

# **The British Flyball Association**



## **Minutes of Committee Meeting No 3 -2004/05 Held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2004 at the Manor House Hotel, Coventry Commencing at 10.00 am**

**Present:** Wayne O'Rourke, Penny Charlton, Doreen Smith, Dianne Halsted, Dave Long, Betty Potts, Judy Parker, Chris Fulford, Alison Booth

### **1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (NO 2004/05-02)**

- 1.1. Confirmed as a true record of proceeding.

### **2. COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS**

- 2.1. Expenses – to be paid for miles travelled for all Committee Meetings. Expenses also for Training Days and helpers.

### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

- 3.1. Markfield Seminar 2003. These to be issued next week when BFA numbers and addresses found.
- 3.2. Up-date on 'Lights'. Penny to write to Roy to ask why the BFA lights can only be placed 13' whereas Peter Roberts lights can be set at 20' – the BFA lights should be amended under the guarantee in time for the new season.

New Martin Pollard lights have been trialled in the South and found to work well. Purchase of first set therefore agreed. Chris to investigate possibility of another upgraded set to be purchased in the future with ability to have a large display attached.

Dave tabled a 'lights balance sheet' which showed that £1582.40 had been received for hire of the lights. Numerous advanced bookings already taken for 2005.

- 3.3. Training video - Wayne had investigated the possibility of proceeding next summer season.
- 3.4. Update on History of the Association. Wayne has spoken to Anton and others. This is therefore well in hand. Wayne to get in touch with the Webmaster to check on the costs etc.
- 3.5. Update on BFA Young Competitor Award. A form to be raised for Junior's to complete. This will be left on the 'table' signed by the organiser/judge etc. and sent after each show to the coordinator. The Team Captain is responsible for ensuring that any Junior handler can safely undertake the task allocated. The Judge has ultimate discretion to exclude a junior competitor on safety grounds. Membership to be informed that this will start as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005.
- 3.6. Chris tabled a draft proposal for amendments to Section 3 which the Committee agreed to read and discuss by email. Membership form to be amended to include signature agreeing to abide by BFA Rules.

#### **4. STATISTICS CO-ORDINATOR (DOREEN SMITH)**

- 4.1. The only stats missing from the website are those for last week. One or two queries still outstanding but should be dealt with in next week. Last weekend's stats calculated and should be on website next week. Height cards should be issued in next two weeks. Possibility of passing height card onto someone else to issue.

#### **5. SHOW SECRETARY (DIANNE HALSTED)**

- 5.1. Website now up to date with all shows. Penny to raise a new Rule to state that the timing spreadsheet must be used wherever the timing devices are on one side only.

75 mile radius is to be calculated by sticking a pin in a map not using Route Master or similar.

#### **6. SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDENCE (PENNY CHARLTON)**

- 6.1. Roy Weatherstone request to have a Nickie Weatherstone memorial award – Penny to advise that the Committee felt it would be more appropriate to approach a Show Organiser rather than making it a BFA award. Instances of such awards are Lucy Locket award (Live Wires) and the new Tag Award (Flying Colours) at Anglesey.

#### **7. FINANCES REPORTS ON CURRENT STATUS**

- 7.1. The Treasurer presented her accounts.

#### **8. AREA REPRESENTATIVE**

- 8.1. Reprint of getting started leaflets ready for next year. Wayne to enquire as to prices.

#### **9. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

- 9.1. Total membership of 19<sup>th</sup> November 2004 is 998, teams for schedules is now 83 (highest number ever). Membership fees to remain the same for 2005.

#### **10. SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP 2004**

- 10.1. Decision as to how many days the Championship should run on to be taken after next year's show.
- 10.2. Qualification for Summer Championships to be for all shows stating from Easter to 31<sup>st</sup> July inclusive. 9 shows to be attended.

#### **11. SPONSORSHIP**

Penny has been in touch with Bucher's but it was agreed that we should also investigate other avenues.

#### **12. MATTERS ARISING SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

- 12.1. Andy Bawden to be reinstated as head judge.
- 12.2. Penny to liaise with Millennium re awards and type to be given. Ruby to be named after the first dog to reach that level.
- 12.3. Annual Awards – Penny to liaise with Millennium. 20 BC, 15 Cross, 10 Breed Specific, Bitch/Dog/Team stay the same. Ask for suggestions for small awards – wooden plaque – ask for prices.

- 12.4. Trophies to be collected by Sam Bawden or Millennium.
- 12.5. Height cards and measuring. To be 4 different head judges at 3 tournaments.
- 12.6. AGM Venue – Look into a larger venue.
- 12.7. BFA Flags – Penny and Wayne to investigate flags.
- 12.8. Area reps gazebos with display board? Penny to investigate costs. Betty to check cost of banners.
- 12.9. Anton's shows – 28/29 August – Northern Bytes agreed to take this show at Tatton Park – Penny to check whether Saturday can be used as well – toilet facilities required. Nostell Priory clashes with Eggborough. Betty to investigate moving Eggborough, if possible Ruff Runners and AN Other team to take this on.

### **13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 13.1. Les Chapman request for orange netting between lanes towards the box end – voted against.
- 13.2. Leaving ring for paddling pool – Les Chapman. It was agreed it was impossible to stop. However consideration to be given to how to limit time between legs.
- 13.3. Committee members on back of Flyball Record. Website to also be amended.

### **14. Date of Next Meeting – 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> March 2005.**