

**BMFA**  
**FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING 9<sup>th</sup> December 2009**

				Action
<b>Present</b>	Mike Woodhouse	MW	Phil Ball	PB
	Chris Strachan	CS	Andy Brough	AB
	John Carter	JC	Ian Kaynes	IK
	Trevor Grey	TG	Peter Williams	PW
	Mike Francies	MF		
<b>Note</b>	These minutes to be read in conjunction with set agenda minutes 2009. see Appendix 1			
<b>Apologies</b>	None			
<b>Minutes 20<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Accepted as a true and accurate record			
<b>Matters arising</b>	<u>Area 8 as London Area site</u>			
	Still little interest but PW to get Martin Dilly to have its use authorised by inclusion in the London area minutes			PW
<b>Contest Calendar</b>	<u>2010 Version</u>			
	Has been issued as V 1.			
	<u>Modifications to V 1</u>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> May on Area 8 possibly may not be available for London Gala. Being published in mags as provisional. TG to follow up</li> </ul>			TG
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Move Southern Gala to Salisbury Plain Area 8. Ideally Friday and is not then Saturday. (see below)</li> </ul>			TG
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add CLG on Saturday and HLG on Sunday to London Gala in response to feedback.</li> </ul>			TG
	Revised calendar to be issued			TG
	<u>Little Rissington</u>			
	Following discussion it was agreed that due to concern at the possible risks from sharing with full size aviation and also the downwind pheasants Rissinton will not be used for the Southern Gala in 2010. Committee to consider possibility of other use in 2011.			ALL
	<u>Trophy allocations</u>			
	TG tabled a master list of Free Flight trophies. PB agreed to check the list and then double check with John French. Once the list has been agreed by all to be accurate then a sub-committee will be appointed to consider possible proposals to improve allocation of trophies to better correspond to current entry levels.			PB
	<u>Junior/Novice awards at the Nationals</u>			
	The Competition Secretary had raised anomalies in the allocation of the two trophies named Junior Kit Rubber and Junior Kit Glider. It was agreed unanimously that we should propose to Council that these two trophies should still be allocated to the novice event, which will be retitled as the "junior" event and which will continue to be a combined rubber/glider event for nominated models. The trophy allocation should be revised to :-			
	Junior Kit Rubber to the highest placed rubber model			
	Junior Kit Glider to the highest placed glider model			
	In the event of there being no entries in a particular discipline then that trophy will not be awarded.			
	CS to prepare proposal to Council.			CS

## 100 Years of the Gamage

Carried forward to next meeting

ALL

### **Officer's Reports**

#### Treasurer

All accounts healthy and to budget

Competition account contains a substantial reserve. It was agreed that this should be maintained in view of anticipated rises in site charges and risk of losses on Centralised meetings in adverse weather.

JC

He proposed that £200 be donated to RAF funds in recognition of a full year's use of Barkston Heath. Accepted unanimously. JC to action

Training and excellence currently underspent

Team Travel fund is sufficient to recommend £200 allocation to team members.

Unanimously agreed. JC to action

JC

The meeting agreed a vote of thanks to John for his excellent management of the accounts

#### Council Delegate

No problems to report. His report from the September council meeting was circulated and acted upon.

#### PRO

Nothing to report. Will chase up closing dates for BMFA News to ensure Nationals notices are included

PW

#### Safety Officer

He discussed Little Rissington with the Safety Committee Meeting and it was clear that we were doing all that was expected of us. Nonetheless he supported the decision made in the Competition Calendar section above that we should move the Southern Gala elsewhere.

### **Nationals**

#### 2009

Current balance is circa £117

MW proposed that we should award £100 to Roy Wright. Accepted unanimously

MW

#### Purpose of Free Flight Nationals

The view of the FFTC is that the Free Flight Nationals are a service to the competing flyers and should not be regarded as a Profit Centre. The budget and entry fees should be targeted at better than break even rather than the pursuit of substantial profit. The FFTC are concerned that this view may not be shared by some members of Council who are more familiar with the totally different concept of the August Nationals.

