

The British Flyball Association



Minutes of Committee Meeting No. 3-2007/08 Held on Sunday 28th October 2007 at the Manor Hotel, Meriden, Coventry Commencing at 10.00 am

Present: Chris Fulford, Penny Charlton, Anne Alcock, Tony Cain, Howard Campbell, Steve Leek, Maureen Hendry, William Whiteley, Judy Parker

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (NO 2007/08- 02)

Confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

2. MATTERS ARISING

2.1 Update on Lights -- David Long joined the meeting for half an hour to discuss the lights. By the end of the year the total revenue gained from the hire of the lights should be £4100.00. A few outstanding payments are still to come from some show organisers.

Martin Pollard who makes the Millstream lights is looking into changing the sensors on the gates as a remedy to the problems that have been occurring. A new set of lights is needed as some stage but more research on other lights will be looked into before a decision is made. Steve will look into the repairs needed for the Watch-Dog set. Anne to ask show organisers over the winter if they mind using her new set of lights as long as there is a back up set available should any problems arise.

2.2 British Flyball Championships 2008 – This event will take place on Friday 15th, Saturday 16th, Sunday 17th August 2008 at Holt Farm, Southam, Warwickshire. It will be run in strict seed order with the slower teams running on Friday and the fastest on Sunday. Anne Alcock with the help of her team Live Wires agreed to be the main organiser of this event. The BFA are hoping to make this show the biggest show Britain has ever hosted. There will be no qualifying criteria, with all teams having the chance to enter. The Committee agreed because of the size of this event and to encourage as many teams as possible to participate no other shows will be allowed to take place on this weekend.

2.3 Measuring Hoops – It was agreed that the new measuring hoop would be used next year with all the old hoops being made obsolete. All measuring boards which will be supplied by tournament organisers should be 4ft x 3ft.

2.4 Annual Awards – It has been decided that the only annual awards will be Team of the Year, which will be awarded to the team that runs the fastest time in a year. This award will be awarded to 1st to 3rd place. Multi-breed Team of the Year, awarded to fastest multi-breed team of the Year, this award will only go to 1st place and the Claire Gristwood and Junior Handlers award to remain the same as in previous years.

2.5 Starter guidelines – This still has not been completed but should be finished within the next couple of weeks. This will go out as an appendix to the rulebook.

3. SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDANCE

The BFA do not encourage regular advertising of goods for sale on the discussion board especially from trading companies. Anyone wishing to sell items should apply for a link to the website.

Show Organisers should ensure when purchasing new jumps that they are the correct height before using them in competitions.

4. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Membership as of 28th October 2007 is 1611.

174 primary teams.

A new PO Box has been applied for and should be in use shortly.

A few issues have arisen since Maureen took over the job and will hopefully be sorted as soon as Nigel the Webmaster returns from being away with work commitments.

The 2008 membership renewals will fall due on the 1st April 2008 and all BFA members will pay 9 months 1st April – 31 Dec 08. Then the next renewal due will be 1st Jan 09 – 31st Dec 09.

5. FINANCES

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

The BFA insurance was discussed and the member-to-member liability is still being looked into.

6. SHOW SECRETARY'S REPORT

It was agreed that all running orders for shows should be posted on the discussion board as well as being sent to team captains, so that they are available to all team members. They should show seed times used and declared times should be clearly marked.

Method of allocating places for over subscribed shows was discussed and confirmed that Judy was giving Tournament Organisers the correct information. All entry forms should be put into a hat and all teams, on each form pulled out, will be allocated a place until entries are full.

7. CHAIRMANS CORRESPONDANCE

A letter had been received from Paula Merryman who wanted a new rule brought in to insist that all teams entering shows must do ring party duties. The Committee agreed this was not practical and could not be enforced.

MATTER ARISING SINCE LAST MEETING

7.1 BFA Judges and Ring Party seminar will hopefully be organised in April at Markfield.

7.2 A few minor word changes to the Rules and Policies were discussed. These will be issued in time for the start of next year.

7.3 It was emphasised that Head Judges should have the final say at shows but it is courteous to consult the tournament organiser when making any decisions.

7.4 It has been noticed that some dogs have been measured and recorded on the height form before they are 18 months of age. A letter will go out to all Head Judges asking them to check dog's ages before their first measurement.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

An email had been received from Betty Potts regarding allowing points for a team that had to withdraw half way through racing due to ill health of the dogs in this team. The Committee agreed that points could not be allocated in this case, as it would set a precedent for future applications.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING –24TH FEBRUARY 2008

Meeting closed at 6.20pm

Agreed as a true copy of events

Chairman Signature.....(BFA CHAIRMAN)