

# **The British Flyball Association**



## **Minutes of Committee Meeting No. 4-2006/07 Held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2007 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, Anne Johnson.

### **1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (NO 2006/07- 03)**

Confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

### **2. MATTERS ARISING**

2.1 Hall of Fame – No updates at this time. As Wayne is standing down from the Committee, he will hand over any information to Chris.

2.2 Rule Change History Document – Tony is nearly up to date but has had a few problems imputing the information. It was advised that Tony get in touch with Nigel to change the program slightly.

2.3 Update on Lights -- Martin Pollard went to the Judges Seminar at Newark recently to look at a few minor problems that had still be occurring with the new BFA lights. A discussion took place regarding Anne Johnson's show at Easter. She was rather concerned that the lights she had hired from the BFA were not coming with any one that had the knowledge to set them up or maintain them if any faults occurred. Tony was going to help Anne and show her how to set them up. The committee discussed locating the BFA lights so that they could be utilised more efficiently, but this would be discussed with Dave before any decisions are taken. It was agreed to order a spare console for these lights at a cost of £232.00 with a view to ordering another console in the near future. Anne Alcock to order a spare console for the Watchdog set. Chris will make enquiries with Martin if he would be able to make another set in the future

2.4 European Championships – The schedules for this show have gone out and a good response so far has been received to this show. It was confirmed, although the Bandits and Maple Leafs were running the show, any loss of income made at this show, the BFA would cover these costs. It was agreed that medals would be given instead of rosettes and trophies would be supplied to the winning teams in each division. Chris will hire two sets of the BFA lights for this show and it was agreed if any problems occurred with the lights at any time they would be changed immediately for either Chris's lights or the Bandits lights. Steve will supply a banner at a cost of £20 for this event.

2.5 Summer Championships 2007 – It was agreed to put a low qualifying limit of three shows for this event. If no limit was set then any team could run a faster time just before the cut of date in order to gain entry to this show. In order to qualify you must have run at three tournaments between the Easter weekend and 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

2.6 Break-out rule – It was agreed that any team that breaks –out in any division would not be allocated points for that leg but the break-out time would count for their seed time.

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

3.1 Roma Williams – A letter had been received from Roma showing her displeasure that the committee were unable to help with her complaint a few months ago. A slightly different version of events had come to light and the committee were going to try and investigate further. It was agreed to get Anne and Suzanne to check their paperwork.

3.2 It was agreed to look into providing the Stats officer with a new computer, which would change hands as and when a new stats officer was required.

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

4.1 Total membership as of 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2007 is 1500. Teams for schedules are now 98.

### **5. FINANCES**

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

5.2 Assets Register is now complete.

### **6. SHOW SECRETARY'S REPORT**

6.1 All up to date at present.

6.2 Extending of Limited Shows – More and more tournament organisers are asking to extend their shows after seeing the number of entries they receive. It was agreed that show organiser should be putting more realistic numbers on their limit and not asking to extend them after they see how many entries they received. It was agreed to set a limit of 6-teams/one divisions of how many teams tournament organisers can extend their shows by.

6.3 Tournament fees were discussed and it was suggested to ask the membership at the AGM if a limit should be set.

6.4 The specimen tournament schedule will be updated shortly to show the changes that have occurred over the past few years.

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

7.1 Measuring Hoops – A new measuring hoop is being tested at a few shows.

7.2 Awards notification – Tony confirmed all teams were being contacted if an award was due.

7.3 Judges Seminar – The Oswestry seminar went well but the location was a bit remote. Newark seminar was a better location except the venue wasn't very suitable for a seminar. Some suggestions came from the Head Judges seminar but there wasn't time to go through all the items that were raised.

7.4 Rule 4.5 Seeding – It was agreed to add the word (UK) in order to run the European Championships successfully.

7.5 Starters competitions were discussed. As a proposal has been put forward for the AGM, this discussion was deferred until the next meeting when the result of the AGM was known.

### **8. AGM PROPOSALS**

The AGM agenda was discussed and approved.

## **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

9.1 Since the introduction of the 7" jumps height, some show organisers have not cut their jumps but have only added a small strip of insulating tape to the top of the jumps. A proposal for the AGM had been received to change the rule.

9.2 It was decided a new rule was needed confirming that a minimum thickness of 6mm was required for underlay at indoor shows.

9.3 Aggression in dogs was also discussed. Some Judges were not taking this rule seriously and more incidents have been witnessed. Anne Johnson volunteered to write an article for the Flyball record on this subject in order to highlight this to the memberships.

9.4 It was agreed as there was no need to show Area Representatives addresses on the website these would all be deleted as soon as possible.

## **10. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2007**

## **11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING AFTER THE AGM – SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2007**

Meeting closed at 6.00pm

**Agreed as a true copy of events**

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