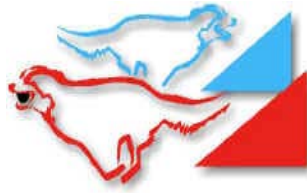


# **The British Flyball Association**



## **Minutes of Committee Meeting No 1 -2005/06 Held on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2005 at the Manor Hotel, Coventry Commencing at 9.30 am**

**Present:** Wayne O'Rourke, Penny Charlton, Dave Long, Chris Fulford, Judy Parker, Anne Johnson, Anne Alcock Howard Campbell, Tony Cain.

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

- 1.1. Confirmed as a true record of proceeding.

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

- 2.1. As this was the first meeting since the AGM it was confirmed that all members were happy with their current roles on the committee.

### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

- 3.1. Update of the History of Association – Wayne has been trying to get information from a few sources. Some of his contacts had promised to produce information but as yet has not received anything. Sally Sandford is going to try and write something for him soon. As it is coming to the quieter season, Wayne will try to chase up his contacts to see if they can come up with something for the Association.
- 3.2. Junior Handler/Box Loader Award – This award has been difficult to calculate as many of the sheets have been filled out incorrectly. It was confirmed that there would be one Junior Competitor award for handler and box loader combined in two different age ranges. There would be a shield based on the same style as the other awards, with a smaller replica for the junior to keep.
- 3.3. Disciplinary Rules – Howard has produced some guidelines for Tournament Organisers benefit to help out if they are faced with dealing with any complaint. There will be some extra forms available shortly and issued to all Team Captains, Area Reps and Head Judges.

### **4. STATISTICS CO-ORDINATOR (LYNDSAY & SUZZANNE)**

- 4.1. The stats officers arrived at the meeting at 2.00pm to give us a progress report. There had been a hold up due to the Summer Championships but now things are getting back on track. It was made clear that back up copies must be done on a regular basis and handed to either Dave or Judy every few weeks. It was also noted that still some forms were not being filled out correctly and usually it was the same teams. They were advised that it was not their responsibility to look up missing or incomplete information and in future any teams would be informed and a record kept of the teams involved. If the same teams persistently do not complete forms correctly, these teams will not be allocated any points. There are still some things that need to be sorted on their computer and it was suggested that they make arrangements with Doreen to come round and try to fix the problems.

## **5. SHOW SECRETARY (JUDY PARKER)**

- 5.1. Judy has had some complaints as to how long shows are booked in advance but it was made clear that there was not much we could do if all the criteria had been met on the application form. It was agreed that all shows whether limited or open should have a closing date of 28 days before the tournament. It was also noted that it was impossible to appoint a head judge when applying for a show, as some shows were booked a year in advance and many head judges cannot commit to a show that far in future, as no one can tell that they would be available. It was agreed that an extra line was inserted into the rule book to read "At the closing date the Tournament Organiser must appoint a head judge, if this is not possible they must contact the BFA immediately.

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

- 6.1 Three applications had been received from Alison Harrison, Marguerite Fleming and Alan Brazukas to become head judges. Although the current system of qualifying for a head judge is under review, it was felt that as these applications were received before any announcement in the Flyball record and under these present rules, the applicants complied with all the criteria set out in the rules and policies and were therefore all approved.
- 6.2 E-mail had been received from David Bowles regarding donation of a trophy to the BFA. Although it was very much appreciated it was felt that it would make more work for the Stats Officers and would open the floodgates to all members wishing to present a trophy in their dog's name.

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

- 7.1. A detailed report was presented to the committee and they reviewed the current financial position.

## **8. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT**

- 8.1. Total membership as of 27<sup>th</sup> September 2005 is 1162, teams for schedules is now 84.
- Graham also asked the committee to review rule 5.2 (e) and 6.1 which relates to the ownership of competing dogs.
- It was agreed that there would be no change as all owners receive awards and certificates paid for out of membership funds.

## **9. CHAIRMANS CORRESPONDANCE**

- 9.1. As there has been a problem with the new BFA lights and will not be in use until Easter, they were passed back to Chris to take to Martin Pollard, who made them. They will be put through rigorous tests over the winter. As yet no charge has been received for any repairs that have deemed necessary.
- 9.2. The Method of submitting proposals for the next AGM was discussed. It was agreed that there would be a change to the website, and in future all proposals would be sent directly to the secretary in writing or by e-mail.

## **10. MATTERS ARISING SINCE THE AGM**

- 10.1 Update on Flags – 10 had been printed, and some were distributed throughout the committee to hand to Tournament Organisers. Molten Magnets have one, Dave, two to go with each set of BFA lights, Pods, one, Betty, one, Penny, one for the Barkshire Bandits and 4 left over to hand out when they are required.
- 10.2 Points System – The committee addressed the proposal from the AGM to change the points system and it was decided that it would be inappropriate the change the current system at this time. However it would be kept under review and any suggestions put forward would be looked into.
- 10.3 Postal Ballot for electing Committee members (mechanics of proposal)  
This was discussed in detail but as the implementation of this proposal is not clear it was referred to our next meeting for further discussion and consideration.
- 10.4 Fouling in the ring – As this rule causes such inconsistency when judging it was decided to delete this rule.
- 10.5 Sewn on badges – Penny to contact Steve Leek for further details, but these will be available shortly to purchase from his company.

## **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 11.1 Discussion board --It was agreed that some members were abusing this facility and the committee are looking into whether it can be amended, so that only registered users will be allowed access to certain parts of the web.
- 11.2 Head Judges – Whilst rule 5.4 (g) is currently under review it will be deleted until a new format has been agreed.
- 11.3 Update on Judges Seminar – one arranged for the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2005 at Oswestry Showground, Shropshire, and another on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2005 at Maidstone. All schedules will be available next week.
- 11.4 Submitted times – It was decided that any declared times must be 1 second slower than their seeded time and if a declared time was submitted faster than their seeded time a team would not be subject to the breakout rule.
- 11.5 European Championships 2007 – Wayne and Penny are trying to arrange these championships for 2007 in this country. The committee are enthusiastic and it was agreed all competitors would compete under International rules but await more details.

## **12. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2005**

Meeting closed at 5.30pm