

The British Flyball Association



Minutes of Committee Meeting No. 2-2008/09 Held on Sunday 23rd November 2008 at the Manor Hotel, Meriden, Coventry Commencing at 10.00 am

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

Apology: William Whitely

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (NO 2008/09- 01)

Confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

2. MATTERS ARISING

BFA Lights – There hasn't been any issues or problems that have been reported to the committee.

New sets of lights were discussed and it was agreed that an approval process should be put in place for members who build new sets lights. A new rule will be added in January stating the use of new timing equipment. In order to use lights that have not been tested before in competitions they will be required to be thoroughly tested in starters competitions prior to use in sanctioned tournaments.

British Championships 08 – It was agreed that as Steve and Penny had transported the majority of the equipment for this show they should be allowed to claim their expenses for petrol.

Update on Measuring Hoops – No issues with these hoops now the longer bar has been fitted.

If the recent postal vote gets voted on regarding the new height measurement for dogs, the hoops will need to be amended and new height cards will be issued for all new height dogs. These new cards will be in a different colour and any existing cards will be kept but will be entitled to jump an inch lower than the measurement on that card.

3. SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDANCE

An email had been received from Steph Rendell regarding the UK hosting the first World Championships in 2012. The Committee felt although it is a great idea, this would be impossible to arrange. It is unrealistic to expect teams to come from USA, Australia. If this was started then teams in the future would be expected to reciprocate and it has taken many years for teams to go to the European Championships, let alone going to USA. It was decided to maybe look into Britain hosting the European Championships again in 2012, the year of the Olympics.

4. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Membership as of 23rd November 2008 is 1848.

199 primary teams.

We have had 215 renewals so far for January 2009

It has come to the committee's attention that some handlers are running in competitions without joining or renewing their membership. It was agreed that a 14 day deadline should be applied to the rules stating that any team handler must have joined or renewed their membership within 14 days of the competition entered or else all points gained at that show will be lost for that team.

5. Finances

This has not changed much since our meeting last month

6. SHOW SECRETARY'S REPORT

Not much to report since our meeting last month.

7. MATTERS ARISING SINCE LAST MEETING

7.1 Postal Vote – 1665 voting slips were sent out with 270 returned so far.

7.2 Head Judges qualifications were discussed. A slight amendment to the rules was needed and this would be discussed again at the next meeting as more changes are needed.

7.3 BFA Website – This was discussed in detail. Some data is not being saved on the website and it was felt that we do need Nigel to attend our next meeting in order for the website and its changes to be discussed in more detail.

7.4 Flyball Record – This was discussed and it was felt that team captains should be contacted to get more opinions on the content of the magazine.

7.5 Registering New Breeds – It was decided that any new or unusual breeds that are not recognised by the kennel Club can be registered with the BFA as long documentation/pedigree are supplied to prove the breeding.

7.6 Kennel Club Flyball – This was discussed and agreed that the BFA would not be getting involved with the Kennel Club but if any members wanted to give assistance then that was up to them.

7.7 European Championships 2009 – It would appear that 19 British teams are planning on going to Belgium next year.

7.8 Record of incidences of Injury to dogs at shows – Penny suggested creating a new incident form just for injuries to dogs at shows. This will hopefully be available by next year so that any injury to dogs at shows can be logged and sent back to the secretary.

7.9 The four month rule was discussed but no decision was made. It was agreed to think about it and discuss it again at the next meeting.

7.10 Rubber Matting – It was decided to investigate injury to dogs at indoor shows to compare the ribbed matting to the square type matting.

7.11 Judges Seminars – Two seminars are now booked for next year.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 1ST FEBRUARY 2009

Meeting closed at 5.10pm

Agreed as a true copy of events

Chairman Signature.....(BFA CHAIRMAN)