

Committee Meeting No Broadlands

Saturday 29th May 1999 – started 1.30pm

1. APOLOGIES

Fiona Middleton, Peter Roberts

2. CO-OPTED COMMITTEE MEMBER

The Chairman formally welcomed Martin Dickenson onto the Committee.

3. POSITIONING OF RINGS AT BROADLANDS SHOW

Following considerable discussion and direct input from Anton Wittwer who was called into the meeting it was noted that the 'dog rings' had been positioned to utilise the best ground allocated to that part of the show by the Show Organisers, Living Heritage. The most level, and therefore the safest, ground had been chosen for the flyball ring. Living Heritage (as Show Organisers) dictate where the various parts of their show will be. When Modern Dog Sports arrived on site the Marquee had already been erected. An attempt had been made to persuade some of the dog orientated vendors to move their pitch to create a natural barrier but no one had been willing to move their pitch.

The Chairman proposed a motion that this event should be desanctioned due to the close proximity of the flyball rings to the other dog rings. This motion was not seconded and therefore not passed.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Secretary agreed to amend the minutes of the previous meeting to show the new rule which had been introduced.

5. DISTRIBUTION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

It was noted that The Chairman had already forwarded by email copies of all agreed minutes of previous minutes. However the last two sets of minutes required slight modifications which the Secretary agreed to carry out and pass the minutes to the Chairman for final checking and forwarding to the webmaster.

6. CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE

6.1. Kevin McNicolas – Uphill Down Hill Racing

The Committee agreed that the proposed reply read out by the Chairman should be forwarded to Kevin.

6.2. Kevin McNicholas – EMail

The Committee agreed that the proposed reply read out by the Chairman should be forwarded to Kevin. If no reply was received within 7 days then the Chairman would forward a second letter.

6.3. Carol Plumbley

The Chairman read out Carol's official letter of resignation. The Committee again expressed its regret at losing her services but fully understood that her personal health must come first. The Chairman's reply to this letter was given the go ahead.

6.4. Betty Owen

The Committee agreed that the Chairman's reply to Betty's official letter of resignation should be forwarded as written.

7. SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP

The Committee decided due to a number of factors this event would regrettably have to be cancelled and no Summer Championship would be held in 1999. Plans should however start as soon as possible to ensure this does not happen again next year.

8. DISPUTE BETWEEN JETS AND TORNADOES

It was noted that Modern Dog Sports had stated they could no longer allow the Tornadoes to enter their competitions following unfounded allegations made following Knebworth Show which have not yet been retracted. It was agreed that the rights and wrongs of this matter needed to be considered by the full Committee and it was therefore delayed until the next meeting.

9. SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDENCE

Kathy ??? re removal of her name from BFA Email List

The Chairman advised that he had already been in touch with the Webmaster requesting that Kathy be reinstated as soon as possible. It was noted that all Kathy had been trying to do was check who on the list would be happy to receive emails from her. The Secretary agreed to reply advising that her best way forward to ensure no further problems occurred would be to create her own list. To do this she should write to each individual person (i.e. one at a time – not en masse) asking them to confirm that they would be happy to be on her list. Naturally she was at liberty to also collect email addresses from any of her friends that she met at flyball shows, training, etc.

10. NEWSLETTER

This would be circulated to all those members present at the Show and also be put on the web.

11. COMMITTEE QUESTION TIME

Arrangements had been made for members of the Committee to be present at the end of Sunday's racing to directly answer any questions the members might have.

12. DISCIPLINARY SUBCOMMITTEE

It was agreed that Andy Bawden and Robert Henshall should formulate a Disciplinary Procedure Summary and submit it for discussion at the next Committee meeting.

13. SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE

It was agreed that Robert Henshall should be appointed Chairman of this subcommittee.

14. ANNUAL AWARDS

It was agreed that Martin Dickenson should review the annual awards and report back to the Committee.

15. NEW RULE

It was proposed that effective immediately item 4.1(a) of the previous minutes should now be adopted as a Rule (Rule 4.1(j)). Proposer Roy, Seconder Andy, Vote unanimous.

16. RULES

A considerable amount of time was spent discussing the BFA Rules and what amendments it might be appropriate to put forward to the membership at the forthcoming EGM. These amendments will be listed in a separate document and circulated to members when the Committee has had ample opportunity to check them through.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be arranged at a later date. The meeting ended at 6.30pm

Notes of meeting prepared by Doreen Smith