

The British Flyball Association



Minutes of Committee Meeting No 2-2001/2002

Held on Saturday 27th October 2001 at The Quays, Billing Aquadrome Approach

Present: Roy Hiscock, Alison Booth, Betty Potts, Robert Henshall, Doreen Smith, Vanessa Haith and Graham Nye.

Apologies for Absence: Andy Bawden and Peter Roberts.

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

These had been circulated by the Acting Secretary and were agreed to be a true record of the proceedings.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman - Roy Hiscock	Proposed by: Graham Nye	Seconded by: Doreen Smith
Secretary - Graham Nye	Proposed by: Roy Hiscock	Seconded by: Vanessa Haith
Treasurer - Robert Henshall	Proposed by: Alison Booth	Seconded by: Betty Potts

3. ALLOCATION OF COMMITTEE DUTIES (All unanimously agreed)

Membership Secretary - Graham Nye

Show Secretary - Alison Booth

Regional Representatives Co-ordinator - Vanessa Haith

Training and Education Officer - Peter Roberts

Vice Chairman - Vanessa Haith

Disciplinary Sub Committee - To continue to comprise Andy Bawden, Robert Henshall and Betty Potts.

Safety Sub Committee - To continue to comprise Andy Bawden, Peter Roberts and Doreen Smith.

4. CONFIRMATION OF NON-COMMITTEE DUTIES

The following had agreed to continue in their current roles:

Webmaster - Nigel Bouckley

Records and Statistics Co-ordinator - Maureen Hiscock

Flyball Record Editor - Jean Meeking

Awards Secretary - Sam Bawden

5. MATTERS ARISING

Reports on progress as follows:

- a. Regional Representatives Co-ordinator - As a result of the transfer of responsibility from Doreen Smith to Vanessa Haith, it was agreed that the latter would carry out a review of the Regional Representatives current role. This review would include contact with all Team Captains to enquire whether they are willing to train/take in new members.

b. Training and Education –

- i. Getting Started Package - As this document might change due to the intended introduction of a 'First Contact' Leaflet comments on this latter document to be given to Roy Hiscock, so that it can be agreed before the 'Getting Started Package' is finalised.
- ii. Video and Training Aids - There had been no progress on this project due to lack of time and it was therefore agreed it be put on the back burner for now. It was considered that viewing an actual Tournament would be more educational.
- iii. Measuring Hoops - Five sets in existence are held by Roy Hiscock, Peter Roberts, Doreen Smith and Anton Wittwer. In addition, Betty Potts had purchased her own. A set would thus be readily available at every Tournament. Some lack a 14" Hoop and this would be rectified. More Hoops were required and Betty Potts agreed to obtain a quote.
- iv. Judges Seminars - The Nuneaton Seminar had run well, but had lacked an outdoor facility for the practical element. It was agreed that Judges Seminars should be separated from Tournament Organisation events in future. Queries had been raised concerning the need for more information on:
 - a. Where to obtain Boxes and Jumps.
 - b. A template for Jumps.
 - c. A need to help new Teams.
 - d. More guidance on paperwork.

It was intended to run a Judges Seminar at Buriton on 3rd or 23rd February 2002 and another in the North in the autumn of 2002.

c. Show Secretary -

- i. Due to lack of a printing facility Alison Booth was unable to table a revised version of the 'Rules' (Information Pack) for Tournament Organisers. It was agreed that she would produce a draft of the final version and circulate a copy to each Committee member as soon as possible for approval.
- ii. More Tournament Schedules need to be added to the Website with Location Maps if possible.
- iii. An improved Judges Report Form was approved and would be included in the 'Information Pack'.
- iv. Sanctioned Tournaments were noted:

January 19 th /20 th	Market Harborough	Pods	Teams may compete on one day only.
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March 23 rd /24 th	Market Harborough	Pods	Teams may compete on one day only.
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Provisional Tournament dates were also noted:

30 th /31 st March & 1 st April	Carlton Towers	Yorkshire Bouncers.
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4 th /5 th & 6 th May	Eggborough	Yorkshire Bouncers
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1 st /2 nd & 3 rd June	Sharnford	Nuneaton Flyers
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6 th /7 th July	Askam Bryan	Wakefield Tykes
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10 th /11 th August	Sharnford	Nuneaton Flyers
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d. Secretary's Correspondence -

