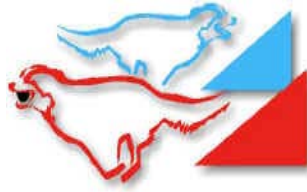


The British Flyball Association



Minutes of Committee Meeting No 3 -2005/06 Held on Sunday 8th January 2006 at the Manor Hotel, Coventry Commencing at 10.00 am

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

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (NO 2005/06-02)

- 1.1. Confirmed as a true record of proceeding.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- 2.1. History of the Association – Wayne still had very little response from many of the people he has contacted. He has been trying to get information/photographs from people that have been in the sport from before the BFA was formed. In order to make a start, it was agreed that we would go back as far as we have information available, and try to fill in any earlier details if and when they arise.
- 2.2. Flag Poles – These have been brought and will be distributed at the AGM or earlier if possible
- 2.3. Update on repair of lights – An estimate of £211.00 for the repair and rewiring of the BFA watchdog set of lights has been quoted. It was agreed to go ahead with these repairs due to the cable burning out from the many hours of use.

The Millstream lights that Martin Pollard supplied have been repaired and modified at no extra cost to the BFA and will be in operation for the first show of the year.

It was agreed to order two new sets of lights from Martin Pollard. A new design will be made which can be easily transported, easy to assemble, made with LED lights which should last much longer than normal bulbs.

- 2.4. Single side timer sheets have been changed to incorporate the break out time for each team. It was also mentioned that scribes must get into the habit of not shouting the times across the lanes during racing, but get the times from these master copies after each race as a few errors have occurred due to not hearing the correct time.
- 2.5. Website – It was agreed to ask Nigel to change the running total for the end of year results. It was thought that it was better to have the end of year results a surprise and not published till after presentation.
- 2.6. Rule change History document – Tony has been having a few problems with his computer logging on to the website. This problem should be sorted shortly and the website up to date within a few weeks.
- 2.7. Head Judges – The new format was discussed in great detail. A draft copy was presented to the committee for more discussion. The final version was agreed upon and Anne agreed to type up the new changes so they can be entered into the rulebook along with the other rule changes.

3. STATISTICS CO-ORDINATOR

- 3.1 An e-mail had been received from Suzzanne confirming all the stats were up to date. Dave had received a back up copy last week for safekeeping. They were still waiting for Doreen to come over

and help with the end of year results. A notice will be put in the flyball record asking for all Annual Award trophies to be sent back to Millennium Awards.

4. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

- 4.1. Total membership as of 7th January 2006 is 1231, teams for schedules is now 87
- 4.2. It was agreed that the membership fees would remain unchanged unless it was voted for a change in the points system at the AGM. As the BFA spend a great deal of money on awards already, it was felt that there would need to be an increase in membership fees if more awards were achieved.

5. FINANCES REPORTS ON CURRENT STATUS

- 5.1. A detailed report was presented to the committee and they reviewed the current financial position. It was reported that the BFA should be in a good financial position at the end of the year.
- 5.2 Anne to check the insurance policy before renewal this week.
- 5.3 Anne does not seem to have any record of the Assets register. It was agreed Anne would contact Betty as the committee knew that she had been keeping one.

6. SHOW SECRETARY'S REPORT

- 6.1 All shows up to date on the website.
- 6.2 It was discussed a change to rule 4.1(a) but after due consideration it was decided it should remain the same.
- 6.3 It was also agreed to add any fun events like starters competitions to the main diary so that schedules can be uploaded to the website.

7. MATTERS ARISING SINCE THE LAST MEETING

- 7.1. Rule of Racing – Some outstanding rule changes were discussed. Some wording needed changing and the new version of the rulebook would be issued shortly.

Rule 5.17 (b) needed some clarification, as there has been some inconsistency in judging. It was agreed that it is acceptable for a dog to go over four jumps in succession to the box and a dog may retrieve a dropped ball without penalty on his return.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 8.1. The AGM was discussed and it was agreed that the committee would think about any proposals they wanted to be added to the agenda. It was also discussed which committee members would need to seek re election if they wanted to continue.
- 8.2. European Championships – This was discussed and it was asked that we start to think of suitable venues. Lia (from Belgium) has invited Wayne and Penny to attend this year championships in France with offers to judge at these championships.

9. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 26TH FEBRUARY 2006

Meeting closed at 6.00pm

Agreed as a true copy of events

Chairman Signature.....(BFA CHAIRMAN)