

# **The British Flyball Association**



## **Minutes of Committee Meeting No 1 2009/10 Held on Sunday 1st November 2009 At The Manor Hotel, Meriden, Coventry. Commencing at 9.30 am**

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

### **1. Minutes of last meeting (No 03- 2008/09)**

Confirmed as a true record of proceedings

### **2. Matters arising:**

Website – The Webmaster was not present. It was discussed that the committee needs more control over the website. The committee are going to come up with suggestions to make the Stats & Memberships sections more user friendly. Once this has been done and with full consultation with the webmaster, changes to the current website may be made.

Rubber Matting Samples from Notts Supadogs – The samples were shown to the whole committee. The surface was accepted for a trial, with the following conditions, a roll of the normal ribbed matting to be available for the box end if required. A Survey will be carried out after the tournament to check that competitors are happy to run on the surface and the findings to be sent to the committee.

British Championships Update – Holt Farm has been booked for 2010, Discussions are taking place regarding the additional space required for camping and a fourth ring. A quote for the marquee is to be obtained from the existing supplier and provisionally booked.

Head Judges Seminar – A Head Judges Seminar is to be held in the Midlands area, invitations to be sent and expenses will be paid at 15p per mile.

Training Seminars – The same format as last year is to be used at 3 venues on various dates.

Increased Show Bookings – Concerns have been raised at the number of shows being held and the impact that this is having on training. The committee decided that education is the key to this and an article is to be written for the Flyball Record.

Break out time for Seed Times – Concerns' have been raised to the number of teams that are smashing their seed times but not declaring faster times, this was discussed at length and a divisional break out time of 1 second is to be implemented.

**3. Secretary's Correspondence:**

Toffee, Who Paws Wins – Toffee has been booked in to see a spinal specialist, the results of which will be forwarded to the committee.

Newark Entry selection – This was discussed at length and a letter is to be sent to Pamela Harrison stating that the current selection process should have been used as recommended by the Show Secretary, this is not actually in the rules and will be added in January.

**4. Membership Secretary's Report**

Membership as of 1st November 2009 is 2168  
224 Primary Teams

Registering Team Names – Maureen is going to continue to send all new team name requests to the committee for approval.

Renewals- A list of all renewals is going to be put on the BFA Forum in PDF Format, it will contain Membership Numbers and Teams only.

Archiving – Membership data that is currently being archived from 1998 – 2006 is going to be shredded, 2007, 2008 & 2009 is going to be stored. Team Data will still be kept.

**5. Show Secretary's Report**

Tournament Bookings for next year are coming in thick and fast.

Advanced Result - This is going to become a rule in January.

Running Orders - It is going to be put in the rules that running orders must be published on the Web Forum showing current Seed Times and all declared times clearly marked.

It is going to be recommended that consecutive Division Numbers be placed on the same day to make it easier should a team withdraw.

**6. Finances:**

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

**7. Chairman's Correspondence:**

None Received

**8. Matters Arising since Last Meeting.**

Judging – The Committee are looking at completely changing the rules on Judging this will be put forward as a proposal for the AGM, after consultation with all the Head Judges

Acremead – Protest received, Reply has been sent.

Current Rules on Heights – This rule is to be changed stating that the C9 Form and Height cards will take Precedence over the C2 time sheet.

Physically Disabled Dogs – This was discussed at Length but the committee decided that the Judges should make the final decisions on the suitability/fitness of a racing dog.

BFA Lights – The 3<sup>rd</sup> set of BFA lights that were used at the Champs worked well although one side did not report anything under 10<sup>th</sup> second, this is being investigated. Dave Long has a “personal” set of external timers which he will sell to use with the BFA lights. The 3<sup>rd</sup> set of lights have no external timers and are working slightly differently to the other two sets, they are to be upgraded and bought in line. Two sets of BFA lights are to be based in the North and One set of lights are to be based in the South.

Single Side Timer Sheets - It has been noted that not all tournament organisers are using these sheets; this is to become compulsory by being added to the rules.

BFA Approved Lights - A couple of private sets of BFA approved lights, one in the north and the other in the south need some adjustments to be made so they are compliant with all other approved systems. The set in the north is undergoing renovation and upgrading so won't be available again until it has been thoroughly tested under racing conditions. The set in the south needs to adjust the starting timing and a letter to be sent in explanation. Guy Hill's Lights have been trialled by two or three show organisers and as a result they have now been approved by the BFA Committee

Relationship between Head Judge and Tournament Organiser – This was discussed and the committee feel that all decisions should be made after consultation between the two.

Rule 5.12b – To be updated to add that all slats should be clearly marked with their size, wording to be looked into.

Rule 5.21 – Wording to be updated and clarified re the recording of times a measurement sheet is to be implemented.

Tournament Protests – The Show Secretary felt that tournament protests should be brought in line with all other protests, the wording and details are to be looked into and sent to the committee for review.

Judges Tabards – It was decided that this should not be made mandatory as tournament organisers often provide Rosettes

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2010**

**Meeting Closed at 6.00pm**

**Agreed at a true copy of events**

**Chairman Signature.....*Signed on Original* (BFA CHAIRMAN)**