

Confirmed Minutes from the RCPTC
Held at the BMFA headquarters Leicester 30th August 2008

Opened at 11.10am

Present:

Pete Christy (Elected)
Les Eagle (Elected)
S. Ogden (Elected)
Keith Barker (Elected)
Pete Cappleman (Elected)
Dave Pacey (AHA)
Dave Lucas (IMAC)
Andy Prime (GBRCAA)
Paul Bardoe on behalf of Darron Rodrigues (UK F5D)
John Wingate (SAM 35)
John Barker Treasurer BMPRA

Guest: Geb Jones (BMPRA)

This made a voting strength of 11

1. Apologies

There had been apologies received from.
Gerry Harrison (BWA)
Darron Rodrigues (UK F5D)

2. Correction and adoption of the provisional minutes of the April 6th 2008 meeting.

A correction was made to page 5 item 10 to be changed to

10) Steve Ogden asked RCPTC to consider a proposal to full council that the S/F Achievement Scheme Controller and the Power Achievement Scheme controller become non-executive elected positions rather than council appointments.

The minutes were proposed for adoption by Steve Ogden and seconded by Andy Prime

A vote was taken

(7 in favour, 0 against, 4 abstentions)

3. Matters Arising

(Item 5)(Fun Fly) Robin Jones had reported to the chairman when they met at the Nationals that the new Rule changes had seemed to have worked with promoting Fun Fly and this year things were improving with the amount of competitors.

(item 6)(2.4Ghz) The Chairman reported that there had only been one 2.4Ghz Radio with a problem at this years Nationals.

He also reported that there was now a recall on Futaba 2.4Ghz 6EX sets and TM7 Modules and people could now contact Ripmax for an exchange via a shop but people must first contact Ripmax.

(item 7)(GTBA/JMA Code of Practice) The Chairman informed the committee that the GTBA/JMA Code of Practice) had now been accepted by the BMFA.

(Item 9)(BMFA B Certificates)
(Section g)

Steve Ogden raised the point that he felt it was not necessary to minute every thing in the meeting and would have preferred for not to have been quoted as saying With reference the ARSC stated he would like to see members of the ASRC be elected members rather then appointed. **“He believed that certain members of that committee had their own Agendas.”**

The secretary offered to remove this if the committee or Steve Ogden thought it necessary.

Steve Ogden told the Secretary that he stood by his comments and was happy for it to remain in the minutes.

Concerns were raised that they were not elected position on the ASRC and it might be necessary to put a proposal to full council to see if it could be changed.

See note form the last meeting below

i) Steve Ogden made a proposal to full council that the S/F Achievement Scheme Controller and the Power Achievement Scheme controller become non-executive elected positions rather than council appointments.

The proposal was not seconded and no vote was taken.

(Item 10)(F3C Rule changes)

The new 1000pt rule was now in place and the FAI were also now using the same scoring system .

(Item 11)(IMAC)

Dave Lucas informed the committee that Chris Bromley had kept the crossing over to IMAC at the Nationals in the same place as previous years although ideas for the crossing had been put for ward to him to see if the situation with IMAC at the Nationals could be improved from a spectator point of view.

(Item 12)(Any other business)
(Section d)

Les Eagle raised an objection directly at Steve Ogden when Steve Ogden had objected to the absence of Les Eagle from the meeting and asking for this to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting Steve Ogden apologised to Les Eagle which Les Eagle accepted.

4. Correspondence

The Secretary had received correspondence but nothing directly relating to the meeting .

5. Proposal for F5D Rule changed

1) Les Eagle raised the point that he was concerned about the legitimacy of Darron Rodrigues position as the RCPTC F5D Adviser. Les Eagle was shown the minutes from the F5D meeting where Darron

was appointed to serve on the RCPTC as F5D adviser. Les Eagle was then happy with the situation of Darron Rodrigues serving on RCPTC as F5D Adviser.

2) John Barker put forward the proposal to change part of the F5D rules to fall in line with The FAI and F3D rules

“If twelve or more rounds are flown, each competitor’s worst three scores shall be discarded.”

It was proposed by John Barker and seconded by Les Eagle

A vote was taken 11 in favour 0 Against 0 Abstentions

3) The CIAM F5D Rule change was proposed by John Barker.

The addition of discarded scores for 12 or more rounds flown as per F3D rules.

The winner of the event is the competitor who has accumulated the lowest score after the conclusion of all heats. If four or more rounds are flown, each competitor's worst score shall be discarded. If nine or more rounds are flown, each competitor's worst two scores shall be discarded. **If twelve or more rounds are flown, each competitor’s worst three scores shall be discarded.**

It was proposed by John Barker and seconded by Les Eagle

A vote was taken with 11 in favour 0 against 0 abstentions.

4) A proposal was made by John Barker and seconded by Les Eagle.

