



**British Flyball Association  
Committee Meeting  
31 October 2015  
Hotel Ibis, Coventry South**

**Minutes**

Present :- Sharon Allcorn, Andrew Short, Ray Lewis, Val Currie, Darryl Ogden, Jenni Wallice, Tony James, Tony Cain, Dan Culley.

No Apologies

**Opening by the Chair**

Thanked everyone for attending and for the hard work put in at the Champs.  
Minutes of the last meeting were accepted

**Treasurer/ HMRC**

Bank balance averaging £53,000 over the 12 month period.

Draft of letter to HMRC requesting VAT exemption and to be recognized as a sport circulated to Committee for comment and opinions. Criteria set out on HMRC website along with other recognized sports

Add more of the skills of the handler re the change overs and training of the dogs.

More detail to be put in the letter to HMRC and the work to be continued.

Income from the Champs :- £43,460

Outgoings from the Champs:- £45,909

**Chair's Correspondence**

Enquiry regarding height re-measure passed on to Height Card co-ordinator.

Enquiry inter team poaching and would the Committee step in to prevent it.

Committee concluded it is a inter team politics and is not for the Committee to be involved.

**Secretary Correspondence**

1 Information and advice from the Information Commission.

2 Advice notice from Fife Council regarding fly posting. Tournament Organiser to be contacted.

3 Company promoting a Dog magazine offering advertising.

## **Champs 2015**

Issue with caterers caused they believed they had exclusivity, which was never offered and they pulled out. Scoff to be contacted and invited to provide catering but a 3100 deposit to be taken from caterers.

Trade stands. There was no comprehensive list of all traders. Next year trade stand will be given size of plot including camping.

With the problems finding a photographer: does the Champs need a photographer?

Ask DF if worthwhile.

Enquiry from Company selling Joint and Dental products to be confirmed.

A Champs email address to be set up.

Committee to propose Champs only Rules at next AGM

e.g. Teams causing problems ( fighting etc) refused entry to future Champs.

No declared times

Entered teams must have a seed time

Must have raced a number of times between January and schedule release

Seed time take as defined on the schedule

Discussed; dogs to be declared one month prior to the Champs.

Visit to Catton Hall:- Same camping field with extra field as option

Sound Towers can't be used.

New WIFI system would be available

No speakers on start finish line

Flyball geek to be used

## **Rockingham Castle**

Ideal venue but cost too much possible venue for the future.

Discussed raising entry fee to £50 and £35 camping

Format to remain the same; top 18 teams on speed trials and double elimination.

## **Indoor Championships**

Letter received from Extreme Racers, High Flyers, Tails We Win and Wow requesting the BFA promote an Indoor Championship. Discussion followed suggesting Committee to host and fund. Team/s to help provide equipment and with running orders etc. Dates needed and Ray to reply to the letter.

### **Electronic Judging System**

Andrew Short having issues altering information on diary

David Nurse to be custodian in Scotland

Czech lights on order and should arrive early next year.

Charges for EJS

up to 24 teams £50 for the weekend

up to 36 teams £75 for weekend

over 36 teams £100 for weekend

New System Approval

Check list and manufacturer to provide proof of accuracy.

Ray to produce a sticker for approved EJS

Custodians

Darryl Ogden

Tony James

Andrew Short

Dave Long

David Nurse

### **Judges Board**

Need to keep Committee up to date.

JB received 2 complaints of Judging Standards

Most of the work approving Log Books

Minimum age of judge (14) maybe to low will be brought up at seminar.

### **Website Working Party**

Reece needs site testing but get no response from WWP. WWP to be dismissed and Dan to take on testing.

**Regional Reps** have produced a report that recommends some changes needed to the areas that the RR cover. Not clear which RR covers which area.

### **Height Card Co-ordinator**

Height Cards up to date

Master no longer needed to be printed

HCC has noticed that some older dogs are not getting their final measure but still running and could be running under height.

**Media Officer.** The person offered the job never replied to Ray  
Meeting Ends