



The British Flyball Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held on Sunday 29th March 2015 at Wythall Community Hall, Birmingham

Apologies – were received from Daniella Mann and Fylde Coasters, Sarah Wallace, Shona McNab, Sue Allen, Terry Wilkinson and Jon from East Coast Flyball Team, Howard and Jackie Campbell, Jenny Cousins, Ellen Scholfield, Dianne Halstead, Dave Bergelin, Keith Marshall, Sarah Wallace, Shona McNab, Tony Hodge, Sue Allen and Kristian Allcorn.

Minutes of last AGM – 6th April 2014 – Copies have been distributed to all Team Captains, Head Judges and Officers with the revised copy of the BFA Rules and Policies and have been made available on the BFA website for all interested parties. They were therefore approved as a true record without a further reading.

Concise reports for the year 2014/2015 by:

Chairperson's Report : Sharon Allcorn

Looking back over the 2014 year has seen an excellent Championship with a new format for the top 3 divisions. The Committee are looking forward to the 2015 event, and want to continue to improve but we do need to keep an eye on the budget. Thanks are recorded for all of the years of sponsorship from CSJ. The 2015 event has a new sponsor in Royal Canen. The new website is progressing well and we have an update today with a presentation from the Website Working Party. The Judges Board introduced last year was introduced following communication from the membership, this has been a good change, it is very productive and its members are already preparing system improvements to help consistency and standardisation. The role of the committee is to promote, protect and progress and we do listen to the membership and other than for confidential items, we do involve the membership. The Committee does have the authority and requires the trust of the membership. We are here to represent rather than serve, to lead not as the members personal assistants but as the Governing Body of the Association, to focus the association not with our own individual agendas, we are nine individuals but are one committee.

The membership post on Facebook 'BFA Members Only' group about the 'fun' of Flyball, I want to remind the membership that it is also a race; to win with speed and technique or to lose with grace.

Secretary's Report : Jo Crosswell

As at March 2015, we currently have 2,871 members (294 more than at April 2014). There were 2,316 on-line renewals; 352 paper renewals; and 203 new members applications. Primary teams number 371, though not all are currently active. There have been 22 new BFA primary teams registered since April 2014.

I am grateful to those who have supported me in the Committee role over the last 4 years and especially in the role of BFA Secretary in the last 2 years; the list includes my family, friends, my Ready2Fly team of course, and all the many BFA Officials and members.

I am going to keep this short as the agenda today is a lengthy one.

As a committee we have had 3 face2face meetings and an assortment of online conference calls and a vast amount of email traffic throughout 2014/15.

On behalf of the Committee and the whole membership I would like to record thanks to the following – our Membership Secretary – Pat Wadby, our Statistics Officers – Ron and Vera Edge, our Show Secretary – Judy Parker, and Height Card Administrator – Donna Culley. To our Webmaster – Ray Lewis, our Electronic Judging System – Lights – Co-ordinator – Dave Long, and, our Awards Secretary – Jeff Hughes who uses a network to ensure the certificates and milestone awards get to the right presentation and also provides training certificates and the awards for the BFA Young Members.

Thanks to all our Regional Representatives and to their co-ordinator – previously Dan Culley and more recently; Jenni Wallis. The lead up to the AGM has been an especially busy time for the Regional Representatives and they still care enough to come today and help with the drinks and biscuits. Thanks are also extended to; The Vet advisor to the Committee – Kate Gilding,

To the Flyball Record Editor of 10 years – Val Currie, Val's finale edition has been received by the Membership – and the Committee are in the process of looking for someone to take the Flyball Record forward for the future, so if you are interested – look out for the coming vacancy advertisement.

Thanks are recorded also to all the Head Judges, Judges, Measuring Officials and Lights Co-ordinators, indeed thanks are recorded to all of the BFA Volunteers who give of themselves to the sport of Flyball to enable fun and competition for all of us and our pets. Thanks also to those teams who host the tournaments that make all the fun possible.

2014 saw a great BFA Championships at Catton Hall, some members thought it was the best yet, and the venue is booked again for 2015, which we can all look forward to.

The BFA have once more had seminars for Head Judges and Qualified Judges which had excellent attendance. The BFA Judges Board is now in place and is working hard to support high standards and continuity in Judging within our association.

The social network site; Facebook has allowed closed groups for discussions to bring members closer despite their location, and helps with sharing ideas and gaining understanding. This has also been the first year that Facebook has facilitated some of the discussions ahead of the AGM and the voting for both Committee and proposals.