PROPOSAL:

Reassign the BMPRA’s DEAC Trophy so that it is awarded by the BMFA to the winner of the Q500 Pylon racing class at the British Nationals. (Currently the trophy is awarded to the winner of the Sport 40 class).

A vote was taken with 11 in favour 0 against 0 abstentions.

6. The Nationals

a) IMAC

Dave Lucas reported that IMAC had 17 entries and that the Entry class had been a success with a 14yr old winning. Dave Lucas would like to make an official complaint with regards Scale over flying the trade stands and over flying IMAC safety was felt to be an issue with reference to Scale.

It was suggested we try to have it put on the Agenda for Tech Council to discuss Scale over flying the trade stands.

IMAC reported no frequency issues.

b) Pylon

Geb Jones reported that all went well generally and the moving of the rope 50 Meters back for the spectators had been a positive move. There had been an issue with Club 2000 over the flying order and allocated slots. Jo Halman and Pete Christy were involved in the subsequent discussions over this, and Jo Halman, as BMFA Comp. Sec., took a decision that was accepted by both parties.

Paul Bardoe reported that the time slots for Pylon had been spot on and F5D had been very happy with the Nationals and the slot on show line had been well received and had gone well. Pylon reported no frequency issues.

c) Show Line

Steve Ogden Reported that the Windssock Trophy had been won by 12yr old Aaron Stevens flying a Helicopter and the Top Gun Trophy had been won by Ian Redshaw with a World War One Sopworth Pup.

Steve Ogden reported that Show Line had gone well although there had been a few problems with Aircraft.

Show Line reported no frequency issues.

d) Helicopter

Pete Christy reported that all had gone well with F3C and Sportsman's A & B. Sportsman's had attracted 9 entry's with new pilots flying the entry level A schedule. The BMFA do not recognize separate A & B schedules for Sportsman's, but the AHA had provided its own trophies for the "A" flyers to encourage them in the future.

F3C had 7 entries and had gone well with team members taking the top three places.

Scale had been over flying Helicopter but there had been no issues with the F3A Line

Helicopter reported no frequency issues.

e) F3A

Andy Prime reported F3A had gone very well with 22 entries although this was down on previous years he mentioned some of the pilots were competing in Italy at the same time as the Nationals. They had live commentary at the Nationals and promotional literature that seemed to work very well with spectator interaction. They had completed nine round in the three days.

Andy Prime also reported there had been very little over flying and also wanted it mentioned how nice it was to see Ken Binks former F3A Champion showing his support on the flight line.

F3A reported no frequency issues.

f) BMFA Stand

Keith Barker reported on the BMFA Stand expressing his disappointment with the support for the static display with only Helicopter supplying a model and information for display on the stand.

g) Concerns were raised about the briefing CDs received this year. It appeared some CDs had not been briefed at all, and may have been unaware of the correct procedures to follow in the event of an incident.

7. IMAC at the Nationals

Issues with regards IMAC at the Nationals were raised by Dave Lucas

a) Accesses for spectators was raised again. Dave Lucas obtained 240 signatures from people at the Nationals in support of more exposure for IMAC.

b) Dave Lucas raised the point for general discussion on how IMAC was meant to attract more members to IMAC with no Saturday or Sunday exposure to the public. By Monday, when IMAC finally gained access to the main runway, most people had either left the Nationals site or were packing up to go, including some of the trade stands.

c) Dave Lucas informed the committee he had spoken to Dave Phipps about controlled access and it was suggested that people wanting to visit IMAC could meet up and go over to IMAC “en block” and escorted over. Dave Lucas told the committee Dave Phipps thought this might be an option but the possibility of over flying the spectators would need to be addressed first.

d) Dave Lucas asked if he could put a request forward to Chris Bromley and Dave Phipps regarding access for spectators at the Nationals
The committee saw no issues with this but he was asked to keep the Secretary and Chairman informed of any progress.

e) Andy Prime made reference to emails that he and Dave Lucas had sent to Chris Bromley with regards moving the crossing point and manning the crossing to allow access for IMAC but nothing had materialised.

f) GBRACC and IMAC informed the committee that they were not happy to alternate flight lines at the Nationals.

g) Dave Lucas asked if it could be put on the Agenda for Tech Council and the secretary said he would have a word with Linda at the office to see if this could happen.

8. Team Travel Payments

a) John Barker (Treasurer)

Discussed with the committee the email vote that took place with regards the last agreement of team travel payments by the committee. John Barker confirmed the vote was in favour of payment to

- 1) F3A (going to Italy) 3 Pilots @ £300.00 per Pilot £900.00 total.
- 2) F3C (going to France) 3 Pilots @ £300.00 per Pilot £900.00 total.
- 3) F5D (going to Ukraine) 1 Pilot @ £450.00 per Pilot £450.00 total.

The Email Voting strength had been put as 13

The vote for F3A and F5D payments had been taken together and had produced the results of
8 In favour 0 Against and 5 No response

The Vote for the F5D payment was taken on its own and had produced the results of
8 In favour 2 Against 3 No response.

