



The British Flyball Association

Notes of Committee Meeting No 11 held at Southmoor Village Hall on Saturday 18th March 2000 10.30am to 6.00pm

Present: Roy Hiscock, Alison Booth, Chris Fulford, Andy Bawden, Peter Roberts, Robert Henshall, Doreen Smith.

Non-voting members present by invitation: Graham Nye, Sam Bawden (part time only)

Apologies: Martin Dickenson

1. PETERSFIELD SHOW

The Secretary read out letters from Gwain Theobald and Penny Charlton stating their dissatisfaction at the de-sanctioning of the above show. The Committee again discussed the matter but concluded that the action taken had been justified. There could be no doubt that the organiser (who had been present at the EGM) had known about the rule changes and in any case they had been received in advance of the date of the first show in the series. In any event there had been several discrepancies, some of which were against rules which had been standing for some considerable time and would have applied regardless of whether the new rules were being adhered to or not.

It was agreed that the Committee's clear duty was to ensure that the organisers of Sanctioned Shows follow the current BFA rules and policies.

The secretary was instructed to reply to Gwain and Penny as soon as possible.

The Show Secretary agreed to advise all show organisers/host teams of BFA sanctioned events that they must comply with the rules and policies current at the close of entry for the show.

2. MDS SHOWS

Following the appeal from the Committee MDS had now found host teams for three of the shows applied for. These were:

- Thame – Bristol Ballistics
- Nostell – Wakefield Tykes
- Charlton Park – Basset Allsorts

Despite having received offers of support for the remaining two shows MDS had, as was their prerogative, decided to run these as fun shows.

3. TEAMS VISITING FROM OVERSEAS

It was agreed that with the lifting of quarantine the BFA should do its utmost to make overseas teams welcome. A proposal should therefore be put forward for discussion at the AGM.



4. SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDENCE

4.1. Letter from Modern Dog Sports – 6 March 2000

This was read out to the Committee and it was agreed that the Secretary should reply acknowledging receipt and advising that the contents had been noted. The content of the letter referred to ownership of certain fun events put on by MDS.

4.2. Letter from Alison Sharpe –

The contents of this letter were noted and the Secretary was requested to reply as soon as possible.

5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A draft agenda was tabled and discussed at length. Following the discussion it was agreed that the amended agenda should be circulated to committee members for final approval then forwarded to team captains and area reps for distribution to members as appropriate. A copy would also be posted to the web.

6. AWARDS

The Awards Secretary gave a full status report and the following points are worthy of note:

- a. Several awards had still not been returned, i.e.
English Springer Spaniel (held by Debbie Bouckley)
Flyball Bitch (held by Shirley Paine)
Best Cross Breed (held by Gwain Theobald)
Best Lakeland Terrier (held by Gwain Theobald)
Team Award and Special awards are still missing.

It was agreed that the Awards Secretary would again contact all the above members and request that the awards are return as soon as possible as they would be required for the AGM.

- b. Two new special gold awards had been purchased for Shirley Paine and Andrew Payne as promised but not actioned by the 1999 Committee
- c. Two new breed specific awards, BFA keyrings, special awards and medals etc. had also been purchased and would be available for presentation at the AGM.

The Chairman thanked the Awards Secretary for all her hard work.

7. JACK RUSSELL TERRIER/PARSONS RUSSELL TERRIER

Following a request for clarification from the Stats Officer the Committee had investigated the existence of the above breed. A specification for the Jack Russell Terrier was tabled and it was noted that there are several studbooks being run on the breed. It was therefore agreed that under current rules and policies the Jack Russell Terrier could be allowed to run as a separate breed and any records that listed them differently should be amended.

It was agreed that the Secretary would advise the Stats Officer accordingly.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Treasurer outlined our financial status and it was noted that this continued to be healthy. He tabled his audited figures for presentation at the AGM together with the accounts so far for the Year 2000 and outlined his reasoning for requesting a slight increase in membership fees.



9. BFA SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP

Although the Committee had previously felt it would be appropriate for this to be held at a one-day event in the Midlands, due to the healthy state of the Show Event Diary it was agreed that the Championship should be run over three events. The Show Secretary agreed to consider the best format for the Event and submit to the Committee for approval.

It was agreed that one heat would be held in the North, one in the Midlands and one in the South to ensure that all members would have equal opportunity to enter. Details of the dates would be published on the web as soon as the dates/venues had been set.

It was also agreed that the Awards Secretary would be asked to investigate additional trophies for the event.

10. FLYBALL EDITOR

Jean Meakin had kindly stepped forward and offered her services for this position and it was agreed that the Secretary would write an official letter of thanks and appointment. A target date for the next issue would be as soon as possible after the AGM.

It was noted that during this Committee's term 6 publications had been issued – 3 Flyball Records and 3 Flyball Newsletters.

11. STATS OFFICER

Doreen Smith proposed and Peter Roberts seconded a motion that Maureen Hiscock be appointed Stats Officer. This was carried unanimously and the Secretary agreed to write a letter of thanks and appointment.



12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 12.1. A note from the Membership Secretary was tabled advising that one member, who had not renewed in the first quarter of last year had now sent in his membership. If the rules were strictly adhered to the fee now sent in should be backdated to cover the previous period. However it was noted that the reason for non-renewal was the loss of his only flyball dog following which he had not been sure whether he would continue. However during the period he had spent a great deal of time promoting flyball in his area and helping his local team with training. It was therefore agreed that on this occasion his renewal fee should count from the date he paid as opposed to being backdated to when his renewal was due.
- 12.2. It was noted that one team which had run at Newark had not been awarded any points due to a delay in the registration of one of the dogs taking part. This delay had been caused by the use of an old form that had the old PO box address on it. It was agreed that the Stats Officer should be asked to allocate points to the dogs that ran but, if possible, not alter the calculations for the actual 1999 Flyball Team awards.
- 12.3. Height Cards – It was noted that the first properly completed forms should be ready at Market Harborough. The show organiser would therefore be advised of the procedure and the Treasurer agreed to obtain the cards as soon as possible ready for issue.
- 12.4. Secretary's Amendments – it was noted that the EGM minutes required a list of attendees attaching and the minutes for Broadlands needed to be issued on official BFA paper. The Secretary agreed to attend to these matters as soon as possible.
- 12.5. Head Judges – Applications had been received from three prospective head judges. The Committee accepted these and the Secretary agreed to write to confirm. These are Howard Campbell, Lorraine Fulford and Doreen Smith.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.05pm.