

BMFA
FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING 3rd February 2010

				Action
Present	Mike Woodhouse	MW	Phil Ball	PB
	Chris Strachan	CS	Ian Kaynes	IK
	Trevor Grey	TG	Peter Williams	PW
	Mike Francies	MF		
Apologies	John Carter	JC	Andy Brough	AB
Minutes 9th December	Accepted as a true and accurate record			
Matters arising	<u>Presentation of Caprice from Showcase 2009</u>			
	PB to contact Paul Fynn for some publicity material			PB
Contest Calendar	<u>Domain Names</u>			
	MW confirmed that all three domain names are now owned and paid for/			
	<u>2010 Version</u>			
	Has been issued since last meeting as V3. TG to issue V4 once trials venues have finally been confirmed			TG
	<u>Trophy allocations</u>			
	The list has now been revised and is in the order of the events and correct for 2010. TG to circulate this latest version to all members to consider suggestions for reallocations which will be discussed at the FFTC meeting on 14th June.			TG
<u>Information on Area sites</u>				
It was agreed that the Area Free Flight CD/organiser should be given as the contact. TG reported that the information is on the website but the link does not permit it to be displayed and will be fixed. At that point the information may need some updating.			TG	
<u>Age limit policies for access to MoD sites</u>				
MW stated that imposition of an age limit is possible under the current licences as one of the points "at CO's discretion". The limit at Sculthorpe has been imposed as a Health and Safety issue and is not driven by insurance. David Phipps has picked this up and MW will liaise with him.			MW	
<u>100 Years of the Gamage</u>				
It was agreed that we should present a suitably engraved tankard to this year's winner and use the presentation as an opportunity to link with the 100 th edition of BMFA News. PB to investigate cost and availability of tankard. MW to prepare a feature for BMFA News.			PB MW	
<u>Barkston booking.</u>				
There has been concern for clarification of responsibility for the multiple bookings of Barkston during the season. All bookings go through the office. The FFTC inform the office of meetings in the BMFA Calendar but this process and also direct requests from Clubs leave the Midland Area Free Flight representatives unsure of the position with "their" Area site. A Free Flight representative should attend Area meetings but at present nobody does so. PB agreed to talk to Peter Watson , agree who will attend Area meetings and get things tidied up.			PB	
Officer's Reports	<u>Treasurer</u>			
	In JC's absence MW reported that all funds OK. As previously reported the 2009 Nationals were run to a tight budget with entry fees being held down after two previous years of bad weather made an increase to cover			

anticipated rising costs unacceptable. The marginal financial result resulting from good weather was pleasing as the costs did indeed rise. It was agreed at the previous FFTC meeting that an additional £100 should be paid to Roy Wright in recognition of his contribution to the running of a successful and very busy meeting. This was agreed in the knowledge that the payment would put the meeting into a financial loss but this was well covered by the reserves accumulated from previous Nationals. MW recently discovered that this payment had been withheld on the initiative of the Hon. Treasurer without our knowledge. Following a discussion with the Hon. Treasurer it was agreed that the payment will be made. MW to monitor. **Council**

MW

Delegate

His report from the January Council meeting has been circulated. He reminded the meeting that there is a requirement that in future a Training and Excellence budget must be put together by each Technical Committee for submission to the September Council meeting.

All teams were ratified. However team managers for F1A,B,C were not submitted at the request of the Chairman. MW explained that this is due to the fact that the expenses for the 2009 championships have not been finalised. Part of the issue is the unresolved charges for the hire cars. Until there is agreement between the 2009 Team Manager and the Competition Secretary on conclusion of the 2009 team accounts we will not have a 2010 team manager appointed and able to commit to expenditure for the 2010 Euro Championships team. At present the 2010 team are unaware of the situation but it was agreed that MW should now inform them.

PRO

Nothing to report. Awaiting information for the next "News" and asked that all members should check the draft and make sure that as well as the items being correct there are no omissions

MW

Safety Officer

PB will circulate a draft of a set of Free Flight Safety and Flying Field Procedures and asked for all members to check and comment,.

ALL

Nationals

2009

See notes above under Treasurer with respect to payment outstanding.