On these bases John Barker authorised the payments to the aforementioned teams. Leaving a balance of £12758.03 not including any interest the account had made.

b) John Barker said he had made the rise in team payment due to the rising cost of travel costs and estimates he had received from some of the teams.

e) Steve Ogden objected to the use of an email. John Barker stated that although this was not an ideal situation, the situation warranted it. This view had the support of the majority of the committee.

f) A general discussion took place about possible ways of running the fund in future and John Barker gave a very comprehensive account of how the fund was made up from percentage payments from the Nationals gate fees. Last year the gate had been very good and put another £4000.00 into the Team Travel Fund.

g) John Barker explained to the committee how a four year budget could be made to work using a starting figure of £8000.00 to be spent over a four year cycle although he did think this amount was on the conservative side. He explained if teams knew where they were going over the next four years and estimates could be got from the teams then a four year rolling budget could be put in place.

h) It was agreed by a majority of the committee that the capital held in the RCPTC Team Travel Fund should be reduced to better help the teams with the increase costs of travel.

i) It was suggested that the estimates for teams should be put forward to RCPTC by the January meeting each year.

j) John Barker proposed to the committee that the committee put aside a guaranteed minimum budget to be spent on team travel over four years of £10,000.00 to be reviewed every year. This was proposed by John Barker and seconded by Steve Ogden

A vote was taken with 11 In favour 0 Against 0 Abstentions

k) The Chairman passed on his thanks to John Barker (treasurer) from the members of RCPTC.

9. Alternative Delegates.

The committee were informed that a permanent alternative delegate was not an RCPTC decision as the Delegate was a director of the company and as such will be held responsible for the actions and votes of any alternative delegate appointed by the delegate. This concluded the matter.

10. Frequency of RCPTC meetings.

Steve Ogden put forward his opinion that the RCPTC meeting were not frequent enough and that he thought there should be more.

Dave Pacey pointed out that there was little point as quite often we at present were revisiting the same issues with no resolutions being found or the committees findings being over looked by other parts of the BMFA and that a lot of the people on the committee had better ways of spending their time like actually going flying. He also added that the extra costs to the BMFA would not be a benefit to the organisation and that the time could be better spent if matters that weren't strictly relevant were not brought to the meeting.

Some of these comments were echoed round the table.

The conclusion was to have no more meetings but see if better spacing of the meetings could be achieved.

11.A.O.B.

a).J.M.A Website

Steve Ogden raised the point that he had put an advert on the J.M.A website about an event and that it had been removed. David Tappin said he was aware of the situation and reminded Steve Ogden at the same time informing the committee that the Moderator of the website had already informed Steve Ogden how the posting contradicted the rules of the website. Members of the committee were left wondering why this was raised at RCPTC as this seemed to be beyond their jurisdiction. David Tappin said he would look into the issue again.

b) Steve Ogden raised the issue that he had done a write up to go in to this year's BMFA Nationals program about show line and had emailed it to Manny Williams but it had not appeared in the program. The general opinion of the committee was that this was not a matter for RCPTC but he should deal direct with Many Williams.

c) The names of the proposed International judges were read out

GBRCAA / F3A

Peter Cappleman 04379

David Scoles 55768

Robert Alles 12721

David Tappin 43764

A vote of approval was made proposed by Andy prime and seconded by Pete Christy

A vote was taken with 9 In favour 0 Against 2 Abstentions

F3C

Bruce Naylor S050887.

A vote of approval was made proposed by Pete Christy and seconded by Dave Pacey.

A vote was taken with 9 In favour 0 Against 2 Abstentions

CIAM Reps for the specialist body's on RCPTC

F3A John Mee 72383

F3C John Beynon 120098

F3D Geb Jones 85217

d) Pete Christy reported how the F3C team had got on in their European championships in France, mentioning there had been some judging issues at the competition involving the French judge. This had been drawn to the attention of the Jury by several teams. The event had otherwise gone well with the British team coming third place.

e) Les Eagle raised the issues he had regards the B certificate and would like confirmation one way or the other to its meaning. If it is only a personal achievement, and not a competence certificate, he wondered how this would impact on any insurance claim. His thoughts were that it could safeguard CD's at events if it was reworded in the BMFA manual to indicate that it should be considered a certificate of competence.

No conclusion was drawn from this discussion.

f) A brief discussion was held about a situation which had happened at the Nationals involving show line but with little information to hand, it was held over to be discussed when more information was available.

g) John Barker announced to the committee that he did not intend to continue as Treasurer and also would not be carrying on as the BMPRA Rep. Geb Jones would be taking over from him as the BMPRA Rep. The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Committee for the excellent job John had done as Treasurer, and wished him well for the future.

12. To set a date for the next meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 29th November 2008 at BMFA Headquarters Leicester at 11.00am

The Meeting was closed at 4.15pm