

The British Flyball Association



Minutes of the Committee Meeting No 2 2014/15 Held on Sunday 5 October 2014 at The Ibis Coventry South

Attendees; Sharon Allcorn, Jo Crosswell, Val Currie, Tony Cain, Ray Lewis, Dan Culley, Dave Long, Andrew Short, Jenni Wallace

The Minutes of last meeting (No 01-2014/15) were confirmed as a true record of proceeding <http://www.flyball.org.uk/official/meetings/comm/74.pdf>

1. Sharon Allcorn gave the **Chairs Opening Address** which acknowledged the progress of the association; the online renewals will be ready to use for the third year from December and we are developing the process with a view to allowing new members to have an online facility, the Regional Representative network continues to benefit members, the new website development is progressing well, the Head Judge and Qualified Judge Seminar enabled progress including the decision to introduce a Judges Board, this is at the appointment stage having received good quality applications of members willing to serve to improve Judging quality and support members working towards their qualifications, and a successful 20th Anniversary Championships which accommodated even more teams using a fifth ring and also successfully introduced an alternative format for Divisions 1, 2 & 3. Other achievements have been made and the Chair encouraged the Committee focus to continue delivering on its objectives over the coming months.
2. **Matters arising;** Matters arising and the action points from the previous committee meeting were discussed
3. **Chairs Correspondence & Secretary Correspondence;** Confidential correspondence received by the Chair and Secretary had been dealt with by the committee prior to the meeting by email, responses had been agreed. Other Confidential issues were dealt with at the meeting.
4. **Judges board;** From the many quality applications received, decisions were arrived at as to who will be invited to form the board, the Committee felt a good mix of both Head Judges and Qualified Judges was appropriate. The Committee will issue the outcome to those selected and thank those who whilst not invited on this occasion have demonstrated their commitment to the BFA through this application process.
5. **November rule changes;** Discussion of proposed changes took place with agreement reached to improve elements of our current rules. These will be published on October 20th via the Website Forum and then issued to Team Captains and Officials for implementation with effect from November 3 2014. Any official not in receipt of the updated rules by this date will be requested to advise the Secretary of a current email address as mailings of this type often result in some email failure due to out of date contact information. For the first time guidance for Starter Competitions will be added as an annex to the BFA Rules for the benefit of organisers, members and their dogs.

6. **BFA Lights;** The pressures on the current sets of BFA lights were discussed with options to order new sets being very limited. Improvements to current sets will be progressed and the software developed for the BFA by ABTEC will be introduced into a set currently out of service to enable testing by the Lights Co-ordinator and other Committee Members. Tournament Organisers are requested to consider private lights hire as well as the BFA Lights, the Association cannot guarantee the availability of lights given the current light situation and the increasing demand. The Committee are investigating all avenues open to them to future proof the associations' requirements.
7. **Job role for media communications secretary and new Flyball Record Editor;** these roles were discussed and an action point set for the Committee to further consider the job specification and arrange an announcement to invite applications.
8. **Championships 2014 Committee Surgeries and feedback from the Championships measuring workshop;** Issues raised at the surgeries were discussed and the outcomes will feed into next year's Championships planning. Improvements to the training and log book process for Measuring Officials will include the correct setting up of the equipment
9. **Dog re-measures;** A grace period for dogs holding height cards from the previous system of 'across the withers' to the new laser system and 'between the withers' has ended. Any owners who believe their dog to be in need of a re-measure need to apply to the Committee as per the BFA Rules.
10. **Finances;** The focus of the BFA finances at the meeting was the Championships 2014 spend, despite offering more facilities and benefits than ever before the deficit for the Championships is currently standing at £7,170.48, (a small variance to this figure may be necessary, with the final figure being reported to the 2015 AGM). The association income is needed to pursue improvements to the Website and the BFA Lights as well as the usual expenditure of awards, etc., being able to make the Championships self-financing is an important goal for the Committee.
11. **Committee future – 3 year term – 3 to stand down or for re-election each year;** The AGM 2014 voted in favour of a move to a three year term, no decisions were arrived at during this agenda item, but the committee reminded themselves of the effect of the new rule for the 2015 AGM. The 2014 election for 3 year term saw Andrew, Dan, Val appointed, re-appointed. The 2015 election will see Jenni (our co-opted member) and two others needing to consider re-standing. 2016 will see the remaining 3 needing to consider re-standing. Current committee members affected by the change and needing to consider re-standing over the next two AGM's are; Jo, Sharon, Tony, Ray and Dave.
12. **Date of Next Meeting – Dates are being considered for January 2015 with other Committee business being dealt with by email, Skype or Google Hangout.**
13. The meeting closed at 6pm.