

**BMFA
FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING 28th April 2010**

				Action
Present	Mike Woodhouse	MW	Ian Kaynes	IK
	Chris Strachan	CS	Ian Lever pp AB	IL
	Trevor Grey	TG	David Phipps (part time)	DP
	Mike Francies	MF		
Apologies	John Carter	JC	Andy Brough	AB
	Phil Ball	PB	Peter Williams	PW
Minutes 3rd February	Accepted as a true and accurate record			
Matters arising	<u>Presentation of Caprice from Showcase 2009</u>			
	PB to get publicity material re presentation to MW for BMFA News column			PB
Contest Calendar	<u>Domain Names</u>			
	TG to add a message to the old Vengi site to make clear that it is no longer the FFTC site			TG
Contest Calendar	<u>2010 Version</u>			
	No alterations to V4. IK to inform TG if a change to the F1E date of 18 th July is needed			IK
Contest Calendar	<u>Trophy allocations</u>			
	All members now have the updated list. Please consider suggestions for reallocations which will be discussed at the FFTC meeting on 14th June.			ALL
Contest Calendar	<u>Information on Area sites</u>			
	The information is now accessible from the FFTC site. TG to add some updates			TG
Contest Calendar	<u>Age limit policies for access to MoD sites</u>			
	MW and DP will discuss with MoD. MW to look into risk assessment on the main East Anglia training area. A solution is needed by 10 July (EA Gala and Space team trials at Sculthorpe)			MW DP
Contest Calendar	<u>100 Years of the Gamage</u>			
	It was suggested that the commemorative tankard should be presented at the Nationals and that the Gamage Cup should be there for the occasion (but not for presentation). CS to check with the Records Officer.			
Contest Calendar	<u>Barkston finishing time</u>			
	DP stated that the problem has now been solved and arrangements made to allow finishing times to be as before.			
Officer's Reports	<u>Treasurer</u>			
	In JC's absence MW reported that all funds OK.			
Officer's Reports	<u>Council Delegate</u>			
	His report from the March Technical Council meeting was circulated and accepted with no problems other than some concern about the operation of and responsibilities for team admin between acceptance by Council and attendance at the championships. MW agreed to look at the team managers guide and clarify any points of operation with the Competition Secretary if necessary. The next Council agenda presents no problems			MW
Officer's Reports	<u>PRO</u>			
	PW had submitted a written report which was accepted with no matters arising.			
Officer's Reports	<u>Safety Officer</u>			
	Nothing to report. Draft of a set of Free Flight Safety and Flying Field Procedures carried forward to next meeting.			PB

Nationals

Points for 2010

The full Nationals check list was reviewed.

Additional points arising were

- TG to seek multiple sponsors for the future
- All times to be recorded in minutes and seconds – including FAI
- J for Junior to be added on all score sheets
- SAM prize giving will be separate

International Teams

F1A,B,C

Stafford Screen is now available to take up the 3rd F1C team place. It was proposed by TG and seconded by MF that he should be proposed for ratification

Voting 4 in favour, none against, no abstentions

Space

Trevor Seabrook has had to withdraw from the team. An already ratified reserve will take his place. No action needed.

F1E

Nothing to report

Junior Team qualification requirements

After some discussion it was agreed that CS should write a first draft and circulate to all members for further discussion.

CS

World Cup Events

Stonehenge Cup 2010

- Entry levels are looking good
- New venue booked for meal

Equinox Cup 2010

Nothing to report at present

Rules

Technology and FAI Free Flight Competition Paper

The proposals were discussed at CIAM and have been successful in getting the need to do something on the agenda. They also lead to a discussion of market size and the impact/viability of more technology.

The view on the proposed classes was that it would be better if the model specifications were modified but no concessions was made to compensate for the reduced performance (i.e. line length, rubber weight and engine run remain unaltered). High tech and low tech would then be flown together with low tech being acknowledged (and rewarded?) within the results. It was agreed in our meeting that we should start to develop such a specification for UK use.

TG, MW
and ALL

Open Electric rules

An error had been made in changes to the motor requirements for 2010 which had resulted in the unintentional banning of brushed 600 motors. An immediate change to reinstate them was voted upon and unanimously accepted. TG to liaise with the Technical Secretary. The notice produced after the meeting is included below as Appendix 1

TG

Rule Change Process for 2011

TG will operate the process in his role as Rules Officer. He was asked to ensure that each stage of the process has maximum publicity and that paper copies of all web releases are available on request from the office.

TG

CS to pass to him the changes proposed so far

CS

- Timing the burble
- Cox .049s in mini vintage

- Fly off organisation at Area Decentralised meetings

SAM 35/1066 Rules progress

CS reported that a first draft of the SAM35/1066 rules has now been produced and has been included in the 1066 Clarion but not yet in SAM Speaks. However there has been no apparent arrangement for feedback/comment to be made. John Thompson is looking into this on behalf of 1066 and IL undertook to investigate for SAM 35 IL

Events

Free Flight Showcase 2010

Nothing to report

Implications of 2012 Jubilee

DP stated that there are no views as yet in the Society on the impact of the Jubilee holiday.

FAI Conference

Discussion to be carried forward to the next meeting.
The questionnaire prepared by PW to be circulated after modification asking for return by the end of May and item 1e) to be emphasised and made more stand alone. CS to contact PW.

Free Flight Info.

TG is working on the FFTC website and has produced introductory material which he will make available to all members for comment. TG

Deliverables

Nothing to report

A.O.B.

None

Next meetings

Dates

Monday June 14th
Wednesday September 8th
Wednesday November 3rd or 10th
All 11.00am at Chacksfield House

FFTC 29/04/10

Critical dates for FFTC

BMFA News Copy dates	June Issue (100) - 19th April August Issue (101) - 14th June October Issue (102) - 13th August December Issue (103) - 5th November February 2010 Issue (104) - 17th December
Full Council	May 8 th Agenda deadline April 6 th
Technical Council	October 16 th Agenda deadline September 20 th NB CIAM
FFTC meetings	June 14 th September 8 th November 3 rd or 10 th

Appendix 1

Official Notice – 28.04.10

Please note that there is an error in the current Free Flight Rule Book which has now been corrected with immediate effect. The corrected rule is detailed below:

Rule 3.7.4 Electric Class (BMFA Electric)

(a) Motor limitations:

For Brushed motors..... a maximum total motor(s) size of '600'
For Brushless motors..... maximum total bare motor(s) weight 100 grams

items (b), (c) and (d) remain as published.