Facebook has enabled the Committee Announcements and makes spreading the word a lot easier than it would have been for my predecessors, for all of these reasons it is good that we can make use of Facebook, but we do all need to respect the views of others and remember we all have Flyball's best interest at heart.

I shall look forward to completing the notes from today and getting my life back to concentrate and spend more time on family, friends, and of course my four legged friends – but I am pleased to have served the membership for the last four years and want to sign off by wishing the Committee taking the Association forward from today all the very best, I trust them as a group of nine individuals coming together serving us all, our growing and fast moving association, having British Flyball's best interest at the heart of all they do.

Treasurer's Report: Val Currie **Financial report. Year ending Dec 2014**

I'll just make some brief comments on the financial summary as there is much on the Agenda to get through.

Expenses

Online Payments

Membership renewals have continued to increase and this in turn has meant there have been less 'bounced' cheques. This actually makes it rather unclear on the summary regarding repayments as some members have subsequently paid online. The online payments for Tournaments remains stable but those that do pay online certainly make my life easier. Payments online for the Championships has been very successful and has hopefully made it better for teams as their payments go out immediately.

1. This year I have separated the actual costs of the awards from the postage costs and put all postage together, most of which is for the awards.
2. The Committee expenses and Meetings costs have been joined together as Overheads which are essential costs for the Association. Face2Face meetings cost more now that some Committee members are having to make overnight stays due to the long distance to travel and also includes some airline flights – these are actually cheaper than fuel costs!
3. The website costs reflect the costs of updating the website and were part of the Committee plan for the year.
4. More 'higher' awards are naturally being gained and this is indicated by the increased costs this year. However, our lovely award supplier Robin has assured us that the cost of awards will remain the same this year. Robins prices have remained stable since before 2008.
5. The lights, surprisingly, have cost less this year and we have to thank our custodians for working hard to keep them going.
6. As this year's Championships were our 20th Anniversary year, the Committee wanted it to be special for the membership. Despite extra costs for the full lane coverage the increase in costs, the big marquee was altered in shape and this made some savings.
7. Seminars includes the increase in the number of Ring Party training days which are essential for improving the quality of all judging purposes.
8. The unpaid Champs cheque(s) was in fact just one payment made twice and was resolved as shown in the income. And the unpaid tournament fees were subsequently paid online.
9. Overpayments are for refunds when teams have withdrawn from the Champs due to unforeseen circumstances.

Income

1. There was a decrease in tournament fees received due to there being less tournaments and entries for some shows being less than usual.
2. Although the Championships took in more income it still was insufficient for the Championships to be self-supporting. Ideally the Committee feels that this should become self-supporting.
3. As more teams are purchasing their own lights and hiring them out to teams in their area there has been a slight decrease in the income from the BFA sets.
4. Re-presented Champs cheques – see item 8 above.

An interesting observation is that up to 28th March there have been £4,727.00 of late renewals.

VAT continues to require investigating.

Val Currie (BFA Treasurer)

BFA Development Working Parties

Website Working Party – Rachel Child

A PowerPoint presentation was delivered to update Members of the development progress. A copy of the presentation is available on the Forum under Committee Announcements.

Judges Board Presentation: Rachel Short

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AGM Proposals

ALL PROPOSALS WRITTEN AS RECEIVED AND LISTED IN RULE NUMBER ORDER

The Committee propose the following additions to the BFA Officials section of the rules;

1.16 Awards Secretary

The BFA Awards Secretary, appointed by the committee, shall ensure certificates are printed and glass awards ordered in a timely manner. They shall ascertain which teams are due to attend Sanctioned Tournaments and ensure the awards are delivered to Tournament Organisers in good time for them to be presented to members.

1.17 Height Card Administrator

The Height Card Administrator, appointed by the committee, shall collate the information received on the C9 form into the Height Card database, ensuring that the data is made available to Tournament Organisers prior to their events (either by e-mail or online). They shall then issue Height Cards once the criteria are met. They shall answer any queries from members regarding the status of a dog's height card.

1.18 Veterinary Advisor

The Veterinary Advisor, a qualified Veterinary Surgeon appointed by the committee, is a resource for committee use only. The Veterinary Advisor shall be consulted by the committee when any dog welfare issues are raised or any medical related queries require expert advice.