#### Points for 2010

- Junior event will be defined as such rather than novice. Eligible models will be gliders up to 55" and rubber models up to 35". Class will be titled "Junior 55/35"
- CD expenses will be £15 per head. No travel or assistant allowances
- The Bowden will be made a Senior Championship event. (Same to apply to East Anglian Gala Bowden). TG to add to calendar
- SAM 35 event list submitted and discussed. AB to make some revisions. Carrier remains a concern and it was agreed will not be possible due to overriding need for all to be able to accommodate wind changes. AB to produce revised list.
- PA system. TG supplied details of a wireless system either for purchase (approx £1000) or possible loan options. There was some concern at interference risks. MW to discuss with David Phipps and Roy Wright.
- Entry Form and publicity material needed for next BMFA News. PW to deal

TG

AB

MW

with supply to the editor..

PW

**Int Teams  
Ref item 4 of  
set agenda**

**F1A,B,C Team Mangers**

Applications received from :

Mike Woodhouse – Manager. Elected 8 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstentions

Bob Cheesley – Assistant Manager

Peter Tribe - Assistant Manager

Bob Cheesley Elected 8 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstentions

CS to prepare proposal to Council

It was agreed that MW should explore the possibility of Peter Tribe being invited to go as a "trainee", possibly partly under the T&E budget. MW to speak to Peter and to the Competition Secretary.

CS

MW

**F1A,B,C Team Members.**

The meeting voted upon team members for the FIA/B/C European Championships in Turkey. The team was unanimously approved:

In favour 8 Against nil Abstentions nil

Details of team members are given in Appendix 2 of these minutes.

CS to prepare proposal Council

CS

**F1E Team Managers and Team Members**

The meeting unanimously accepted the team supplied by IK

In favour 8 Against nil Abstentions nil

Details of team members are given in Appendix 2 of these minutes.

CS to prepare proposal Council

CS

**Space Team Managers and Team Members for the**

The meeting unanimously accepted the team proposed by MF

In favour 8 Against nil Abstentions nil

Details of team members are given in Appendix 2 of these minutes.

CS to prepare proposal Council

CS

**Junior Team for World Championships in**

The meeting considered whether we should send a Junior team and doing so was proposed by CS and seconded by TG. In favour 8 Against nil Abstentions nil

The meeting then considered whether the one remaining junior Trials competitor,

Adam Billam (the other competitor having already withdrawn) was suitably

qualified by ability, experience and commitment. Upon a vote 7 members regarded him as not suitably qualified with one abstention. The decision was accordingly taken not to propose sending a team.

CS to write to John Billam.

CS

**Team Selection Process F1A,B,C**

JC explained his concern at the decreasing numbers taking part in the Team Selection Process and the need to do something about it.

It was agreed that MW and JC would organise an open session before the end of March 2010 to discuss the future of UK FAI flying including ideas for team selection

MW

JC

**Team Selection Process F1E**

IK explained that the problem of repeated loss of trials meetings due to unsuitable weather was being addressed by a better calendar in 2010 with events earlier in the

	year and the intention to replace any lost as early]y as possible. The search for new sites in 2011 will continue into 2010	IK
<b>World Cup Events</b>	<p><b><u>Stonehenge Cup 2010</u></b>  PW reported that preparations are going well with Chris Chapman and Paul Seeley having picked up the reins and having good offers of help from their club mates. The low tech classes will be included to the latest specifications. They will be separated on the scoreboards and will have separate certificates and wine but trophies will be confined to World Cup entrants.  Publicity will be going out in FFN asap.- and on the FFTC web-site</p> <p><b><u>Equinox Cup 2010</u></b>  Will be run again in 2010 and hoping for increased entries following the success of the 2009 event.</p>	PW MF
<b>Rules</b>	<p><b><u>Technology and FAI Free Flight Competition Paper</u></b>  The proposals have gone in and first reactions can be expected in April. They will be discussed at the CIAM technical meeting on 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> April and it was agreed that TG should attend to support our proposals. The meeting gave him authority to negotiate on the specifications if necessary.</p> <p><b><u>Changes for 2011</u></b>  It was agreed that we should run a formal change process in 2010. CS to propose dates along the previous model. So far one issue has been raised – the timing of engine runs (the dreaded burble) – and this will be included.</p>	TG CS
<b>Events</b>	<p><b><u>Free Flight Showcase</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A winner has been established for the model from 2009 and this could be presented either at Sculthorpe or the Nats. PB to discuss options with Paul Fynn.</li> <li>• All going to plan under the leadership of Paul Fynn for 2010</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Free Flight Forum</u></b>  It was agreed that 2009 was an improvement particularly as it was much better timed and controlled.. TG will continue to work for improvement, Items discussed included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PBs concern whether the model of the year item is really wanted.</li> <li>• Should it be run after the AGM or stand alone?</li> <li>• Anywhere else is likely to be London. Venue in Alexander Palace area?</li> <li>• Early December is a good time</li> </ul>	PB TG
<b>Free Flight Info.</b>	TG is working on the FFTC website and will speak to Bosdet and Dilly about placing the material they are collecting in the structure he can provide.	TG
<b>Deliverables</b>	CS and MW tabled the list of deliverables produced from their meeting with Linda Harding and David Phipps. It was agreed to ignore the detail of rule 2.3.14 at present. PB will send separate email of results to the Competition Secretary, Technical Secretary and Records Officer.	PB
<b>A.O.B.</b>	CS to update list with budget dates. <b><u>Domain names</u></b>	CS

