

## SFTC Meeting to discuss Rule Changes to F3J & F3K Leagues - Sat 16 Jan 2010

**Members Present:-** Clive Needham; Mike Proctor; Chris Moynihan; Bill Haley; Stephen Mettam  
Jon Edison; Chas Dunster; **Attending:-** Jo Halman (BMFA Comp Sec) Robin Sleight & Peter Allen (BARCS)

1. **APOLOGIES** - None
2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – Approved with the change on item 9 to - **F5B** – and substitute **Alan Flockhart** for ~~Mark Haigh~~ Mins then Approved unan. Prop CM, Sec BH
3. **MATTERS ARISING** (from item 10 prev mins)
  - A) **Team Managers Appointments:-**  
One application for each post had been received and notified by email to members who had all agreed that their nominations should go forward for Approval at Council. These were:-  
Mark Haigh F5B Muncie USA & Nick Kidd F3J Jura France
  - B) **F3K** were not interested in flying at FF Nats as had been reported to the last meeting and were only interested in flying at the SF Nats field. This would affect the provisional Nats schedule.
  - C) **Training and Excellence Budget** – New guidelines have been issued/circulated.
4. **F3K LEAGUE rules.** Final amendments had been circulated and were Approved AIF (JH confirmed that a 1<sup>st</sup> F3K W Ch was scheduled for 2011 in Sweden) \*\*
5. **F3J Competition RULES** Most of the proposed amendments had been covered in the previous SFTC meeting but some discussion on location of certain rules produced the following:-  
5651 move to General Rules 3.1. 5.6.1.1.b to UK Variations P54(?) \*\*  
*Team Selection F3J events should be noted as such in the BMFA Comp Calendar*
6. **NATIONALS SCHEDULE** With the re-introduction of F3K, (1 Day) the previous Nats proposal required some reworking. This provoked much discussion on event timings, 2010 had seen a numbers increase and a change to the “1 day per event” ideal was seen by some as retrograde. Previously F3J had been granted 2 days only because of the lack of F3K & F5B. However, a motion was prop CM, sec CD and passed 4:3 “That F3J have 2 days at Nats 2010” MP was keen to have Open eSoaring on Saturday, giving Friday pm as training time for visitors. The following was the new Provisional schedule for consideration.

SAT	SUN	MON
F3B & eSoaring	F3J & F3K(2.4gHz)	F3J & 100S/2M eS

MP would review entries at Nats 2010 in the light of these changes, for discussion afterwards. Venues – Digby has yet to be visited by CM and Dave Phipps to see if it might be suitable. Spitalgate – has been applied for. The final schedule needs to be decided at March SFTC
7. **F3J LEAGUE PROPOSAL** Following the last SFTC, a modified proposal was produced by Peter Allen, (who is the League Coordinator elect) for BARCS and they presented it to the meeting for approval. Several contentious points were discussed at some length and members were grateful for the comments from Jo Halman. As time for the completion and the submission of the final League document to the Tech Sec for Rule Book publication was close, it was agreed during discussion that MP and RS would liaise on the final text and Rule Book modifications. It would be completed after the BARCS meeting of the following Saturday. These would be circulated and submitted asap. **Therefore, that final document should be read in conjunction with these Minutes to provide the definitive record.**  
These Minutes record only the main agreed points and any voting results. (Some more rules may need to be adjusted consequentially after this meeting – MP & RS)  
\* The proposal to adjust final results based on the numbers entering was withdrawn.

- \* Only one selection event per weekend would occur, during the period April to October.
- \* Any amount of other events could be run.
- \* 7 events would be flown, being geographically arranged to give UK wide cover from North-South
- \* 3 multi-(2)day events would be flown most likely in the South, the remaining 4 further North.
- \* For Team Selection where more than 5 events are flown 4 will count (vote 5 For : 2Ag)
- \* For Team Selection where more than 4 events are flown 1 score must be from a multi-day event.
- \* Fly-off bonus points for top 5 were slightly reduced.
- \* Abandoned events to be re-flown one of 2 advertised reserve dates, not by competitor voting.
- \* Location of re-flown events to be as near as possible to the original.

On the basis of these agreed points being incorporated in the F3J 2010 League, the SFTC vested the organisation in BARCS as the Specialist Body.

## **8. A.O.B.**

### **A) SF Achievement Scheme.**

CM reported that a co-ordinator was needed for the SF AS and that a member of the SFTC might be a good appointment. As a result of a short discussion CM was proved right, when he said he would be prepared to look at the post with a view to doing it!

### **B) F5F**

JE reported that, amazingly, the formula for calculating an F5F competitor's race score was wrong in the FAI Rules and had presumably been so for many years! JH confirmed that she too had realised this and the formula was in the process of being corrected at CIAM.

**NEXT MEETING (IF REQUIRED) SAT 20 MAR.**

**NB TECH COUNCIL 13 MAR**