2.1 Annual General Meeting

b) The Secretary will give a minimum of 45 days' notice of an AGM to current BFA members. Agenda items are to be received by the Secretary 30 days before the date of the AGM. ADD Any Agenda items proposed which fundamentally change the nature of current flyball racing in the United Kingdom must be presented with supportive evidence. After the closing date for proposals and Committee nominations and as soon as the Agenda is finalised, it will be published on the Website for members to consider, discuss on regional and national closed groups and /or at regional or team gatherings, form opinion and vote at the AGM or following the AGM via the secure electronic voting system or postal return. Votes cast will be validated against the current Membership. ADD [Any AGM agenda items proposed and carried which the BFA Committee consider to fundamentally change current BFA flyball racing will be subject to a full impact assessment and may be referred for advice to the BFA veterinary adviser prior to implementation.](#)

In explanation we offer - As our sport is growing rapidly, members are finding potential new ways to "improve" racing. Any proposed changes to the way we currently race should be supported with evidence that it is beneficial for the majority of the membership. The BFA Committee already decide the timing of the implementation of proposals carried at the AGM but do not currently consider the impact on the sport or the racing dogs. This change will allow time, enable research and, where required, professional veterinary advice to ensure change is implemented appropriately.

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Rule 2.1.d Delete the whole paragraph

~~"Proposals for new rules or amendments to current rules will be made available to all regional reps prior to the AGM to ensure each is worded appropriately and to ensure there is no conflict with any other existing rule; proposal can be open for inter-regional discussion. Any proposal felt worded incorrectly will be returned to the proposer with advice on appropriate corrections. This will be done in a timely manner allowing the proposer sufficient time to re-submit their proposal."~~

And replace with:

["Proposals for new rules or amendments to current rules will be made available to all regional reps to discuss, prior to the AGM, to assist the proposer with the wording and to try and avoid conflict with other proposed rule changes and existing rules in other sections. Sufficient time will be allowed for the proposer to re-submit their proposal if desired."](#)

Reasons for the change:

1. The wording "and to ensure there is no conflict with any other existing rule" implies that a rule change can not conflict with other existing rules.
2. "Proposal can be open for inter-regional discussion" to me sounded as if the reps as well as discussing together could also discuss externally.
3. The line "Any proposal felt worded incorrectly will be returned to the proposer with advice on appropriate corrections." To make this process work it needs to be an open discussion between the region reps and the proposer and this does not achieve this.
4. The line "This will be done in a timely manner allowing the proposer sufficient time to re-submit their proposal." reads to me as if the proposer has no choice but to accept the changes given by the Regional Reps and this was not in my opinion what was voted on at the last AGM.

This may all seem quite picky but these rules can be taken in a manner they were never meant to be. This isn't what is actually happening but could be in the future.

Proposed by the BFA Committee

4.1 Requirements

a) A BFA Registered Team wishing to host a Sanctioned Tournament (the Host Team) must submit an application (BFA Form C.3) to the BFA Show Secretary, complete with a £20 non-refundable deposit (per Sanctioned Tournament). The application should state the date, time and place of the tournament, the name, address and telephone number of the Tournament Organiser (and Tournament Secretary if different), any entry fee, whether the entries are limited and the closing date for entries. When two one day sanctioned tournaments are held at the same venue on the same weekend, teams and dogs may only enter Saturday OR Sunday regardless of whether the tournament organisers are different on each day. This must be stated on the Tournament Schedule. The only exception to this is where the Committee are approached and approve tournaments being hosted in areas of growth (e.g. Isle of Man, Ireland, etc.) Notice of cancelling a Sanctioned Tournament must be given by the Team Captain of the Host Team in writing to the Show Secretary. Tournament applications venues must be within 50 mile (crows' flies) radius from the team captain's home address. Anything outside the 50 miles will require further consideration by the Show Secretary and committee and may be allowed where they consider the best interests of the membership are served. **REMOVE (as duplicate sentence) Tournament venues must be within a 50 mile (as the crow flies) radius from the Host Team's Team Captain's home address.** Tournament organisers can only book a maximum of 6 open or limited open tournaments from 1 April to 30 September. A tournament in addition to the 6 can be applied for and may be accepted under certain circumstances by the Show Secretary with the support of the Committee. The Tournament Organiser should indicate on the Application Form the number of Races each Team might expect. The Tournament Organiser must also declare on the application form if he/she is aware of any other canine event to be held concurrently at the same venue. Applications for Sanctioned Tournaments are to be submitted at least ninety (90) days prior to the closing date for entries. The Host Team must declare on their application the maximum limit for entries (i.e. the maximum number of teams they are willing to accommodate) as no extension will be given **ADD, the exception to this will be Tournaments that are held inside a Marquee.**

In explanation we offer -

These types of Tournaments are hard to cater for in respect to the amount of teams needed to enter for the Tournament Organiser to operate at a profit/break even because of the high outlay.