JC had received a renewal notice for the domain name used for the FFTC web site which also offered the adjacent names. It was agreed that we should take up the offers of Freeflightuk.org , .co , and .net and link across them. It was also agreed that ownership should be transferred to the BMFA, MW to action

MW

**Next meetings**                    **Dates**  
 Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February  
 and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April    both 11.00 at Chacksfield House  
 (note 28<sup>th</sup> at request of MW moved from 21<sup>st</sup>)

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**Critical dates for FFTC**

**BMFA News**                    February Edition deadline 30<sup>th</sup> December  
 April Edition deadline 30<sup>th</sup> February (estimated)  
**Full Council**                Jan 9<sup>th</sup>    Agenda deadline Dec 14<sup>th</sup>  
                                       May 8<sup>th</sup>    Agenda deadline April 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Technical Council**        March 13<sup>th</sup> Agenda deadline February 15<sup>th</sup>  
**FFTC meetings**            3<sup>rd</sup> February  
                                       28<sup>th</sup> April

**Appendix 1**

**FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING (to first meeting set agenda) 9th DECEMBER 2009**

**Present :** M Woodhouse, C Strachan, T Grey, J Carter , M Francies, P Ball, P Williams, I Kaynes, A Brough

**1a :** **Chairman.**                    Mike Woodhouse  
**1b :** **Co-Options**                    Nil  
**1c :** **Chairman. (2)**                    NA  
**1d :** **Secretary.**                    Chris Strachan  
**1e :** **Treasurer.**                    John Carter ( also holder of the Team Travel Fund).  
**1f :** **Council Delegate.**            None standing  
**1g :** **Specialist Body Reps.**        FAIR (Space Modelling) Mike Francies  
     SAM 35 Andy Brough  
**1g (i) Voting strength**                8  
**1g (ii) Chairman**                    NA  
**1g (iii)Temp Chair**                    NA  
**1h:** **Council Delegate**                Mike Francies  
**1i :** **PRO.**                                Peter Williams  
**1j :** **Safety Officer.**                    Phil Ball  
**1k :** **Rules Officer**                    Trevor Grey  
**1l :** **Results Officer**                    Phil Ball  
**1m :** **Budget Holder - TTF.**        John Carter (also holder for training and excellence)  
     Mike Francies for FAIR (Space Modelling) TTF and  
     training and excellence

**2**        **Apologies**                                None  
**3**        **Minutes of previous meeting**        See minutes below at 14  
**4**        **Matters arising**                        See minutes below at 14