Points for 2010

- Airfield all OK
- Roy Wright producing a podium
- SAM events to be finalised working from latest listing from AB
- Concrete pad adjacent to main gate suggested for C/L circles
- Dave Oldfield organising mobile PA system
- CDs to be chased up soon
- Material for BMFA News approved

PB

International Teams

F1A,B,C

Team entered, hotel booked, cars reserved (Dollar), Flights booked (BA). No financial commitments made (see item under Council delegate above)

Space

All ratified and preparations OK

F1E

All ratified. No reserves and some team members at risk.

FAI Conference

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All booked at Husbands Bosworth • Programme to be produced • Circa 24 bookings so far 	MW JC
	<p><u>Junior Team qualification requirements</u> All members to think on this issue for discussion at next meeting.</p>	ALL
World Cup Events	<p><u>Stonehenge Cup 2010</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All proceeding • Entry forms are out • No email circulation to previous entrants yet made • PW to continue to advise <p><u>Equinox Cup 2010</u> Nothing to report at present</p>	PW
Rules	<p><u>Technology and FAI Free Flight Competition Paper</u> The proposals have gone in and been circulated within CIAM. TG to write a piece to add to CIAM comments, pass to IK and to other Forums. It was proposed to run the low tech classes at all our domestic events in 2011 (other than the team selection events until CIAM accept them for Euro and World championships)</p> <p><u>Rule Change Process for 2011</u> CS to operate the process in 2010 and to supply a starting notice to PW for inclusion in "News". The notice is included in these minutes as Appendix 1</p> <p><u>SAM 35/1066 Rules progress</u> CS reported that preparation of a set of Rules is underway and the principle of referring to the BMFA rule book is accepted. The main issue yet to be agreed by the SAM representatives is their own strategy on covering materials. At present cut-off dates will continue to differ from the BMFA requirement. Once SAM have arrived at a set of rules they will refer this to their members for discussion and agreement. Following that agreement some refinement of the detailed relationship between the SAM and BMFA definitions will be needed so that the combination of the two rule books is workable.</p>	TG IK CS
Events	<p><u>Free Flight Showcase 2010</u> PB will continue to liaise with Paul Fynn</p> <p><u>Free Flight Forum</u> PB has produced a models of the year feature for the 2010 report</p> <p><u>Implications of 2012 Jubilee</u> It appears that the May/June Bank Holiday will be extended to 4 days with the main celebration day being on the Tuesday. The effect on the Free Flight Nationals was discussed and the majority view seemed to be that we should keep to the three days and not run any event on the Tuesday. However the extended holiday may have unanticipated effects (more pressure on Barkston?) and MW agreed to talk to David Phipps to see if the Society is considering the Jubilee.</p>	PB MW
Free Flight Info.	TG is working on the FFTC website and has produced introductory material which he will circulate to all members for comment.	TG
Deliverables	CS reported that he had updated the list of deliverables but now needs to add the	

Training and Excellence budget.

A.O.B. None

Next meetings **Dates**
Wednesday 28th April
Monday June 14th
Wednesday September 8th
Wednesday November 3rd or 10th
All 11.00am at Chacksfield House

FFTC 05/02/10

Critical dates for FFTC

BMFA News Copy dates	April Issue(99) - 15 th Feb
	June Issue (100) - 19th April
	August Issue (101) - 14th June
	October Issue (102) - 13th August0
	December Issue (103) - 5th November
	February 2010 Issue (104) - 17th December
Full Council	May 8 th Agenda deadline April 6 th
Technical Council	March 13 th Agenda deadline February 15 th
FFTC meetings	April 28 th
	June 14 th
	September 8 th
	November 3 rd or 10th

Appendix 1

BMFA Rule Changes for 2011

Yes it's time once more to start to think about next year's rule book if we are to pass proposals to the Technical Secretary by the due date of 26th October.

The time table will be:

With this notice	Announce the process and ask for input
28th April	FFTC Meeting Review progress
Early March	Report on progress
14th June	FFTC Meeting Prepare list of suggested rule changes
End June	Publish suggestions for comment
Late July	FFTC review Review responses and any further suggestions
Late July	Publish updated list of suggestions for comment
8th Sept.	FFTC Meeting Prepare list of proposed rule changes
End Sept	Publish FFTC's proposals for comment
Mid October	Prepare final list of changes and submit to Technical Secretary

The FFTC already have the following items to consider:-

- 1 The timing of engine runs with respect to the "burble", especially in SLOP.
- 2 The procedural rules for Fly-Offs at Area meetings