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My Proposal is –

4.1 (j) The closing date for entries of an OPEN or LIMITED Tournament must be at least 28 days before the date of the Tournament. As soon as the Tournament is full all further applications may be placed on a reserve list and the Host Team must advise all Teams immediately of the status of their entry. All entries are to be taken strictly on date of receipt. If a tournament is oversubscribed a draw will be made of all entry forms received on the same day. (In particular, if the tournament is over-subscribed after the first available post for postal entries, electronic entries already received will not be given precedence over postal entries and will be included in any draw required) **(Remove: All teams on each entry form pulled out)** **(Add: Multiple entries from the same Team are to be treated as individual entries)** will be allocated a place until the tournament is full (please contact the Show Secretary for clarification, if required.) At the closing date for entries the Tournament Organiser must appoint a Tournament Head Judge. If this is not possible they must contact the BFA Show Secretary immediately. If there is another sanctioned tournament on the same date, limited tournaments may only be extended by one division (usually 6 teams) at the discretion of the show secretary.

Explanation

Entries are being pulled out on a 'form by form' basis, and one of the primary teams with 6 entries isn't pulled - then even though they haven't made 6 entries they have 'less chance' of getting one team in, than 6 teams with one entry per primary team.

I believe that the wording in 4.1.i is phrased to make it 'fair' to consider individual teams as an individual entry (and maybe inferred that it should be a form in its own right) - but the wording of 4.1j is such that you can fill up in 'blocks' or disappointed in 'blocks'.

Rule 4.1 (i)

A Tournament may be limited but to no fewer than five BFA Registered Teams and no more than 50% of the entries may be from any Team with the same Team Number (e.g. 0015, 0015A, 0015B, 0015C). Multiple entries from the same Team are to be treated as individual entries from each Team (i.e. Front Runners A team, Front Runners B team and Front Runners C team are treated as three different entries).

Proposed by the BFA Committee

4.5 Tournament Committee

4.5 (C) Grounds - The Organiser shall be responsible for the proper layout of the tournament, setting up and dismantling the equipment, traffic flow, crowd control, parking, securing the necessary equipment, clean up during and following the tournament **ADD , including the provision of adequate toilet facilities, chemical toilet disposal point and general waste disposal point on site.**

Explanation

Unfortunately at a small number of tournaments around the country have fallen short and inadequate facilities have been provided.

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My Proposal is:

4.6 Duration of Racing

a) Round Robin Tournaments - The Organiser shall not expect more than 8 races per hour per ring. The Organiser shall not expect more than 75 races per ring in any one day. (5 divisions of 6) including starters (ADD) /fun competitions. Starters/fun competitions must take place in a separate ring to sanctioned racing or after all sanctioned racing has been completed. Sanctioned racing REMOVE should (ADD) must take precedence over fun events at all times.

b) Double Elimination Tournaments - The Organiser shall not expect more than 8 races per hour (with the winner being determined in the best 3 out of 5 heats) per ring.

(ADD) c) Presentations for Starters/fun competitions should take place after the completion of presentations for sanctioned racing.

BFA Guidelines for Starters Flyball events

Starters events are generally hosted alongside Sanctioned tournaments; at separate Starters tournaments (for example at Ring-Party training events) and also arranged informally between neighbouring teams. Where the Starters event is alongside a Sanctioned Tournament, any individual dog is not allowed to compete in both events on the same day. (ADD) Starters racing must take place in a separate ring to sanctioned racing or after all sanctioned racing has been completed. Furthermore Sanctioned racing must be given precedence over Starters racing. (ADD) Presentations for Starters racing should take place after the completion of presentations for sanctioned racing.

Governance

The BFA has very few rules that govern Starters and other Fun events – and has extremely limited jurisdiction at events that occur outside Sanctioned Tournaments. The only rules (as mentioned above) govern the minimum age of dogs, the running of dogs on the same day as Sanctioned racing (ADD), that Starters racing must take place in a separate ring to sanctioned racing or after all sanctioned racing has been completed and that Sanctioned Racing must take precedence over Starters.

In explanation I offer - Explanation: As starters competition is a fun event some shows although being held in a separate ring have been held alongside the sanctioned show. This has at times held up racing due to having to put netting up and down, waiting for teams in the another ring already racing. We have at times had to wait quite a bit longer at presentations for starters to get their rosettes. Some people come only for starters and they get priority given to them than BFA members.

