

The British Flyball Association



Minutes of Committee Meeting No 2 2011/2012 Held on Sunday 30th October 2011 At The Manor Hotel, Meriden, Coventry. Commencing at 9.30 am

Present: Sharon Allcorn, Dave Long, Rachel Child, Judy Parker, Val Currie, Sam Bawden, Ray Lewis, Jo Crosswell, Tony Cain

1. Minutes of last meeting (No 01- 2011/12)

Confirmed as a true record of proceedings

2. Chairs Opening Speech

Communication was discussed in detail and ways to improve were suggested, A Skype meeting is going to be arranged for early November to test the system and its suitability. Teleconferences were not seen by the Committee as an effective method of communication.

Timely responses to emails were highlighted as a majority decision was proving difficult to obtain, it was decided that a timeline of 7 days was to be put on replies, ensuring faster responses to correspondence received.

The chair stated that the Committee must work as one unit and decisions have to be made using an impartial viewpoint for the good of the whole membership. Decisions that have been made by previous Committee's must be respected and cannot be changed.

3. Matters arising:

Champs 2012 – Various places were discussed for the venue for the 2012 Champs, Hatton Country Village, Arbury Hall and Earls Barton were discussed in detail, A majority decided that Arbury Hall is to be booked again. Negotiations to start as soon as possible.

European Championships 2012 – The decision was made previously that 2 teams would host the championships; The High Flyers and Alpha Dogz are underway with the planning. A majority decided that British Records gained at the championships should be recognised by the BFA even though the show is not sanctioned. A rule change is to be written for January to accommodate.

Lights Working Party – The LWP had nothing to add at this meeting, however they are still working towards creating a Criteria to standardise lights used within the BFA. A report will be presented at the AGM.

Measuring Device Working Party – A prototype was displayed at the Champs and is currently being tested at different shows, Feed back is to be obtained and then a report will be presented at the AGM.

Regional Reps Working Party – A meeting was held at the Champs, recommendations for the role and regions are progressing well and will be presented to the Committee prior to the AGM.

AGM Attendance – A comprehensive list of AGM attendees was reviewed by the Committee for information only.

Head Judges Dismissing people from the ring – The Committee discussed at length the requirement for a rule to give Qualified and Head Judges the authority to remove a member from the ring due to unsuitable behaviour. A majority decided that a rule will be added to section 5.5 (d) in the January rule changes.

Dogs Changing Teams – Some members of the Committee raised concerns at members changing teams for gain. After being discussed at length it was concluded that a rule will be written to allow special criteria for the Champs. It was also discussed that education on this should start at team level.

Selling puppies at BFA sanctioned shows – Correspondence was received by the committee on this and was discussed at length. It was decided that some rule changes would be required, but will be decided on at a later date.

4. Secretary's Correspondence:

Confidential correspondence received by the Secretary was discussed in detail by the committee, responses were sent

5. Membership Secretary's Report

Membership as of 30th October 2011 is 2746
285 Primary Teams

6. Show Secretary's Report

Some rule changes will be required in January; these will be discussed in detail at a later date.

Tournament paperwork is not been received within the given timescales, Fines as detailed in the BFA Rules and Policies will be given out.

7. Finances:

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

Expenditure for the Champs was reviewed.

8. Chairman's Correspondence:

Confidential correspondence received by the Chair was discussed in detail by the committee, responses were sent.

9. Matters Arising since Last Meeting.

BFA Landmark Ice Block – Online Trophies are still having difficulties in obtaining the usual Ice Block due to their Supplier. An alternative was sent to the Committee for approval, it is very similar to the design, shape and size of the current award, but it was decided that these could be used providing the recipient was given the option to wait for the original block.

The Belle Star Award – 90, 000 points have been gained by Belle from the Doncaster Belle Stars, for this the committee offer huge congratulations. The certificate will be ordered and the writing will be Gold sparkly, a sample to be sent to the Committee for approval.

Award scale for Milestone Awards – The committee was asked why the scale had increased from 5,000-10, 000 increments, as this was decided upon in 2005, a majority decided to leave as is.

Mileage paid for Lights Custodians – The expenses claimed by the lights custodians was discussed at length.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 7th November 2011 (Skype)

Meeting Closed at 18.45pm

Agreed at a true copy of events

Chairman Signature.....(BFA CHAIRMAN)