

The British Flyball Association



Minutes of Committee Meeting No. 3-2008/09 Held on Sunday 1st February 2009 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, William Whitely.

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (NO 2008/09- 02)

Confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Measuring Hoops – All members that have these measuring hoops have been asked to send them back to Stuart for alteration now the new height measurement has been voted for. A new 2" piece of nylon will be added to the bottom of the measuring devise so all 14" dogs can then be measured.

Training Seminars – Anne has arranged the plan for these seminars and more emphasis will be given to all aspect of ring partying. There are 30 members booked for the Saturday and 30 for the Sunday. There are 16 starter teams booked; this will be run as a proper starter's competition with rosettes, in order for the members at the seminar to practise judging and carrying out all ring party duties.

Judging – In order to improve all aspects of judging the committee are going to consult all Head Judges for any ideas or suggestion. We would like to introduce more levels in the judging process with more qualifications for judges to take.

A certificate of dog measuring may be introduced in order to have more members available to measure dogs instead of just Head Judges. As some members judge on a regular basis but do not want to be Head Judges it was thought that they could help out more with dog measuring as sometimes there can be a shortage of Head Judges available.

3. SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDANCE

A letter had been sent out to all team captains and head judges with the recent rule changes asking for feedback on the Flyball Record and the rubber matting used at shows. As only four replies were received no conclusion could be given. The Committee will still investigate the safety of all matting used and do not need the approval of team captains to check any health and safety issues.

The Flyball Record will still have the seed list included but all results from shows will not be included in future issues.

PDSA Walkies – A request for an article had been received to be included in the next Flyball Record and this was approved by the committee.

4. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Membership as of 1st February 2009 is 1536.

199 primary teams. We have had 89 new members join.

We have had 1447 renewals up till 1st February 2009

5. Finances

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

6. SHOW SECRETARY'S REPORT

There are 86 shows so far booked for this year.

As there are more one day shows being booked, it was noted that some members may want to enter more than one show over the same weekend. It was agreed that we need to keep an eye on this situation because it would not be very fair if some teams get into 2 shows over a weekend and some teams do not get into one due to shows being over-subscribed.

Some show organisers are booking shows over the same weekend as other venues which are only just over the 50 miles limit. Under our present rules these shows cannot be turned down but the committee felt that it would be helpful if show organisers check other venues and team availability before booking their own shows in order for all shows to get a reasonable entry.

7. MATTERS ARISING SINCE LAST MEETING

7.1 British Championships 2009 – Steve and Bridget have agreed to take charge of this event. They will do the general organisation for this show but other members will be required to help. Maureen and Rachel agreed they would be on hand for help as will the rest of the committee.

7.2 BFA Website – All dogs date of birth would be helpful if it was shown on the website. Nigel has been asked for this to be done.

7.3 The four month rule was discussed. It was decided to change this to 6 months in order to try and stop members moving from their original team and setting up a new team only to disband that team after a very short time. It was decided to put this as a proposal for the AGM.

7.4 Seed Times – It was noted that some teams still keep winning divisions by over a second faster than all other teams in their divisions. It was discussed that not many teams declare faster times for a competition and may not be aware if they do declare faster times they are not subject to the break out rule. This is usually more evident at larger shows when more teams are entered and the division's times are usually very close. It was agreed to keep an eye on this and let team captains know if any patterns are developing.

7.5 AGM – A few other proposals were discussed from the Committee to be put forward to this year's AGM.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 29TH MARCH 2009

Meeting closed at 4.45pm

Agreed as a true copy of events

Chairman Signature.....(BFA CHAIRMAN)