Proposed by the BFA Judges Board

5.4d) To become a Qualified Judge, individuals must:

- i. Be 18 Years of age
- ii. Must be in good standing with the BFA for a minimum of 18 months.
- iii. Pass a Novice Judge exam on Section 5 of the BFA Rules (Rules for Competition)
Evidence of completion of the above criteria is to be recorded on the approved BFA Form.
- iv. Have completed ~~ADD a minimum of 5 assignments as Line Judge, Box Judge and Scribe REMOVE (at least half a division start to finish) ADD~~ for a minimum of 12 races. At least 2 of each assignment shall be directly supervised by a Head Judge or Judges Board Member. If a candidate is considered "Not Ready" for "Provisional Judge" status, further ring party assignments can be requested.
- v. Completed ~~ADD at least 10 Division Judge Assignments ADD~~ as a Provisional Judge and have a report completed by a supervising judge or Head Judge, with a minimum of 5 different judges providing reports. If a candidate is considered "Not Ready" for "Qualified Judge" status, further provisional judging assignments can be requested.
- vi. Be recommended by 3 Head Judges (not from own team)

In explanation we offer - The criteria have been re-ordered. To bring the criteria into line with the Judges Board recommendations around improving the judging procedures across the BFA. The Judges Board believes that some Provisional Judges require more than the currently designated number of ring party and judging assignments so these changes will allow members to improve their judging skills before becoming qualified.

Proposed by the BFA Judges Board

5.4e) ~~REMOVE: Must be in good standing with the BFA for a minimum of 18 months. ADD Once a Provisional Judge has completed their logbook and been accepted as a Qualified Judge, they shall not supervise any Provisional Judges for a minimum period of 12 months.~~

In explanation we offer -The original rule has now been incorporated into 5.4d. This new rule is to ensure that newly qualified judges can concentrate on establishing themselves in their new role. Where possible, Provisional Judges should be supervised by more experienced judges.

Proposed by the BFA Judges Board

5.4f) Qualified Judges desiring to be approved by the BFA as a Head Judge must apply to the BFA ~~REMOVE Secretary ADD Judges Board~~ for their Log Book to be considered as a trainee Head Judge. All applicants wishing to become a Head Judge must be:

- i. An experienced Qualified Judge and have carried out a minimum of ~~REMOVE 10 ADD 15~~ divisional judging appointments as a Qualified Judge, preferably more, at sanctioned tournaments
- ii. A competitor/dog handler with at least three years' experience in the BFA.
- iii. In good standing with the BFA and a current member
- iv. Must be a Qualified Judge for at least 3 years (Log books will not be issued until applicants have been a Qualified Judge for 3 years).

In explanation we offer - With the formation of the Judges Board, all applications go to them. An increase in the number of judging appointments is to ensure those who are applying for Head Judge status have more experience.

Proposed by the BFA Judges Board

5.4g) the date of application will be logged and they will be sent a Training Log Book and

any other necessary paperwork. This Log Book should be used to record the successful achievement of the criteria, and returned to the BFA ~~REMOVE Secretary~~ **ADD Judges Board** when completed, with an application to be approved as a Head Judge. To be approved as a head judge by the BFA, qualified judges must:

- i. Be in good standing with the BFA and a current member.
- ii. Within two years of the application have judged a division, at a minimum of five separate Sanctioned Tournaments, hosted by at least three different Teams and under three different Head Judges. Each Head Judge must provide a written report on the candidate's competency on the day, completing the sheet provided for the purpose in their Training Log Book. This does not necessarily need to be the tournament Head Judge but can be any Head Judge who is willing to write a report after observing the qualified Judge during a division at a sanctioned tournament.
- iii. Have completed the requirements to be a Measuring Official.
- iv. ~~REMOVE On three separate occasions, under the supervision of a Head Judge, have Box Judged, Line Judged (operating the light sequence), and Scribe, preferably for at least half a Division from start to finish.~~ **ADD On three separate occasions act as "Head Judge" by shadowing the Tournament Head Judge, and be assessed on their knowledge of the role of a Tournament Head Judge, carrying out various tasks associated with the role.**
- v. Have attended a BFA Training Seminar within two years of the application, where they will take a written examination on the current Rule Book. Alternatively, this examination may be taken at a Sanctioned Tournament. Before taking the examination, prior arrangement must be made with the BFA ~~REMOVE Secretary~~ **ADD Judges Board** who will forward the question paper to the supervising Officer, who will return the paper when completed to the BFA ~~REMOVE Secretary~~ **ADD Judges Board**. The ~~REMOVE Secretary~~ **ADD Judges Board** will mark the paper and indicate a 'pass' or 'not ready' in the candidate's Training Log Book. All the above duties must be recorded in the Training Log Book and each discipline when completed, must be signed by the Tournament Head Judge, Tournament Organiser or nominated Officer (where appropriate), who should be informed beforehand that the person concerned intends to undertake these duties. The applicant's name shall be published when he/she has qualified as a Head Judge. If the ~~REMOVE Secretary~~ **ADD Judges Board** rejects the applicant, he/she shall be notified and advised under what conditions he/she can re-apply.

