

BMFA
 FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETING 20th June 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	

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| 1 | Apologies All present | |
| 2 | Minutes of Previous Meeting Accepted | |
| 3 | Matters Arising None | |
| 4 | Report on Meeting with David Phipps | |
| | MW and CS had already reported to the Committee on their meeting with David Phipps. Items giving rise to further discussion were: | |
| | Risk Analysis: it was agreed that every site on the Calendar should have a risk analysis which should be updated each year. MB undertook to get this requirement on the agenda of the first meeting of the new Technical Council. | MB |
| | The committee discussed the current situation and needs to review what is available based on | |
| | Luffenham – Alan Jack/PB | PB |
| | Salisbury – Peter Watson/IK | IK |
| | Sculthorpe – MW | MW |
| | Barkston – David Phipps | MW? |
| | Merryfield: Being progressed but it was noted that very few of the regular fliers have transferred to fly elsewhere. | |
| 5 | Flying Fields | |
| | Barkston: Next two area meetings are secure | |
| | Luffenham: Various rumours are circulating and need to be clarified. PB/JC to talk to Alan Jack | PB, JC |
| | Merrifield: See above, no progress | |
| | Sculthorpe: OK at present. MW to check for early team selection meeting next season. | MW |
| | Ashdown Forest: Nothing to report | |

Middle Wallop: Nothing to report

Beaulieu: Nothing to report

Salisbury Plain: Nothing to report

Buckminster: Nothing to report

- 6 Management of Sites Carry forward
- 7 Contest Calendar Attendance and costs so far are showing losses at the Northern Gala of £400 and at the Stonehenge/Equinox of £200. JC
After discussion MB proposed that prize vouchers should be withdrawn at once. Seconded KF. Carried unanimously. JC
- MW had received a quote for medals to be presented next year but it was agreed that these should not be introduced.
- Buckminster events: The site is now surrounded with rape crops, the grass had been very long and free flight attendances are low. It was agreed that the 2nd September event will take place with some small changes. See Appendix A. JA to send revised programme to CS and KF. JA
- Management of events:
PB will manage the Southern Gala PB
JC will manage the 2019 London Gala as a 1-day event with JC
Garry Madelin as CD
Trials entry form now to go out with PB as contact. KF, PB
- 8 Space Modelling JJ reported that the National UK Modroc finals were held at Buckminster three weeks ago. The grass was long but Manny was very helpful. Several rockets were lost in the rape: all but one were retrieved using a drone to assist in searching. The organisers are keen to repeat next year. JJ
JJ also reported that space at the Free Flight Nationals was excellent, with a lot of interest from Paul Tallett.
Two teams of three people will attend the World Championships meeting (Open International on Day 1) in Poland.
- 9 Nationals Report and Feedback:
It looks as though there will be a small financial surplus.
Lunch time prize givings work well and a half hour break in flying will be added next year to accommodate them.
Bowden trophy ran well but could do with a formatted results sheet next year.
Bill Dennis will not run scale in 2019 but a replacement has

		already come forward. Toilet removal was early and showers were locked too early at night. Drone video: The making of the drone video was successful and caused no problems. However the result lacked impact. MB has agreed to refine and circulate the result and is looking to set up a proper shooting occasion.	MB
10	International Teams	F1 ABC is all set F1E now looking better with health problems reduced and three assistants available.	MW IK
11	Stonehenge and Equinox	Went well, with a good international entry and good weather. The use of a D/T fly-off has created a reaction. However, they are now in frequent use at World Cup events but no rules have been written. It was agreed that a note should be added to next year's publicity along the lines of 'Restricted site access requires special actions to achieve a result'! These considerations led to a discussion of the use of ABDEL or similar altimeters (flight recorders) and it was agreed that we should set up a trial programme. KF agreed to undertake the research and produce a report.	IK KF
1	Officers Reports	Treasurer: Nothing to report Council Delegate: Nothing to report PRO: New photos now on FFTC website. KF requested some photos from the World Championships. Results Officer: All now OK Safety Officer: Focus on Risk Analysis (see above item 4). Rules: Fly-off period being corrected.	 MW PB MB
13	BMFA website	MB to talk to Andy about Discipline Led access.	PB
14	Plan for next 5 years	Carry Forward	MB CS
15	AOB	Check required nominations for 2019 committee KF to do first draft of 2019 calendar for next meeting, possibly with 1-day London Gala with trials date next day.	CS KF
15	Date of next meeting	Wednesday 12 th September 2019	

	Critical dates for FFTC
BMFA News	Delivery 17 July 2018 Copy 19 June 2018
Full Council	10 September 2018 Agenda Deadline 13 th August
Technical Council	13th October 2018 Agenda Deadline 17th September 2018
FFTC meetings	Wednesday 12 th September 2019

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
CD Stuart Darmon

- Run by SAM 35:**
- 1) All – In Precision.
 - 2) Under 25" Vintage Rubber
CD John Ashmole

- Run By Peterborough MFC:**
- 1) Cloud Tramp.
 - 2) E20 (members only, demonstration event.)
CD Peter Gibbons

Run by BMFA F/F Scale:

Flying Only Scale Competition: All scale models, any power.
Flying will be judged.

CD Doug Hunt

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.