

# **The British Flyball Association**



## **Minutes of Committee Meeting No 1 -2004/05 To be held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2004 at the Ansty Arms 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 6 - 2003/03-4)**

- 1.1. As Vice Chairman Dave Long opened the meeting by welcoming Judy Parker and Chris Fulford.
- 1.2. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record.

### **2. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE POSITIONS**

- 2.1. Chairman – Dave Long, Vice Chairman – Chris Fulford.
- 2.2. Secretary - Penny Charlton agreed to continue in this position
- 2.3. Treasurer – Betty Potts to carry on with this position until further notice. However Dianne Halsted will act as Assistant to the Treasurer.
- 2.4. Show Secretary – Dianne Halsted to continue with help from Judy Parker with the loading of schedules to the website.
- 2.5. Stats Officer – Doreen Smith to continue with help from her team.
- 2.6. Regional Representative Coordinator - Sue Bell (Mad Mutts) was elected
- 2.7. Training Officer – Title to change to Training Coordinator with Peter Roberts taking this position.
- 2.8. Membership Secretary – Graham Nye to continue in this position
- 2.9. Award Secretary – Sam Bawden to continue in this position
- 2.10. Publicity Officer – Wayne O'Rourke to retain this position
- 2.11. Disciplinary Officer – Betty Potts and Chris Fulford were elected
- 2.12. Safety Sub Committee – to be appointed according to need on a ad hoc basis

### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

- 3.1. Assets Register – MDS hoops and one banner returned to the Secretary. The Treasurer is still compiling the list, which should be completed soon. Care to be taken to add all new purchases to the Treasurer in future. The Stats Officer reported that the BFA printer was no longer producing decent copies. It was therefore decided that in future the BFA would pay for the ink for the Stats Officer's personal computer rather than buy a replacement at this time.

Two Banners to be kept in the Midlands and shared by Nuneatons and Moltens.

Hoops – all hoops are accounted for. One set to be allocated as BFA hoops to be kept with the BFA lights.

- 3.2. Markfield Seminar – certificates in progress.
- 3.3. Update on lights. Used at Newark, Carlton Towers, Ryecroft Farm and Middlesbrough. Apart from some minor teething problems they are working well. The start light to be adjusted to give a slightly longer lead time.
- 3.4. Update on Getting Started Leaflets – Wayne to ask his local printer for a quote. Some small alterations will be needed before it goes to print.
- 3.5. Insurance for the lights. 4 people have been nominated to care for the lights – no one else should be allowed to adjust them. Naturally this list can be added to in due course.
- 3.6. Progress on small number of photographs for display at Tournaments.
- 3.7. Car Stickers – sent out with May Record. The spares given to Graham to distribute to new members.

#### **4. STATISTICS COORDINATOR**

- 4.1. It was agreed that for clarification purposes Section 5.8(a) needed to be amended with the addition the words (all of which must be owned by current members of the BFA) to be inserted after ....6 dogs and handlers.
- 4.2. It was noted that certain show organisers had not adhered strictly to the seeding times when allocating teams for the divisions. The Show Secretary agreed to send a letter to all organisers advising that all tournaments must be run with the fastest teams running in the top division, etc. It is not acceptable to place teams out of seeding order.

#### **5. SHOW SECRETARY**

- 5.1. It was agreed that a dog could not run twice at two separate shows held at the same venue in the same weekend.
- 5.2. Awaiting Mad Mutts application for September show
- 5.3. Live Wires have agreed to move their show to 25/26<sup>th</sup> September now Live Wires to stop it clashing with the Summer Championship.
- 5.4. At the present time it was decided that it would not be possible to provide a set of lights to be sited in Scotland. However the purchase of lights would be discussed later.
- 5.5. The Show Secretary is in contact with the Web Master to arrange for a separate web page for training days, judge's seminars, fun events etc.

#### **6. SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDENCE**

- 6.1. William Whiteley – it was agreed that William should be granted Head Judge status.
- 6.2. A membership report was tabled by the Secretary from Graham showing current members at 840 and 68 teams on the Schedules list.

#### **7. FINANCES**

The Treasurer advised that up to date figures would be available in the next 2/3 weeks.

## **8. MATTERS ARISING FROM AGM 2004**

- 8.1. Rule 5.13(c) Jump Heights – jump height to be increased to 16” as from 7<sup>th</sup> June 2004. (NB: this will become effective for all shows whose closing dates are on or after 7<sup>th</sup> June 2004).
- 8.2. Break out rule – to become 1 second faster than submitted or declared time. The Committee will monitor the situation and reconsider in due course. Stats Officer to collate data as appropriate.
- 8.3. Hall of Fame Award or Roll of Honour – to be discussed at the next meeting but all Committee Members to consider and put forward their ideas at this time.
- 8.4. Young Competitors – Penny to contact Sam Bawden to ask her whether she would like to run this competition and if so submit her ideas to the Committee in time for the next meeting.

## **9. SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP**

Web site to be amended to 9 tournaments. NB top 6 places are reserved for the teams with the fastest seed times as of 8<sup>th</sup> August. 54 teams overall to attend.

## **10. BUTCHER'S SPONSORSHIP**

Penny to liaise with Butchers to check on current situation.

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

- 11.1. Penny to write to release points withheld from the Anglesey show following a discrepancy in the racing rules.
- 11.2. Purchase of boxes and jumps for Regional Reps – not carried at this time.
- 11.3. Acrobat Writer – Doreen to advise which version is appropriate for Secretary's use.
- 11.4. Training of Scribes/Lights Operators – Doreen to try some half hour training sessions at shows
- 11.5. Judges Seminar and Training Day – 30/31 October for Markfield – David to book. Betty to book a Yorkshire based seminar, Wayne and Chris to liaise re organising southern seminar.

## **12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 12.1. Opening date for entries for limited shows – not carried
- 12.2. BFA lights. Dave to contact Roy to purchase one more set of lights plus one spares set on condition that warranties and invoices are provided.
- 12.3. Chief Executive – discussion. Consideration to be given by all Committee Members.
- 12.4. Penny to consider whether rules need slight amendment to ensure that a Tournament Head Judge does not try to over rule the decision of a Head Judge in charge of a division.
- 12.5. Proposed date of AGM Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April?

## **13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> August at Nuneaton show? Firm commitment for 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> September.

**Meeting closed at 7.00pm**