<b>5</b>	<b>Miscellaneous appts</b>	Ian Kaynes. Free Flight technical expert to CIAM Mike Francies Space Tech sub Com and Judge Geoff Seabrook GBR 118328 Ian Dowsett GBR 56513 Nigel Bathe GBR 63592 to CIAM as UK FAI judges for Space Modelling
<b>6</b>	<b>Disciplines</b>	All Non-Scale outdoor Free Flight Space modelling (FAIR only) SAM 35
<b>7</b>	<b>Council Agenda</b>	No proposals other than teams
<b>8</b>	<b>Nationals De-brief</b>	De-brief at FFTC meetings 11 <sup>th</sup> June, 20 <sup>th</sup> August and Reported to Council – 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2009. Planning for 2010 already commenced
<b>9</b>	<b>Teams</b>	2010 teams (F1A,B,C Euro- F1E Euro – Space World),see minutes of main meeting. No team to Junior Champs. Team trials for 2011 already published in 2010 calendar
<b>10</b>	<b>Team Managers</b>	To be proposed, see minutes of main meeting.
<b>11</b>	<b>BMFA Comp Details</b>	
<b>11(a)</b>	<b>Single event entry fees</b>  charge for site)	Centralised – Day ticket £6(plus £6 site charge) Area cent. and F1E – Day ticket £6 (plus local  FAIR – Site charge only All meetings – Juniors free
<b>11(b)</b>	<b>Season Tickets</b>	No season tickets
<b>11(c)</b>	<b>Nationals Entry Fees</b>	Registration £15 Championship events £7 Non Championship events £4 Unlimited events £30
<b>11(d)</b>	<b>Team Selection Fees</b>	Pre-entry required 50% surcharge on field entry £20 per meeting or per-entry for all three £40 FAIR – Site charge only
<b>11(e)</b>	<b>Diploma Reqts</b>	Diplomas for all events as Contest Calendar. Office will be informed as required
	<b>Championships :</b>	Senior Championship Points to be awarded in all events except where indicated otherwise on the Competition Calendar and FAIR events
<b>12</b>	<b>Tech. Comm. Return</b>	Completed
<b>13</b>	<b>Safety Review</b>	Officer appointed. No further action at this time.

**3, 4, 14, 15 and 16 further agenda items, AOB and next meeting** See Minutes of main meeting

FFTC 11.12.09

## Appendix 2

### International teams

#### F1A,B,C

To appoint the Manager and Assistant Team Manager for the Free Flight European Championships to be held in Turkey 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Manager Mike Woodhouse 034262 Vikings

Asst Manager Bob Cheesley 043647 Crookham

To appoint a team for the Free Flight European Championships to be held in Turkey 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> July 2010

F1A John Carter 050520 Grantham Reserves Chris Edge 064198 Scotia  
Stuart Darmon 076790 B'ham Phil Ball 057180 Grantham  
Tim Nicholson 085880 Country

F1B Russell Peers 027418 Grantham Reserves Mike Woodhouse 034262 Vikings  
Mike Woolner 057957 E Grinstead Bob Cheesley 043647 Crookham  
Gerry Pink 000226 Bristol West

F1C Neil Allen 039572 E Grinstead  
Alan Jack 056873 Tynemouth

Note: No third team member or reserves currently available for F1C but the FFTC is still seeking to send a full team.

## **F1E**

To appoint a Manager and Assistant Team Manager for the F1E European Champs to be held in Turda, Rumania 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> August 2010

Manager Ian Kaynes 021003

Asst Manager S Philpott 064218

To appoint a team for the F1E European Champs to be held in Turda, Rumania 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> August 2010

### Team members

Doug Bartle 067661 Morley  
S Philpott 064218 Birmingham  
I Kaynes 021003 Croyden

## **Space Modelling**

To appoint Team Managers for the Space Modelling World Championships to be held in Irig, Serbia 21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> August 2010

Manager Len Klejnow 160995 Country

Asst Manager Jef Ott 021361 Canvey Island

To appoint senior and junior teams for the Space Modelling World Championships to be held in Irig, Serbia 21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> August 2010

Senior Team for World Champs 2010					
BMFA		Classes	Club	1st Reserve	2nd Reserve
113101	Trevor Seabrook	S1, S3, S6, S9	SERFs	S4	
108203	John Jacomb	S3, S4, S6, S9	SERFs	S1	
63592	Nigel Bathe	S1, S3, S4, S8	Elmbridge	S9	
39222	Mike Francies	S1, S4, S6, S8	Red Rose Soarers		S9
21361	Jef Ott	S8	Canvey Island		S1, S3, S6
140191	Benedykt Klejnow	S9	Country	S3, S6	S4

<b>Junior Team for World Champs 2010</b>					
<b>BMFA</b>		<b>Classes</b>	<b>Club</b>		
150720	Catherine Jacomb	S3, S6, S9	SERFs		
108203	Jonathan Jacomb	S3, S6, S9	SERFs		