitted for ratification in September
- BMFA moving to use GOMembership for next year's membership process
- An investigation has started looking at the benefits of seeking charitable status

PRO: KF and MW will liaise with Paul Tallick over Nationals publicity

KF,
MW

Results: Noting to report

Safety: Nothing to report

Rules Officer: Nothing to report

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| 11 | BMFA Website | All OK with latest competition calendar accessible | |
| 12 | Space Modelling | See Teams above | |
| 13 | Plan for the next 5 years | <p>JA, MB, JC and CS had put forward papers for discussion and these, together with wider issues, were discussed.</p> <p>Points emerging were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need for a plan is accepted by all and will be an agenda item at each meeting. • All accept the need for a 'rolling' 5-year plan and the collection of statistics on entries, finance and flying fields to be gathered at the end of each year. • It is not proposed to hold any conference or public discussion process in 2018 • The Free Flight Duration calendar and rule book to continue in their present format for the foreseeable future. • The Free Flight Sport Plan (a.k.a. the John Ashmole programme) to be supported, integrated with the Free Flight Calendar. • A number of sport events to be run in 2018 at Buckminster, starting with those 3 mentioned under sites above. • Increased effort to go into establishing a Free Flight presence at Buckminster to raise the profile of Free Flight within the BMFA. This will require allocation of responsibility both at a strategic level (discuss with MB) and at an organisational level (support JA's initiatives and also pulling in suitable classes from the BMFA rulebook). MW and CS to canvass possible people. • An event with catering and mini-classes to be planned for autumn 2018. Also a fly-in day(?s) without formal contests but with social and discussion opportunities. | MW,
CS |

- The Buckminster events to use flexible dates and/or multiple dates combining to a single result.
- 14 Any other business Paul Tallett to be invited to next meeting – MW to discuss with David Phipps. MW

15 Date of next meeting Wednesday 7th March 2018 at Chacksfield House

Critical dates for FFTC

BMFA News	Delivery 20 March 2018 Copy 20 February 2018
Full Council	12 May 2018 Agenda Deadline 16 April 2018
Technical Council	17th March 2018 Agenda Deadline 19th February 2018
FFTC meetings	Wednesday 7 th March 2018