In explanation we offer - Trainee Head Judges will be able to gain experience shadowing a current head Judge to further understand the role of a Head Judge, rather than completing ring party duties. All judging applications/logbooks now go through the Judges Board rather than the BFA Secretary.

Proposed by the Judges Board

5.4h) To retain their status, Head Judges **ADD and Qualified Judges** must be current BFA Members, and attend at least one Head Judges **ADD/Qualified Judges** Seminar provided by the BFA in the last ~~REMOVE three~~ **ADD two years**. This Head Judges' Seminar may be incorporated, as a separate half-day session, within a BFA Training Seminar.

In explanation we offer - To ensure all Judges contribute to improving judging procedures and have an outlet for supervision on a regular basis in order to retain their status.

Proposed by the BFA Judges Board

5.4l) Measuring Officials are qualified to measure dogs in accordance with the BFA Rules. To become a Measuring Official, individuals must be at least 18 years old; have been a BFA member for at least 3 years; have competently carried out dog measuring **ADD, including the**

setting up of the measuring equipment, in the presence of two Head Judges, or Measuring Officials, on 5 separate occasions where they must measure at least 20 dogs in total, including at least 4 different breeds. Each applicant must have been approved by at least 3 Head Judges or Measuring Officials. Evidence of completion of the above criteria is to be recorded on the approved BFA Form. Head Judges automatically qualify as Measuring Officials

In explanation we offer - All measuring officials should be competent in setting up measuring equipment and this should be assessed.

BFA No: 2029

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My Proposal is – **Withdrawn**

To introduce a Veteran dog height card for dogs 9 years and over so the jump height can be reduced to 7 inches and veterans can continue to compete in open racing. In explanation I offer - Many older Flyball dogs are forced to retire early as they find it difficult to compete over their usual jump height and their team does not have height dogs to allow them to continue competing. Other countries and dog sports make provision for older dogs to compete i.e. veterans divisions and reduced height classes which for various practical reasons would be difficult to have in UK Flyball. Therefore a height card based on age would allow them to continue to compete as a valued team member.

Should the proposal pass the rule would read:

ADD 5.6(d) (i) Members with dog(s) who are 9 years old and over can apply, if they wish, for a Veterans height card, to allow them to compete in open racing at a lower height than their actual height, down to the minimum height. The letter V will be denoted on the team racing sheet to show a Veteran height card is held. Application is made to the Height Card Coordinator who will check date of birth (DOB) before issuing the height card and updating the Master Height Card List.

Proposed by the BFA Committee

5.6 Judging Procedures

d) Height Cards – All dogs must be measured at three separate BFA Sanctioned Tournaments; a gathering/meeting/event agreed by the Committee or at any day of a flyball tournament, the dog's height having been agreed by two Measuring Officials on each occasion. ~~REMOVE: The signatories to the Application Form~~ **ADD** The height must be **agreed by** at least four different Head Judges/Measuring Officials. A dog must be 18 months old prior to its first recorded measurement and at least 30 months old at final measurement. The final measurement is to be one of the required numbers of measurements in order to be issued with a height card. All height dogs must hold a height card by 36 months of age; if the above criteria cannot be met by 36 months of age then it must be met within the dogs first 10 sanctioned tournaments. Failure to do so shall result in loss of points for the dog and team on the day. When a Height Card is issued and recorded it must be available for inspection at each Tournament entered. ~~REMOVE The Records and Statistics Co-ordinator~~ **ADD: The Height Card Administrator** will produce an up-to-date list of all issued Height Cards for each

Tournament so that it can be displayed and attached to the relevant Jump Height Form C.9. Jump Height Cards cannot be contested and will normally be applicable for the life of the dog. However, in some circumstances an Owner can re-apply if the dog's measurement is considered to be incorrect. Before re-applying, an explanation must be sent to the Committee in writing **REMOVE accompanied by a completed Form C.13**, meeting the criteria set out above in this Rule. Once the Committee have agreed, arrangements will be made for two Head Judges, selected by the Committee, who have not previously measured the dog and do not belong to the applicant's own Team, to re-measure the dog to confirm the height. Handlers who are unable to produce their cards may have their dog's jump height contested.

Explanation - To bring in line with current procedures

Proposed by the BFA Committee

5.6 h) ii.

Using both the BFA Time Sheet (Form C.2) and the single sided master sheet that shows teams and divisional break out times, record for each heat which dogs participate, the team's time and whether they won, lost or tied.

