

The British Flyball Association



Minutes of Committee Meeting No. 1-2008/09 Held on Sunday 19th October 2008 at the Manor Hotel, Meriden, Coventry Commencing at 9.00 am

Present: Steve Leek, Penny Charlton, Judy parker, Anne Alcock, Tony Cain, Howard Campbell, Maureen Hendry, William Whiteley, Rachel Child.

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (NO 2007/08- 04)

Confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

2. MATTERS ARISING

These were left until the next meeting due to time restraints.

3. SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDANCE

Hazell Browns DSC appeal hearing. This was discussed in detail and a decision was reached by the majority of the Committee not involved in the original DSC's decision.

4. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Membership as of 19th October 2008 is 1824.

197 primary teams.

16 new teams

As some members send their renewal forms recorded delivery, and Maureen has to go out of her way to pick these up from the post office it was agreed that she could claim for her expenses. This method of mail doesn't get to the membership secretary any quicker because she is out at work all day, and has to make a special trip to collect them.

It was agreed to keep the membership fees the same as in previous years, with all subscriptions falling for renewal on the 1st January 2009.

5. Finances

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

The BFA insurance was discussed and has been updated accordingly.

Some race fees were outstanding of which were being looked into.

6. SHOW SECRETARY'S REPORT

All shows received have been entered onto the diary for next year. As Judy helps with entering the results onto the web, it would help if all team Captains put the correct team numbers on their race sheets.

7. MATTER ARISING SINCE LAST MEETING

7.1 Hall of Fame – No report at this time

7.2 Rule Change History – All up to date.

7.3 BFA Website – This was discussed in detail. There have been some difficulties whilst the website has changed to another server. Most items have been restored but it could do with some modifications to help in the maintenance of the website. The committee will ask Nigel to add some new features to the website as soon as possible.

7.4 NAFA Jump Height change – The Committee agreed to do a postal vote to lower the height of the dogs at the shoulder to 5” instead of 4” as it is now, this would be to keep in line with the recent change made by NAFA.

7.5 Head Judges Qualifications – This was discussed and a few changes were discussed to improve all aspects of judging. After some suggestions were put forward, William was going to come up with a questionnaire for provisional judges and come back to the committee with a format that we can discuss again at our next meeting.

7.6 BFA Annual awards – The new awards were discussed with only two new trophies being required. All Existing trophies will be returned to the secretary for safe keeping.

7.7 Regional Representative – As agreed at the AGM the regional reps positions will be phased out after alterations to the website has been made. It was suggested that a map of where the teams train and a list of all teams will be shown on the website with contact details for prospective new members to get in touch with.

7.8 Record of incidences of Injury – As discussed at the AGM, it was agreed that as so few incident report forms were sent in each year, there was no point in analysing any data. These reports will be kept on file by the secretary and any similarities or concerns would be presented to the committee to look into if the need arises.

7.9 Sale of Puppies at shows – Members should be aware that the Animal Welfare Act shows that there is to be no selling of puppies at shows.

7.10 Under age NFC Dogs – It was agreed that some shows have been allowing dogs to run in NFC teams under the age of 18 months at sanctioned shows. The Committee agreed that according to the rules, no dogs under this age limit should be allowed in the ring at any time. This will be added to rule 5.20.

7.11 Judges Seminars – Some dates were discussed for next year, and the committee will look into venues with dates available. Peter Roberts has stood down as training officer and the Committee would like to thank him for all his hard work over the years in this role.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

As time was short any other business would be dealt with at our next meeting next month.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 23RD NOVEMBER 2008

Meeting closed at 5.00pm

Agreed as a true copy of events

Chairman Signature.....(BFA CHAIRMAN)