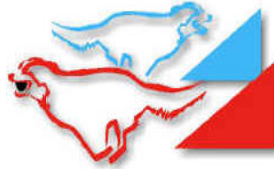


# **The British Flyball Association**



## **Minutes of Committee Meeting No 1-2001/2002**

**Held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2001 at Cogenhoe & Whiston Village Hall**

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

**Apologies for Absence:** Peter Roberts.

The Chairman welcomed Vanessa Haith onto the Committee and it was recorded that Chris Fulford would not be standing for re-election at the AGM. The Acting Secretary was asked to convey to him the Committee's acknowledgement of his contribution to the Sport through his membership over the last two years. The allocation of Committee positions and those of other Officers would be undertaken following the AGM.

### **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. MATTERS ARISING**

Reports on progress as follows:

- a. Regional Representatives Co-ordinator – Doreen Smith still has to progress contact with all Team Captains to enquire whether they are willing to train/take in new members. On the strength of their replies, a database will be created for selective availability to Area Representatives.
- b. Training and Education –
  - i. Getting Started Package - Now finalised and ready for issue.
  - ii. Video and Training Aids - It was agreed that Betty Potts, Alison Booth and Doreen Smith would liaise to progress the choice of a venue and the production of the Video.
  - iii. Three additional sets of measuring Hoops were now in hand and would be allocated on a regional basis to ensure that a set was available at each Tournament in future.
  - iv. The facility to promote Training/Demonstration/Fun days on the Website was now available to the Acting Secretary.

## 2. MATTERS ARISING (continued)

- c. Show Secretary -
  - i. The Barkshire Bandits Tournament planned for 3<sup>rd</sup> June at Moss End had been postponed due to Foot and Mouth implications. It was hoped to organise a replacement at a later date.
  - ii. An application from the Whinchats for a Sanctioned Tournament at Christchurch in September was discussed and as a result Alison Booth would raise certain points with the Organiser.
  - iii. Roy Hiscock again tabled a revised version of the C.3 Form (Application for a Sanctioned Tournament) which was approved and the Acting Secretary would ask the Webmaster to update the Website as soon as possible.
  - iv. Alison Booth tabled a revised version of the 'Rules' for Show Schedules and subject to certain amendments it was approved. It was agreed that the name(s) of the nominated Head Judge(s) need to be notified to the Show Secretary at least 7 days prior to each Tournament.
  - v. Height Cards - An amendment to the first sentence of the second paragraph of Rule 5.7(d) was agreed. It would now read 'When a final Height Card is issued and recorded it must be available for inspection at each Tournament entered'. The Stats Officer would be asked to produce an up-to-date list of all issued Height Cards for each Tournament so that it could be displayed and attached to the relevant Jump Height Form C.9.
  - vi. It was decided to discontinue the review of the 7 Team Round Robin format.
- d. Appointments, Review Procedures and Seminars for Head Judges –
  - i. An application from Robert Allan to become a Head Judge was considered and approved.
  - ii. Appraisals would be carried out informally by Committee Members whilst attending Tournaments.
  - iii. Betty Potts would attempt to organise a Judges Seminar at Selby linked to an Event. There remained the probability of a further Seminar at Thetford later in the year.
  - iv. It was noted that Betty Owen had not renewed her membership and her name had therefore been removed from the List of Head Judges. It was also noted that certain Head Judges would need to attend a Judges Seminar before the end of the current 3-year period (which commenced in November 1999) to comply with Rule 5.5 (j).
- e. Secretary's Correspondence -
  - i. Tornadoes/Committee meeting - Still no reaction to the third letter on this matter sent to Kevin McNicholas in reply to his communication of 6<sup>th</sup> October 2000.
  - ii. Letters and in one case e-mails had been exchanged with interested parties on matters arising from the Thame Tournament and following discussion on the points raised it was agreed that the Acting Secretary would write to them again to close this subject.
  - iii. Roy Weatherstone of the Rocketeers had expressed concern over the possibility of splitting racing within one Division over two days and a suitable reply had been sent to him.

## 3. FINANCIAL REPORT

Robert Henshall produced various financial statements including the Year-end Accounts.

- a. The financial position remains healthy. Details are available to current BFA members on request.
- b. The opening of a separate Account, into which monies could be transferred, to build a reserve fund for aset of Lights, had been investigated and the Tax implications cleared with the Inland Revenue. Interest Rates are now under review prior to the creation of such an Account.

#### **4. SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2001**

The format for 2001 was again discussed and due to the limitations of Foot and Mouth, it would now be run over four Tournaments (unlimited) with the best three results qualifying for a final position. Points allocation would be similar to last year. Tournament dates and the rules for deciding places in the event of a tie on points would be as follows:

The Tournament Venues and dates will be: PODS-Daventry on 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> June

Nuneaton Flyers-Sharnford on 30<sup>th</sup> June/1<sup>st</sup> July

Wolf Pack-Walsall on 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> July

Northern Bytes-Trafford Water Park on 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> August

In the event of a tie the following deciders will apply:

1. If one Team has competed in more Championship Tournaments than the other, 1 point shall be awarded.
2. The Team with the higher positioning in the Tournaments where they have both competed shall be awarded 1 point.
3. Run-off, if both Teams are present.
4. Toss of a Coin.

#### **5. FLYBALL RECORD**

Once again Jean Meeking was to be congratulated on the production of another excellent May edition. Collection of copies from the Ryton Tournament had been a little disappointing. This form of distribution is to be encouraged as it saves money that would otherwise be spent on postage.

#### **6. WEBSITE**

The Chairman and Acting Secretary now had the facility to E-mail members and post News items on the Website.

#### **7. AGM**

A new date for the AGM of Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> August was proposed and Andy Bawden was asked to book Southmoor Village Hall if it was available. Official Notification and the Agenda agreed at the last Meeting would be distributed and posted to the Website as soon as the Hall booking could be confirmed.

#### **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Buccaneers had raised a query concerning a time recorded at Ryton-on-Dunsmore on 28<sup>th</sup> April that was considerably faster than any other time achieved on that day or on past occasions this year. As this would have given them an unreasonable Seed Time, it was agreed that it should be amended to be consistent with the range of their other times on that day.

#### **9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The AGM on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2001.

Subsequent Committee Meetings to be organised after the AGM.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 14.30hrs with the Chairman's thanks to Jean Meeking for arranging the Venue and to Graham Nye for providing limited Refreshments throughout the day.