(NOTE: When appropriate, instead of a time, one of the following may be entered: No time = NT; In the case of interference for the offending team = NT Int, for the non-offending team = Ave Int.

Where Ave is recorded (for whatever reason) the number of dogs that ran to complete should be shown (e.g. 4 dogs or 5 dogs etc.)

If a team breaks out, BO should be entered alongside the time.

A loss for both teams may be recorded. (See Rule 5.6(g) **REMOVE (ix) ADD (viii) REMOVE: An NFC team running against:**

- a) **A team presenting with less than 4 dogs (i.e due to injury or other exceptional circumstances – See also 5.17(i) The Finish and 6.1 Points). In this case only 3 legs shall be run.**
- b) **A team that breaks out.**

Explanation

Rule 5.6 g) ix no longer exists.

Rule 5.6g) viii already states "An NFC team running against.....A team that breaks out". This does not need to be duplicated in the same section.

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My Proposal is - Replace the insulation foam on the top 1\\" slat with adhesive foam

5.12 b)

The jumps shall be solid, white and are to have an inside width of 24", with posts neither more than 36" high nor less than 24" high. The outside of the posts may be painted any colour, but the edges must be white. Logos and/or lettering shall be permitted but limited to 4" x 20" with a minimum 2" border. The tops of the jumps are to be flexible / breakable AND protected at the front ~~REMOVE~~ top and back with ~~ADD~~ adhesive foam or ~~REMOVE~~ soft material (e.g. 15mm x 25mm water pipe insulation) ~~ADD~~ similar with dimensions of approximately 15mm-20mm wide and 5mm-15mm deep. The adhesive foam shall be fixed to the front and back of the top slat, with the foam sitting flush with the top edge of the slat. The slats (not baseboard) shall be clearly marked with their size

In explanation I offer - The current foam allows for much diversity in jump height, different foams may be thicker or thinner. They wear through constant use and so become thinner over time. They are prone to coming loose and may also cause the top slat to ride up the jump sides making the jump higher than it should be. Using adhesive foam will eliminate jump height inconsistencies yet still provide the soft protection on the jumps to prevent potential injuries to dogs, while providing a much more stable and secure covering.

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My Proposal is - Reduce Minimum Jump Height to 6"

5.12 c) For each heat, jump heights shall be set at the Jump height of the smallest dog (running, not standing by), as recorded on the Team's Time Sheet for competing dogs, with a minimum of ~~REMOVE 7"~~ ~~ADD 6"~~ and a maximum of 14", this height to include any protective materials.

In explanation I offer - In 2006, the overall jump height was reduced from 16" to 14" and 8" to 7". This gave the full height dogs a 2" reduction in jump height, while the rest only gained 1". The smallest of our dogs have the biggest disadvantage, a fair proportion of them running above their own height due to the restriction of the minimum jump height being set at 7".

Reducing this height to 6" would allow those dogs to run at their true height, whilst still having enough overall height on the base boards to provide stability for the jump.

Proposed by the BFA Committee

5.17 Rules of Racing

5.17 i) The Finish - The first team to have all four dogs successfully complete a run wins the heat. The finish shall be when the last of the four dogs reaches the finish line with any part of its body and the Divisional Judge has declared the winner of the heat. A Heat may be won due to default by the opposing team according to the rules of racing. A Judge at his discretion can stop a race to allocate a win to a team that has not completed a heat. (Cross referenced from 5.14 (b) A win and no time would be put on the racing sheet.

A loss for both teams ~~REMOVE~~ shall ~~ADD~~ may be recorded ~~ADD~~ (See Rule 5.6(g)viii) ~~REMOVE~~ in the following circumstances:

- a) An NFC team running against a team presenting with less than 4 dogs
- b) A team that breaks out. See also Rules 5.6(h)(iii) Line Judges and 6.1 points

A run off between 2 dogs or re-runs are not to be used to determine the winner ADD (.)

BO times will not be used for team placing's in the event of a tie. In the event of 3 BO's all earlier races for that team will be recorded as losses and wins will be recorded for their opponents.

Explanation

To streamline the rules and eliminate repetition.

BFA No: 5408

Name: Lee Murray

Email: l.r.murray@btinternet.com

My Proposal is - Existing 5.17 Rules of Racing:-

m) Not for Competition - If a team introduces training aids (e.g. jump wings) during the course of a heat, they shall be declared 'not for competition' – NFC. They continue to run but all their races will be recorded as lost. Their Time Sheet will be noted accordingly.

