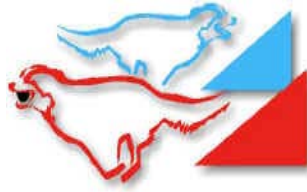


The British Flyball Association



Minutes of Committee Meeting No 4 -2005/06 Held on Sunday 26th February 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 2005/06-03)

- 1.1. Confirmed as a true record of proceeding.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- 2.1. History of the Association – Wayne has started to get some information and videos. Once he has this information from the early 1990's, the Webmaster can format a new section on the website.
- 2.2. Updates on Lights – The new lights are coming along very well. A few details were discussed regarding their design and would be conveyed back to Martin Pollard.
- 2.3. Rule change History Document – This is now all up to date on the website including all the recent changes to our rulebook.
- 2.4. Head Judges Log Book – A few minor changes were made to this document.
- 2.5. The new witness statement forms will be available shortly for the members use. It was also agreed to look into all the existing forms on the web and bring them up to date regarding giving them all a coded number.

3. STATISTICS CO-ORDINATOR

- 3.1 An e-mail had been received from Suzanne confirming the stats were almost up to date. A few problems had arisen regarding the calculations of the annual awards. The special award has not been calculated correctly in the past, but a new programme will be set up, making this easier to calculate in future years. Dave would discuss with the girls whether an external hard drive would be suitable for backing up files.
- 3.1. The new Multi breed award, which was voted on at last years AGM, was confirmed to start this year. As the points and tournaments for last year were well under way at the AGM, no new awards can be started until the beginning of the year.

4. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

- 4.1. Total membership as of 25th February 2006 is 1277, teams for schedules is now 90

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. Anne also informed the committee that she was unable to attend this years AGM but the accounts will be in order for the memberships perusal.
- 5.2 Anne still has some work to update the assets register but thing should be completed by the AGM

6. SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDANCE

- 6.1 An enquiry regarding a new Spanish Water Dog award had been received, but it was agreed by the whole committee that they had already turned down some other awards from members of the Association. It was suggested if they wanted to give this award out privately they would be more than welcome to do so.
- 6.2 Regional Representative Coordinators job. A few applicants had been received and it was agreed to give the job to Rachel Jones from Greetland Grasshoppers

7. SHOW SECRETARY'S REPORT

- 7.1. It was discussed the change to sending out schedule of tournaments and a new proposal would be presented at the AGM. It was discussed that we had tried the new system for a year and it had worked reasonably well. It was felt that we could now make this purely web based and do away with having to send schedules out to all teams captains. It was also agreed, as there were only 6 team without e-mail facilities, they would be asked to nominate a member of their team to receive schedules, if this proposal gets approved at the AGM.
- 7.2. In future schedules will not include a box for declared times, these will have to be e-mailed directly to the tournament organiser at least 14days prior to the show.
- 7.3. Training/Fun Diary – It was agreed that this should be allowed for members use only. A letter would be written to Nigel explaining this as this facility has been used for non-members advertisements.

8. MATTERS ARISING

- 8.1. European Championships 2007 – This was discussed and it was agreed that we would still try to go ahead with this. A date and venue is being looked into for next year with a possible date of the last Bank Holiday in May
- 8.2. Dog Boots – An e-mail had been received regarding the use of dog boots at indoor tournaments. It was agreed it was difficult to determine which dogs were using them to enhance a dogs grip or just for protection. It was also felt that these boots probably would not give dogs any further advantage and would more than likely make the dog slower.

9. AGM PROPOSALS

- 9.1 Some alterations to section 1 to 3 were discussed ready to present to the membership at the AGM.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 10.1. Summer Championships 2006 – This was decided to reduce the qualification to 7 shows but as many more teams would qualify it was decided the places would go to the highest seeded teams as was done last year. The committee are still thinking of ways to increase the number of teams that could qualify and it was thought that we might try a three-day show in the future. It maybe run on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday next year when the members could have a years notice to arrange time off work.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – AGM 2ND MARCH 2006

Meeting closed at 5.10pm

Agreed as a true copy of events

Chairman Signature.....(BFA CHAIRMAN)