

## **BMFA Free Flight Tech Committee News. Issue 104**

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The FFTC held an internet virtual Zoom meeting from their homes on 13 May 2020. It worked well. A screen shot of the participants is below.



## **CORONAVIRUS – COVID -19**

The Government lockdown is still in place with some restrictions in England being lifted. We can now travel in England and fly our models as exercise as long as we have a field to do it on, and we comply with social distancing rules. Unfortunately, not many of us have a field available, good luck to those that do. All of the MOD sites remain absolutely out of bounds until further notice. There is to be a government review at the end of June and we have scheduled another virtual meeting to see what the impact of any changes will be for us. If you live in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland we recommend you follow the guidelines set out by the relevant Regional Governments. We will issue an update shortly after the end of June review and inform you of any changes.

## **2020 CONTEST CALENDAR**

With so much uncertainty there is no point in updating the Contest Calendar published in the last Newsletter at this stage. All contests have been cancelled up until July 1<sup>st</sup> at the earliest. When contests are eventually permitted again the calendar will pick up from that point as previously published. All missed events will be cancelled for this year. As previously notified, the Plugge and Senior Championships will not be awarded for 2020.

## **TEAM SELECTION TRIALS – F1ABC**

Due to the uncertainty of when the team selection for 2021 will take place the FFTC have decided that pre entry will not be required. If you have already entered that is fine. When we have a certainty of a date for the selection meeting we will advise. Please keep watching and be aware of the situation. The dates have been published in the earlier mail, repeated below.

We have the team selection reserve date on 11/12th July. We will leave this in place although it is highly doubtful that it will be able to proceed. Failing this, we have a fall back date at the East Anglian Gala on 1/2nd August. If this too falls than we will postpone the team selection for 2021 until the Spring of 2021.

## **2020 FREE FLIGHT NATIONALS**

Sadly, the Nationals was cancelled due to the Covid19 lockdown. Hopefully we will be back to business as usual in 2021.

## **RULE CHANGES FOR 2021**

The FFTC do not have any proposed rule changes for 2021. If you have any proposal changes that you would like to be considered please send details to Stephen Philpott by the end of August 2020.

## **FFTC VACANCIES FOR 2021**

Three members of the current committee will have completed their two year terms at the end of this year and so there will be three vacancies to be filled. Nomination forms will be sent to club secretaries and Fellows in the next few weeks. Nomination forms can be submitted by a club, signed by a club official, or Fellows. The forms will contain the full details including the deadline time and date for receipt of nominations in the BMFA office.