

The British Flyball Association



Minutes of the Committee Meeting No 3 2014/15 Held on 24 & 25 January 2015 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 02-2014/15) were confirmed as a true record of proceeding <http://www.flyball.org.uk/official/meetings/comm/75.pdf>

1. Sharon Allcorn gave the **Chairs Opening Address** using the time to refocus the Committee on the work ahead. Each member of the committee had the opportunity to discuss their thoughts on the year so far and their hopes for the future. The discussion acknowledged the progress of the Judges Board and also the concerns over the limited opportunities to secure new BFA Electronic Judging Systems (lights) The Regional Representative network continues to benefit members and Jenni Wallace agreed to take the lead on this group by taking over from Dan Culley as the RR Coordinator, Chair and Committee Liaison. The Chair encouraged the Committee focus to help deliver objectives over the coming months. The primary committee objectives include the provision of BFA Lights, the Championships to be self-funding, the new voting format for proposals and officials at the AGM and the launch of the new BFA Website.
2. **Matters arising;** Matters arising and the action points from the previous committee meeting were discussed. These included the move to electronic voting for the 2015 AGM Proposals and Committee. A service provider has been chosen and a guide to users will be provided to the membership to allow them to confidently vote online if this is their preference. Members are still invited to attend the AGM and cast their votes at the meeting instead of online.
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..
4. **Judges board;** Officers on the Judges board are now in place with Sharon Allcorn and Val Currie providing the liaison to the Committee. An announcement from the Judges Board is expected soon to update members on who they should now contact. There are some revisions to the qualifications and actions needed to be taken by those completing the training will be advised to members in due course. This is a period of change and some delays may be experienced by members, the Committee and the Judges Board will strive to keep any delays to a minimum, however members who receive a holding response by email to their communications are asked to be patient as all enquiries will be dealt with as soon as possible.
5. **AGM Committee Nominations and Proposals for rule changes;** the links on the BFA Website will be made live and an announcement made via the website forum (link added to Facebook Members Only Page). Those seeking election to the Committee should ensure they meet the requirements within the BFA Rules and also consider the BFA Committee Job Description to understand the commitment and workload. The Committee wish to encourage

members to consider proposals that will benefit the whole of the Association. Discussing ideas within teams or a group facilitated by your Regional Representative is encouraged to ensure the quality and soundness of any proposals. Similarly once the agenda is finalised, the committee encourage discussion on the closed Facebook BFA Members group, within teams or at discussions facilitated by Regional Representatives. All members are encouraged to use their vote to elect the Committee and to vote on proposed changes to the current rules; keeping the good of the whole association in mind when doing so.

- 6. BFA Lights;** The pressures on the current sets of BFA lights were discussed with options to order new sets being extremely limited. Attempts to order new sets of lights have not been successful despite best efforts. Improvements and maintenance to current sets will continue to be progressed. 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 continue to investigate all avenues open to them to future proof the associations' requirements.
- 7. Job role for media communications secretary and Flyball Record Editor;** this role was discussed and a draft of the vacancy is with the Committee to agree. The Committee anticipate an announcement to invite applications being issued as soon as possible, to enable this role to be filled in time for the main summer season.
- 8. Finances;** Balances were provided to the Committee with the full accounts due to be sent to the Book Keepers prior to the AGM. The focus of the BFA finances at the meeting was the approaching financial year end and anticipated spend for the Championships 2015 spend, 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.
- 9. 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, the committee agreed the effect of the new rule for the 2015 AGM. The 3 year terms began at the 2014 AGM. The 2015 election will see a further 3 committee places open for applications one of which will be the 2014 co-opted member.
- 10. Date of Next Meeting – Dates will be considered for April 2015 with other Committee business being dealt with by email, Skype or Google Hangout.**