

The British Flyball Association



Minutes of Committee Meeting No 3-2001/2002

Held on Sunday 17th March 2002 at The Quays, Billing Aquadrome Approach

Present: Roy Hiscock, Betty Potts, Doreen Smith, Andy Bawden, Peter Roberts and Graham Nye.

Apologies for Absence: Alison Booth, Vanessa Haith and Robert Henshall.

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

2. MATTERS ARISING

Reports on progress as follows:

- a. Regional Representatives Co-ordinator – Following Vanessa Haith's decision to retire from the Committee and her offer to retain this position (subject to the approval of the new Committee), it was agreed that it did not need to be held by a Committee Member. Progress on her review of the Regional Representatives current role was reported. Contact with all Team Captains to enquire whether they are willing to train/take in new members needed to be carried out as soon as possible and Doreen Smith would assist with this task on a face-to-face basis at Tournaments. It would be nice to get more Regional Representatives to reduce the size of some of the areas currently covered.

It was agreed that Vanessa needed to be kept informed of all matters pertaining to her role and to report to the Committee as necessary. She would be provided with up-dated copy of the 'Teams for Schedules List' as and when it changed.

- b. Training and Education –
 - i. First Contact Leaflet - Subject to minor alterations, this Leaflet was approved and Roy Hiscock would implement the changes and provide an initial supply to Vanessa Haith, printed in black and white, for issue to Regional Representatives. Future supplies would be printed centrally by Roy.
 - ii. Getting Started Package - Now that the 'First Contact Leaflet' had been finalised, this package would be progressed through Roy Hiscock.
 - iii. Measuring Hoops - Peter Roberts would organise the purchase of 30 Hoops that could be cut to the appropriate sizes as required.
 - iv. Banners - The purchase of new Banners was authorised subject to obtaining acceptable quotations. Betty Potts to organise.
 - v. BFA Stickers - It was noted that these are available from the Shooting Stars.

- vi. Judges Seminars - Thanks were due to Anton Wittwer for providing the Venue and for his involvement in the Petersfield Seminar.

Future Seminars to include an overview for Tournament Organisers and cover all facets of Line Judging, Box Judging, Scribing etc. Inexperienced Teams running Tournaments needed help and advice.

It was suggested that 'what if' type Judging posers be inserted in the Flyball Record to provoke thought and then provide answers.

It was intended to run another Judges Seminar in the autumn. It should have facilities of sufficient size to cope with the practical aspects. Possibly Drax for the outdoor and Eggborough for the indoor. Betty Potts to check on availability and liaise with Peter Roberts.

Out of the Petersfield Seminar had come a suggestion that the BFA introduce a new Annual Award for '**Multibreed Team of the Year**' starting in 2002. Qualification to be by Team name pre-designated as Multibreed. This Award will be judged on a similar basis to that used to identify the '**Flyball Team of the Year**'. Qualification for these Awards will be mutually exclusive. The idea was approved and would be added to Section 8 of the next issue of the BFA Rules and Policies.

c. Show Secretary -

- i. In the absence of Alison Booth it was not possible to progress a version of the Guide (Information Pack) for Tournament Organisers. It was agreed that this document needed to be finalised as soon as possible.
- ii. This Guide should include the fact that no reference to Entry Fee refunds should appear on Tournament Schedules. The matter of refunds to be left to Organiser's discretion.
- iii. Sanctioned Tournaments to be classified as one of the following in future:

Open

Or Limited (to a number of Teams)

Or Multibreed

Or Limited Multibreed (again to a number of Teams)

- iv. Schedules allegedly sent to Nigel Bouckley were not getting on to the Website. Auto-return on covering e-mails to be set up and copy sent to Nigel by post meantime.

- d. Secretary's Correspondence - A letter had been received from Anne Alcock (Live Wires) concerning a proposed Northern Flyball League. Whilst applauding the proposers enthusiasm for the sport and their assurances with regard to their membership of the BFA, it was felt that the use of the words Association or League to identify their group or to run Championships under its banner was unacceptable. It was also felt that The Northern League title carries with it an inference of geographical limitation. An informal approach to Teams getting together for training and/or Tournament organisation was to be encouraged.

The Secretary would reply accordingly.

3. APPLICATIONS TO BECOME HEAD JUDGES

Application received from June Bass, Sam Bawden, Alison Booth and Betty Potts were reviewed and approved. The latter whilst she left the Meeting.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

In the absence of Robert Henshall financial data he had provided was reviewed in advance of the AGM.

5. FLYBALL RECORD

Guidelines covering Advertising in the Flyball Record had been discussed with the Editor.

Some concern was expressed on the amount of space given to coverage of the Website Discussion page.

6. SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIPS – 2002

The four dates and venues to comprise the Summer Championships were finalised as:

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| May 25 th /26 th | York |
| June 15 th /16 th | Daventry |
| June 29 th /30 th | Newbury |
| 10 th /11 th August | Sharnford |

The best three Points scores for places at each Tournament to count towards final placings.

Tied final placings to be decided by:

A Run-off (if tied teams available).

Or the Faster Time recorded by the tied teams during the Championship.

Or the Toss of a Coin.

7. WEBSITE

A short list of amendments to the Website had been agreed with Nigel Bouckley and implemented.

It was noted that Anne Johnson was now loading selected data to the Website as Assistant to the Statistics Co-ordinator.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed that the BFA would purchase two Brother 1400 Laser Printers for the Records & Statistics Co-ordinator and the Secretary to manage their ever increasing work loads. They would be owned by the BFA and added to the BFA Assets Register. The individuals Contents Policies would cover insurance.

Andy Bawden would obtain a quotation and possible delivery date for the supply of a set of Lights. The Association would underwrite them.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting - the AGM on Sunday 7th April 2002.

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