

The British Flyball Association



Minutes of Committee Meeting No. 2-2007/08 Held on Sunday 15th July 2007 at the Manor Hotel, Coventry Commencing at 10.00 am

Present: Chris Fulford, Penny Charlton, Anne Alcock, Tony Cain, Howard Campbell, Steve Leek, Maureen Hendry.

Apologies: William Whiteley, Judy Parker

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (NO 2007/08- 01)

Confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

2. MATTERS ARISING

2.1 Hall of Fame – As Nigel has been away for long periods of time this year, this new page will have to wait until a more suitable time for the webmaster to build the page. The information is being compiled and hopefully will be available as soon as possible.

2.2 Rule Change History Document – Nigel is giving some thought to the changes needed for this page.

2.3 Update on Lights – Steve has been having problems getting the old BFA lights working. Chris will look into getting the wiring diagram and hand to Steve as soon as possible. One set of BFA lights are in for repair as a dog had run into the sensors, pulling out the wiring.

2.4 European Championships – The committee expressed there thanks to the Barkshire Bandits and Maple Leafs for hosting a very successful show. A proposal from Stefan Van Thienen from Belgium had been received and it was agreed by all the committee to help with his suggestion of introducing stronger bonds between European teams. It was agreed to sign up to a new charter when more information was available.

2.5 Summer Championships 2007 – Penny to speak to Pam to ask what help is needed for this event. It has been advised that camping is on a first served basis and no pre booking of spaces should be allowed.

Summer Championships 2008 – The committee still wish to run this event in the future as a three day show in order to allow as many teams as possible to compete. It was agreed to book the dates for next year in the diary for the 15/16/17th August but a venue was undecided at this time but the Committee were going to look into this.

2.6 Measuring Hoops – The new hoop has been tested in the North with a number of Head Judges. There were mixed feelings on this devise but it was found to be an accurate way of calibrating the old hoops to check they were giving accurate measurements.

3. SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDANCE

A letter had been received regarding the releasing of dogs from teams. It was decided it was unnecessary to change the four-month rule at this time.

4. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Membership as of 14th July 2007 is 1472.

The new membership secretary's position was discussed; Maureen Hendry agreed to take over in this role as soon as a transfer can be arranged.

It was also confirmed that we would change all membership renewals to the 1st January but decided to give the members one months grace to renew their subscription.

5. FINANCES

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

The BFA insurance was discussed and it was agreed a change was needed to cover member-to-member liability and to increase the insurance so that the BFA can host three-day events.

6. SHOW SECRETARY'S REPORT

Due to increasing phone calls to mobile phones, it was agreed to look into paying a percentage of Judy's phone bill.

7. MATTER ARISING SINCE LAST MEETING

7.1 Break –out Rule – It was agreed to leave this as it was as all seemed to be working quite well with less teams submitting times.

7.2 Starters guidelines are still being looked into.

7.3 Annual Awards – With the changes to the Annual Awards starting from next year, it was agreed to look into adding an award for the team with the highest average of wins over the year, with a minimum of 8 shows being run by each team to qualify for this award.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Bitches giving Birth at shows – Due to the welfare and safety of bitches and puppies, it was agreed that a new rule would be sent out as soon as possible stating that any bitch that is due to whelp within 7 days of a sanctioned tournament are not permitted onto the showground.

8.2 Incident Report Forms – Due to the increase of these forms being used it was agreed to add email addresses to the form in order for the secretary to be able to acknowledge receipt of these forms.

8.3 It was decided to look into the purchasing the copyright of the BFA Logo.

8.4 Breeds – It has come to the Committee's attention that the breed Labradoodle was being used when in fact these breeds are crossbreeds. It was decided to alter this on the website.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING –28TH OCTOBER 2007

Meeting closed at 4.10pm

Agreed as a true copy of events

Chairman Signature.....(BFA CHAIRMAN)