

# The British Flyball Association



## **Minutes of Committee Meeting No. 2-2006/07 Held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2006 at the Manor Hotel, Coventry Commencing at 10.00 am**

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

**Apologies:** Anne Johnson.

### **1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (NO 2006/07- 01)**

Confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

### **2. MATTERS ARISING**

2.1 History of the Association – This is now up and running and will be added to when more information is available.

2.2 Hall of Fame – Wayne to collate a list of dogs with information of each dogs history and achievements.

2.3 Update on Lights – The bookings for hiring the BFA lights this year has generated an income of £3000. It had been suggested that Dave sets up a spreadsheet, which would be sent to Anne as a record for accounts purposes. The Watchdog lights have been showing some problems. Anne Alcock has the contact details of the manufactures in USA and we will contact them direct for any spares that are necessary.

Dave has suggested that a booking form is produced and sent out to all tournament organisers with confirmation of the booking, and a copy sent to Anne Alcock for reference.

Dave has another set of BFA lights in his garage. Steve will arrange to collect to see if they can be modified to make them more transportable.

2.4 Head Judges Log Book – Three new head judges have been appointed recently. The Committee would like to congratulate Roger Talbot, Anne Alcock and Jayne Owen for successfully completing the new logbook and exam paper. This new book has proved to be beneficial in achieving the right experience and competence that is required for becoming a head judge.

2.5 Summer Championships 2006/07 – Chris had received some complaints regarding some problems that arose at this year's championship. One of these complaints suggested that the seedings list was not strictly adhered to. Penny Charlton, organiser of this event explained that only two teams changed positions. Due to the tournaments at Anglesey some teams times altered quite considerably due to the fact that teams go there for a holiday and don't always have their fastest teams. Two teams were contacted prior to the show asking if they wanted to submit a faster time in order to make each division competitive. As this was agreed with these team captains in advance, the committee were unanimous that no error had occurred in the organisation of this event. The committee also felt that the submitting of faster times was acceptable as this would only serve to improve the racing.

It was agreed that next years Championships would need to be organised slightly differently. The committee will still organise the paperwork and entries to this event but they will be looking for a team to host the show next year. This will include the setting up of the show, camping facilities, and the general running of the event but still in consultation with the committee. The team that hosts the event will of course received any profits gained after all expenses have been taken into account.

2.6 European Championships 2007 – This show had been booked for 26/27/28<sup>th</sup> May 2007. There has been a problem with the original venue that had been previously booked and an alternative venue was being investigated.

The Committee agreed that this event would probably be an open show and would like to see as many teams competing at this event as possible. The committee are hoping to make this event one of the biggest in the BFA's history and are looking into the possibility of hiring a marquee with food and evening entertainment. If any one has any contacts or suggestion for this event please contact the show organiser Penny Charlton.

### **3. SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDANCE**

3.1 Regional Representative Coordinator – Several emails had been received regarding the coordinator. It was agreed by the committee to send Rachel a letter checking to see if she has the time available to carry on with this position.

3.2 Roma Williams – A letter had been received from Roma regarding a tournament organiser not refunding an entry fee.

3.3 The stats officers' position was discussed. The only problems that have been experienced by Suzanne are some tournament organisers failing to fill in the time sheets correctly before posting them. It was agreed to allow Suzanne to send these tournament organisers a reminder of how to complete them correctly.

### **4. FINANCES**

A detailed report was presented to the committee and they reviewed the current financial position. It was reported that the BFA were in a good financial position.

### **5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT**

5.1 Total membership as of 28th October 2006 is 1400. Teams for schedules are now 93.

5.2 Membership renewals were discussed and it was agreed to accept the membership secretary's suggestion that all renewals should be in by the 1<sup>st</sup> April. In previous years the membership has been allowed four weeks after the renewal date to rejoin the association without incurring any penalty. The committee appreciated that this entailed extra work and in future no leeway will be given. As the renewal form is sent out in the February addition of the Flyball record, giving the membership some six weeks notice of renewal, it was accepted that any late renewals would be subject to the late joining fee.

5.3 As schedules are now available from the BFA website, the teams for schedule list will only be kept for reference purposes, or in case of teams needing to be contacted. This will now mean that the £2.00 fee to renew primary teams will be discontinued.

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

6.1 Judges Seminars – Peter Roberts attended at 2.00pm to discuss forthcoming seminars.

It was confirmed that January 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> had been booked at Oswestry and February 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> at Newark. A possibility of a third seminar may be booked in the South in the near future. More details of these seminars will be published when available.

6.2 Flyball Record – The committee had been informed of an increase in publishing costs. It was agreed that the increase was reasonable and we would continue with the present printers.

6.3 Measuring Hoops – New measuring hoops are being designed and should be ready for the committee to inspect at the next meeting. If the committee approve these hoops they will be issued, and must be kept with each set of lights used at sanctioned tournaments. Only these approved measuring hoops will be used in future.

6.4 Postal vote for point system – Postal slips should be sent out within the next couple of weeks.

6.5. Postal vote for Committee members – This was discussed in case it should be necessary. All nominations will need to be in by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2007. The website will be available ninety days before the AGM for any nominations to be submitted.

6.6 Junior Handler Award – It was agreed that a slight change was needed. The junior handler forms will be amended and presented to the committee at the next meeting.

## **10. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2006**

Meeting closed at 6.10pm

**Agreed as a true copy of events**

**Chairman Signature.....(BFA CHAIRMAN)**