

The British Flyball Association



Minutes of Committee Meeting No 1-2002/2003

Held on Friday 14th June 2002 at The Fords Sports Centre, Daventry

Present: Roy Hiscock, Robert Henshall, Doreen Smith, Andy Bawden, Peter Roberts, David Long and Graham Nye.

Apologies for Absence: Alison Booth and Betty Potts.

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

These had been circulated by the Secretary and were agreed to be a true record of the proceedings. They would be posted to the Website late June/early July.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman - Roy Hiscock	Proposed by: Graham Nye	Seconded by: Doreen Smith
Secretary - Graham Nye	Proposed by: Andy Bawden	Seconded by: Robert Henshall
Treasurer - Robert Henshall	Proposed by: Roy Hiscock	Seconded by: David Long

3. ALLOCATION OF COMMITTEE DUTIES (All unanimously agreed)

Membership Secretary - Graham Nye

Show Secretary - Doreen Smith

Training and Education Officer - Peter Roberts

It was noted that Peter received a retainer from the Kennel Club for his work with the YKC which was not considered to involve a conflict of interests.

Vice Chairman - David Long

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

Prior to the AGM, the following had agreed to continue in their current roles:

Webmaster - Nigel Bouckley

Records and Statistics Co-ordinator - Maureen Hiscock

Assistants to the Records and Statistics Co-ordinator - Anne Johnson and Sue Bell

Regional Representatives Co-ordinator - Vanessa Haith

Flyball Record Editor - Jean Meeking

Awards Secretary - Sam Bawden

Publicity Officer - It was agreed that Anton Wittwer should be asked if he would take on this role

5. MATTERS ARISING

Reports on progress as follows:

- a. Regional Representatives Co-ordinator – Vanessa Haith's report was presented and confirmed the appointment of replacement Representatives for Celine Sanders and Nicky Dickenson. Approach to all Team Captains to enquire whether they are willing to train/take in new members to be speeded up and data restricted to Yes or No and Contact details.
- b. Training and Education -
 - i. Getting Started Package - As this document now released and issued to Vanessa Haith, all Regional Representatives and New Teams as they arise. It will be up-dated and re-issued by Roy Hiscock as required.
 - ii. 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. Peter Roberts had obtained 30 more Hoops which would be cut to sizes and issued as sets for safe keeping to Penny Charlton (Barkshire Bandits), Pamela Harrison (Nuneaton Flyers), Anne Johnson (Wolf Pack), Andy Bawden and Wayne O'Rourke - all by or before the Anglesey Tournament.
 - iii. BFA Banners - Roy Hiscock confirmed the purchase of ten 6' x 2' Banners which would be marked with the BFA Logo, PO Box and Website addresses. When completed they would be issued to Tournament Organisers.
 - iv. Seminars - Betty Potts had indicated that she would be unable to organise an Autumn Seminar. All Committee members were asked to look for suitable venues - e.g. Southmoor, Markfield, Chester etc. - which would be suitable for training on all facets of a Tournament, Line Judges, Box Judges, Scribes etc. Timing after September. Liaison with Peter Roberts to be maintained.
- c. Show Secretary -
 - i. In the absence of Alison Booth and as a result of switching the job to Doreen Smith, the latter would take over responsibility for the production 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. Doreen would also progress the need for more Tournament Schedules and where relevant, Location Maps to be published on the Website
- d. Secretary's Correspondence -
 - i. Anton Wittwer had written to thank the BFA for their assistance in aiding the recovery of items stolen for his Buriton premises prior to the Thame Tournament and a reply had been sent.
 - ii. Ben Naylor of the Springers had written with regard to what he and his Team considered unfair treatment at the Eggborough Tournament in May. His comments and those of the involved parties were discussed and the Secretary would draft a suitable response.

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. Lights purchased would be written-off over a 5-year period.

7. DRAFT AGM 2002 MINUTES

These had been accepted by the Committee and a copy sent out to all Team Captains, Regional Representatives, Head Judges and Officers and would be posted to the Website end June/early July. They would be presented to the assembled Members at the 2003 AGM for final approval.

8. REVISED RULES & POLICIES POST 2002 AGM

Revised copies of pages 14 and 19 had been issued on 24th May (together with the AGM 2002 Minutes), the revisions to be operative from 17th June.

9. SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2002

It was agreed the 'Pods' Lights would be used at all four rounds of the 2002 Championship.

10. ANNUAL AWARDS

It was agreed that a new Non-Specific Breed Award would be introduced for 1st, 2nd and 3rd dogs (not covered by the five Breed Specific Awards) who individually gained the most Flyball points from 1st January - 31st December.

The 'Most Improved Team of the Year' Award would be suspended until either a more suitable method of deciding the Winners could be established or the Committee identified a situation which justified its presentation.

Engraving of the Trophy Winners for 2002 to be corrected to read 'Sheffield Speeders'.

It was also agreed to review all Awards with a view to improving their quality.

11. FLYBALL POINTS

The Records & Statistics Co-ordinator drew to the attention of the Committee the poor and inadequate completion of Time Sheets by some Teams which, with the marked increase in the number of Tournaments this year, placed an unacceptable additional burden on her already heavy workload.

It was agreed that the Secretary would write to all Team Captains advising them that it is their responsibility to ensure that their Team's Time Sheets are fully and accurately completed in future and that failure to do so would result in their Team's Flyball points being withheld for the Tournament in question.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Lights - A quotation for six sets of Lights had been obtained but was considered too high a number and excessively costly. Funds are available and the search for the 'right' set will continue.

Roy Hiscock would produce a standard set of requirements for approval.

The Northern Bytes are still trying to resolve the problems with their Lights.

- b. Replacement for Maureen Hiscock - The need for a replacement Stats Officer was resolved by her sharing the workload with Sue Bell. Anne Johnson would be asked to take over the issue and control of Height Cards.
- c. Release of Dogs - It was confirmed that within a 4 month period dogs may not be released/re-released back and forth between Teams.
- d. Newbury Show - The Barkshire Bandits Tournament due at Newbury 21st/22nd September had been approved after a regrettable delay.
- e. Andy Bawden - Advised that he was running one dog with the Mad Mutts whilst retaining his involvement with the Bristol Ball-istics which might be viewed as a violation of Rule 1.2 (a). However, the Committee could see no problem in this connection at the present time.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: Sunday 6th October 2002 at The Quays, Billing Aquadrome Approach.

The 2003 AGM was scheduled for Sunday 6th April 2003 (subject to a check on the timing of Easter).

There being no further business the meeting closed at 22.40hrs.