



## **The British Flyball Association**

### **Notes of Committee Meeting No 9 held at Doreen Smith's house in Stockport on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2000 10.00am to 4.50pm**

Present:: Roy Hiscock, Alison Booth, Chris Fulford, Robert Henshall, Doreen Smith

Apologies: Andy Bawden, Martin Dickenson, Peter Roberts

#### **1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS**

The Secretary advised that she had not had chance to prepare the notes of Meeting No 8 held at Blake Hall in October. These would be available soon.

The Chairman read out the notes of Meeting No 7 and the Committee agreed they were a true record of the meeting. The following points were noted:

- 1.1. Graham Nye had advised that he would prefer to remain as a non voting assistant to the Committee rather than joining as a member.
- 1.2. The Secretary had some outstanding correspondence which would be dealt with on an urgent basis.
- 1.3. Gold & Silver Awards – Nigel Bouckley had kindly provided good quality silver/gold embossed certificates and it was felt that in future it would not be necessary to award shields as well.

#### **2. RE-ELECTION OF COMMITTEE**

The following members had agreed to stay on the Committee:

Roy Hiscock  
Chris Fulford  
Robert Henshall  
Andy Bawden

The following members agreed to stand for re-election:

Alison Booth  
Doreen Smith

The following members were not present and the Chairman advised the following was his understanding of their status but he would check and confirm:

Peter Roberts (would re-stand)  
Martin ..... (would re-stand)



### **3. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- 3.1. Proposed Date – it was agreed that the date should be either the 9<sup>th</sup> or the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2000 with the 16<sup>th</sup> being the preferred date.
- 3.2. Venue – It was agreed that the Saab Centre was the best option and the Chairman rang Peter Roberts who agreed to check whether this would be available on either of the two proposed dates.
- 3.3. It was agreed that the Committee should accept Graham Nye's offer to process all the paperwork for the AGM
- 3.4. The Chairman agreed to check with Nigel Bouckley whether he could again put on the Website a special form for Members to advise any proposals they wished to put forward for the AGM.
- 3.5. The AGM notices would go out either as part of or as a separate sheet with the next Newsletter.

### **4. AWARDS**

- 4.1. The Chairman advised that the Webmaster had not yet provided sufficient details for all the awards calculations to be undertaken, most specifically without additional data from Nigel it would be impossible to determine who had won the Team of the Year award. It was agreed that the Chairman should ask Nigel when he would be able to provide the missing details.
- 4.2. It was agreed that the Awards Secretary should be asked to continue her enquiries and make a recommendation to the Committee as to which company we should use to provide additional trophies, etc. as required.

### **5. JACK RUSSELL TERRIERS**

It was noted that the British Kennel Club does not recognise Jack Russells as a separate breed. They only recognised the Parsons Russell Terrier, which is some what different in conformation.

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It was therefore agreed that the Secretary and Alison Booth would make further enquiries to check whether Stud Books are being run by organisations within the UK or Europe. It was noted that one Flyball Jack Russell has been registered as such with the Jersey KC, that there is a Jack Russell Club of Great Britain and that English Jack Russells were shown recently at a breed show on the Continent.

Until these enquiries are made no action can be taken and the matter was therefore deferred until the next committee meeting.

### **6. NEWSLETTER**

The Chairman tabled the next Newsletter which was approved by the Committee.

### **7. FLYBALL RECORD**

It was noted that Steph Banyard had been forced to resign due to a change in personal circumstances.

It was agreed that an 'position vacant' notice should be inserted in the next Newsletter in a prominent position. If this brought insufficient response it should be added to the AGM agenda and the matter/possible solutions put to the membership.



## **8. WINTER LEAGUE**

Following considerable discussion it was agreed that there was insufficient time to use either one (or both) of the currently booked series of events for this purpose.

## **9. SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP**

It was agreed that a one off weekend event would be most appropriate. The Chairman agreed to check with Peter Roberts whether this could be held at Daventry.

This could provide an ideal opportunity for the BFA to bring together at one event the largest possible number of members and hopefully to include a social evening to promote a Club atmosphere within the membership as a whole.

## **10. REPORTS**

### **10.1. Reps Coordinator**

Peter Roberts had advised that:

- a. He had still not found a suitable representative for Scotland. He would continue to act in this capacity himself until someone suitable is found.
- b. The position of representative for SE England was still vacant. The Chairman advised that he felt sure Gwain would be willing to step into the breach, even if only on a temporary basis.

### **10.2. Treasurer**

The Committee accepted the Treasurer's recommended format for this financial year's report and accounts which would be ready for issue at the AGM.

It was noted that the report to date showed that less money had been spent in this financial year and indeed we would probably be able to report a small surplus rather than the deficit of the previous financial year.

### **10.3. Membership Secretary**

A request was tabled from the Membership Secretary that we should work towards:

- a. A return to a single date for membership renewals
- b. New members joining during a membership year should only be charged on a pro rata basis – i.e. a new member would only pay for those months left before the overall membership renewal date
- c. Existing members who fail to pay their fees within one month of the renewal date should be charged a 'rejoining' fee.

It was agreed that this matter should be put before the membership at the AGM for implementation in 2001.

## **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 11.1. Height Cards – It was agreed that these should be of a similar design to the existing membership cards and Robert Henshall agreed to investigate the design and supply of suitable cards.

It was agreed that the procedure for issuing cards would be:



- d. A member can apply to the Secretary for a height card once the dog has been measured three times with two head judges present.
- e. Such application should be in writing to the Secretary, stating at which events the measurements were taken, by which judges and enclosing a stamped addressed envelope for the return of the card
- f. When an application is received the Secretary will check with the Webmaster to confirm that the details of the application are correct

The Chairman agreed to raise a suitable form for members to use and also to check with the Webmaster that he would be able to provide confirmation of details as required.

11.2. Head Judges – It was agreed that the procedure for appointing Head Judges would be:

- g. Anyone wishing to be appointed as Head Judge should apply in writing to the Secretary advising their previous experience, i.e. at what shows they had judged, attendance at Judging Seminar, length of time racing with the BFA, etc.
- h. The Secretary would confirm receipt of application and if possible advise date of next Committee meeting when the application would be considered.
- i. The Committee would consider each application on merit at the next available meeting
- j. The Secretary would as soon as possible thereafter advise to the application the Committee's decision in writing.

## **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting should take place at Southmoor on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2000 provided the venue is available.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.50pm.