- i. Letters had been received from Gwain Theobald (addressed to the Committee) and Anton Wittwer (addressed to the Chairman); both on the subject of short notification of the Seminar at Nuneaton and each had been sent a suitable reply.
- ii. Linda Chapman had written with regard to the non-release of her daughter's dog by her previous Team. After discussion it was decided that it was a matter for solution between the involved parties and the Secretary would reply accordingly.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

Robert Henshall presented financial data for the Committee's consideration.

- a. The financial position remains healthy. Details are available to current BFA members on request.
- b. Interest Rates on a separate Account, into which monies could be transferred to build a Reserve fund, were still under review.
- c. Annual Membership Fees for the year commencing 1st April 2002 were confirmed in accordance with the Business Plan outlined and approved at the AGM as follows (the current Joint and Family categories to be merged):

Single - £12.00 Joint - £18.00

Primary Teams wishing to retain their place on the 'List of Teams to automatically receive Tournament Schedules from 1st April will need to pay a fee of £2.00.

7. DRAFT AGM 2001 MINUTES

These were accepted by the Committee and a copy would be sent out to all Team Captains with the new Rules and Policies and posted to the Website. They would be presented to the assembled Members at the 2002 AGM for final approval.

8. DRAFT RULES & POLICIES POST 2001 AGM

These were reviewed and approved.

Issue date was set at 16th November 2001 (or before) with an operative date of 1st December 2001.

9. HEIGHT CARDS

It was agreed that **Rule 5.7 (d)** would be amended to remove the two references to the word 'Final' preceding 'Height Card' and 'Jump Height Cards'. The new Rules & Policies to be amended accordingly.

Arrangements would be made to present details of all issued Height Cards on the Website.

10. DECLARED TIMES

It was agreed that the final sentence of **Rule 4.5 Seeding** (prior to the 'NOTE') should read:

'A declared time, to be used as the seeding time, may be submitted by the Team Captain at least 10 days prior to the Tournament, to be accompanied by a written justification for the change which may be referred to the Committee'.

The new Rules & Policies to be amended accordingly.

11. QUARTERLY STATISTICS REPORTS

Apologies were received from the Records and Statistics Co-ordinator and accepted for the late production of Team's Quarterly Reports due to her very hectic schedule of attending Tournaments and processing the results.

12. FLYBALL RECORD

The November Issue was available from to-day. Another first-class job by Jean Meeking.

13. SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIPS – 2001/2002

The engraving having been organised by Sam Bawden, the majority of Trophies were given out at the Meeting.

It was agreed that in future years this engraving would be timed a month or so in advance of the next years' presentation so that Teams could leave the final Tournament with their Trophy. The Pods kindly offered for the Barkshire Bandits to retain the 1st Division Trophy they had shared until it was recalled for re-presentation in 2002 (although they would like to borrow it at some point for a photograph or two).

The 2002 Championship was discussed and it was agreed that the Rules would remain the same. The number of Tournaments and their Venues would be organised and considered at the next Meeting in March 2002.

14. WEBSITE

It was agreed that the Secretary would collate a list of amendments to the Website and liaise with Nigel Bouckley to progress their implementation.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A suggestion from Andrew Payne concerning the provision of a fleece embroidered with Blue's Awards was declined.

It was agreed that Tournament Results returns should require payment of the £2.00 Race Registration Fee for all BFA Registered Teams including those that had run NFC.

For the record, since the AGM it had been agreed that an additional BFA Title be introduced called the 'Platinum Milestone certificate' for dogs receiving 25,000 Flyball points. This would be included in the new Rules and Policies document. The form of future 'Ice Blue Moon' awards had also been approved.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting on Sunday 10th March 2002

The 2002 AGM was scheduled for Sunday 7th April 2002.

Member's notification of the AGM targeted for 20th February (or earlier), with a closing date for Agenda items of 7th March.

Venues for both dates to be decided.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 16.00hrs.