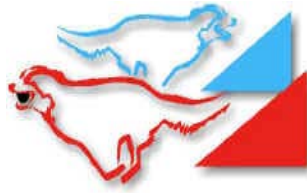


The British Flyball Association



Minutes of Committee Meeting No 4 -2004/05 Held on Sunday 23rd January 2005 at the Manor House Hotel, Coventry Commencing at 10.00 am

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

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (NO 2004/05-03)

- 1.1. Confirmed as a true record of proceeding.

2. COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS

- 2.1. Due to Betty resigning from the treasurer's position as from the 31st January 2005, a successor was discussed. Dave to discuss with Betty continuing until the AGM so that the banking details could stay the same, as it was a possibility it would have to change again after the AGM. Chris agreed he would take it on if this were not possible until the AGM.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1. Markfield Seminar 2003. Certificates still not issued.
- 3.2. Up-date on 'Lights'. Dave will acquire a new lead before the first outdoor show, to enable the BFA lights to be set up at the required maximum distance.
- 3.3. There has been the issue for extending the warranty of the BFA lights. However, the committee felt as the lights were proving to be so reliable, it would be an unnecessary expense. Any repairs or maintenance required would be sought, as and when it was deemed necessary.

The new second set of BFA lights would be in use shortly.

- 3.4. Update on the 'History of the Association'. Wayne has been in contact with several people and is trying to collate information for publication on the web. Wayne to put adverts in agility voice, DTW and the flyball record asking for any relevant article or pictures. It was considered asking Nigel as the Webmaster to come to our next meeting so that we can discuss further details to get this page up and running. Full costing will soon be available.
- 3.5. Jean Meeking and her dog Chica is the first dog to achieve the Ruby award. In recognition of this the award will be called the Chica Chicana Award. It was decided this trophy to be the same as the Ice Blue Moon award but with red writing.
- 3.6. The committee is aware that section 8 of the rulebook 'Annual Awards' requires updating to reflect the new award system. The awards will show an increase to both Border Collie and Cross Breeds with plaques being given to 20th place in BC and 15th place in XB. All other breeds will be put into one category with the dogs achieving the most points winning, and plaques down to 10th place.

- 3.7. There will also be a change to all landmark awards trophies from Ice Blue Moon upwards. These will be phased in so that all awards will be similar to the Ice Blue Moon award but with different coloured writing.

It was agreed as awards are becoming easier to achieve, after 40,000 points the next award would be 50,000 not 45,000 as in the rulebook. Subsequent awards would be every 10,000 points. This would be amended after the AGM.

- 3.8. In addition the Young Competitor award has only just been finalised and should and likewise be added to the Rules. However it was decided that issue of these amendments should be held pending such changes that might be required following the AGM. A reissue of the Rule Book incorporating all changes could then be arranged immediately following the AGM.
- 3.9. The Disciplinary section was discussed in further detail and these changes would be presented for consideration by the membership at the AGM.

Chris to compile a leaflet containing guidelines for the Disciplinary Sub Committee. A copy of this leaflet should be handed out to all committee members for their use.

4. STATISTICS CO-ORDINATOR (DOREEN SMITH)

- 4.1. Dave to speak to Doreen regarding the stats due to her being unwell.

5. SHOW SECRETARY (DIANNE HALSTED)

- 5.1. Website nearly up to date with all shows. The diary very full for this year and discussions being raised regarding decreasing the mileage between shows.

6. SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDENCE (PENNY CHARLTON)

- 6.1. Application for Head Judge was received and discussed from Bob Haworth. This was accepted as all criteria had been fulfilled.

E-mail received from Jean Meeking and discussed.

7. FINANCES REPORTS ON CURRENT STATUS

- 7.1. In Betty's absence, the next audited accounts would be available in time for the AGM.
- 7.2. Business plan discussed and suggestions made to Dianne for presentation at the AGM.

8. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

- 8.1. Total membership as of 22nd January 2005 is 1021, teams for schedules is now 86 (highest number ever).

9. MATTERS ARISING SINCE THE LAST MEETING

- 9.1. BFA flags are under investigation

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 10.1. A new set of hoops required, to be held with the new BFA set of lights

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 13TH MARCH 2005.

