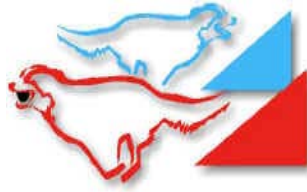


# **The British Flyball Association**



## **Minutes of Committee Meeting No 2 -2005/06 Held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2005 at the Manor Hotel, Coventry Commencing at 10.00 am**

**Present:** Penny Charlton, Dave Long, Chris Fulford, Anne Johnson, Tony Cain, Howard Campbell  
Anne Alcock.

**Apologies:** Judy Parker, Wayne O'Rourke.

### **1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (NO 2005/06-01)**

- 1.1. Confirmed as a true record of proceeding.

### **2. MATTERS ARISING**

- 2.1. Disciplinary Guidelines – Howard had changed some of the wording as was agreed at the last meeting. Final version will be e-mailed to the committee shortly and these would be sent out to all Team Captain, Head Judges and Regional Representatives shortly.
- 2.2. Flag Poles – Howard had made enquiries and the committee agreed to go ahead and order 6 new poles to go with the new BFA Flags.
- 2.3. Postal Ballot for electing Committee members – The only way this can be implemented in order to keep to our rules and policies at present would be to send out all ballot papers before the AGM, but all votes would not be opened or counted until the day of the AGM. It was discussed that the rules in sections 1 and 3 would need to be looked at before our next meeting to see what changes would be required in time for next years AGM.
- 2.4. Judges Seminars – Both Seminars are full. Help was required for Peter and Delia to set up the rubber matting on the Saturday evening. Tony and Anne would liase to organise the help required.
- 2.5. Head Judges – The new format was discussed in great detail, some suggestions were put forward and Howard agreed he would draw up the guidelines required. A draft copy would be sent to the committee for more discussion. It was suggested we set up a supervisory head judge sub committee. This idea was found to have some merit but the committee felt unsure as to the implementation of this. It would require about half a dozen existing, experienced judges forming a sub committee, holding meetings and discussions throughout the year. This was agreed could be implemented at a later date.
- 2.6. Junior Handler/Box Loader Award – Anne produced a results sheet to date. It was agreed that the two age range groups were correct. It was also agreed that the same format would be run again next year but letters would be sent out to all Team Captains/ Head Judges/ Regional representatives/Show Organisers confirming this and making sure the forms were completed correctly by all parties concerned.

### **3. STATISTICS CO-ORDINATOR**

- 3.1 An e-mailed had been received from Suzzanne confirming all the stats were up to date. Dave had received a back up copy and this would be updated about every two weeks.

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

- 4.1 An application had been received from Anne Alcock to become a head judge. It was agreed this application could not be approved until the new rules had been agreed. The letter would be kept on file until the committee could look into it further.

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

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

Some show organiser hadn't been returning the correct money or forms to the treasurer. Some fees were still outstanding on a show held earlier in the year and a letter would be sent explaining if the fees were not paid immediately a charge of £25.00 would be sought and any future shows desanctioned.

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

- 6.1. Discussion Board – As the photo album has been abused recently it was agreed a moderator would be put in place so that any future photos would be sent to a holding area on the web site and the moderator would upload any appropriate photos.

It was also agreed all committee members would be moderators for the discussions board in order to delete any discussion they deem are inappropriate for the whole world to see.

- 6.2. Rule of Racing – Rule 5.17 (b) was discussed in great detail regarding an incident that had occurred earlier in the year. It was decided to leave this rule as it is but reviewed at a later date if there was a reoccurrence of this incident in the future.
- 6.3. Seed Times – Ask the Stats officers to give priority to the seed list in future and any points should be added after the results. This would hopefully keep the seed list up to date and keep the divisions more competitive. It has been noticed some teams running much faster than their seed times due to running different dogs. It was discussed but no solution to this problem was found. It was also agreed a new column would be inserted to the single side timer sheets to include the break out times of each team.
- 6.4. Hand Timing – A new rule to be added to after section 5.22 Race Results to indicate if hand timing had to be used, these times would not be added to the seeding list and any relevant forms would be indicated that hand timing was used.
- 6.5. Multi Breed Award – A new trophy would be given out to the dog that has gained the most points whilst competing in Multi Breed tournaments only. It was also noted that it could have to go to 4 dogs as some dogs may have exactly the same number of points, so a replica may need to be given.
- 6.6. A new line needs to be inserted in the rules regarding captains releasing members of their team to another team. (wording to be confirmed)

#### **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 7.1 Rule Change history document is being updated by Tony
- 7.2 Dave asked if the committee would consider purchasing another set of lights. As there are more shows being booked, it is becoming increasingly more difficult for these sets to be used all round the country. Chris will contact Martin Pollard to inquire as to the cost and availability of a new set of lights.
- 7.3 The committee discussed the points system again, and referred a few suggestions for more thought to be discussed again at the next meeting.
- 7.4 It was also suggested that the weekend after next years AGM is kept free for a committee meeting, as it proved so difficult to find a free date this year for the new committee to convene.

#### **8. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2006**

Meeting closed at 4.30pm