Proposal 5.17 Rules of Racing

m) Not for Competition - If a team introduces training aids (e.g. jump board, stride board, jump wings) during the course of a heat, they shall be declared 'not for competition' – NFC. ADD - Team members may, in consultation with the judge and having declared themselves as NFC, be allowed in the racing lane to assist with training aids or become static training aids, however the opposing racing team can object to the judge if they consider this to be too much of a distraction. NFC team members will refrain from running or walking up and down the racing lane during a race. The NFC team will continue to run and all their races will be recorded as lost. Their Time Sheet will be noted accordingly.

In explanation I offer - I think the ruling need further clarity as judging varies across the country. Therefore my proposal is to standardize the NFC rule to ensure that teams have best possible opportunity to help dogs improve, or correct any issues that only happen in a comp & which never at training. Team members moving during the race in the racing lane could become a distraction or assist the opposing team so even though they are in the lane to hold or become a training aid they must remain static.

The Complete Rule will read should both proposals pass:

m) Not for Competition - If a team introduces training aids (e.g. jump board, stride board, jump wings) during the course of a heat, they shall be declared 'not for competition' – NFC. ADD - Team members may, in consultation with the judge and having declared themselves as NFC, be allowed in the racing lane to assist with training aids or become static training aids, however the opposing racing team can object to the judge if they consider this to be too much of a distraction. NFC team members will refrain from running or walking up and down the racing lane during a race. The NFC team will continue to run and all their races will be recorded as lost. ADD - All earlier races for that team will be recorded as losses and wins will be recorded for their opponents. Their Time Sheet will be noted accordingly.

Their Time Sheet will be noted accordingly.

BFA No: 1364
Name: Debbie Derkacz
Email: debbiederkacz@hotmail.com

My Proposal is –

To add to Rule 5.17(m) Not for Competition- If a team introduces training aids (e.g. jump wings) during the course of a heat, they shall be declared 'not for competition' (NFC). They continue to run but all their races will be recorded as lost. **ADD - All earlier races for that team will be recorded as losses and wins will be recorded for their opponents.** Their Time Sheet will be noted accordingly.

In explanation I offer - When a team decides to go NFC, they are unplaced in the tournament and all subsequent races are recorded as a loss. This is unfair to the teams that raced against them prior to going NFC as they did not automatically get awarded the win which the later teams get. To make it fairer to all teams I would like to see all the NFC teams tournament wins revert to a loss.

The Complete Rule will read should both proposals pass:

m) Not for Competition - If a team introduces training aids (e.g. jump board, stride board, jump wings) during the course of a heat, they shall be declared 'not for competition' – NFC. **ADD - Team members may, in consultation with the judge and having declared themselves as NFC, be allowed in the racing lane to assist with training aids or become static training aids, however the opposing racing team can object to the judge if they consider this to be too much of a distraction. NFC team members will refrain from running or walking up and down the racing lane during a race.** The NFC team will continue to run and all their races will be recorded as lost. **ADD - All earlier races for that team will be recorded as losses and wins will be recorded for their opponents.** Their Time Sheet will be noted accordingly.

BFA No: 3449
Name: Spencer Thomas
Email: thomas120973@gmail.com

My Proposal is –

5.22 Record Times British record breaking times **ADD both Open and Multi-breed**, must be recorded on the appropriate form and verified by a BFA Head judge and a committee member or their representative, (i.e. the tournament organiser or another head judge), if a committee member is not present. The following must be checked and verified: Lane length, jump height, and placement, box function and placement, function and alignment of timing equipment. The measurement of the height dog must be verified by production of a height card. If a height card is not available the dog should be measured unless it has been measured that day on Jump height form C9. Times recorded at a BFA sanctioned tournament on approved BFA timing equipment will be recognised as a record breaking time.

In explanation I offer - Primarily for clarification: - The rule currently refers to record breaking times (plural) and could infer that there are possibly multiple records. The two types of sanctioned tournaments are Open and Multi-breed.

Also, Development of the Sport:- Within the UK there have only been a few teams running low 17's and sub 17 in the past 5 years, with the gap between the fastest Open and Multi-breed times being 0.86 seconds. Using NAFA as a comparison, there is more emphasis on both the Multi-breed competition and the Record time, where the Multi-breed record is less than 0.4 seconds behind the Open record. Arguably, the more competitive nature of Multi-breed in NAFA has led people to look more seriously at the viability of other breeds as competitive at the top level in Multi-breed, and the successful dogs, breeding lines and crosses have further translated into Open. Multi-breed competition has been very static in the UK for a number of years and introducing something which further celebrates and encourages the participation of a wide range of breeds in our sport can only be a positive development.

NB. 16.82 is the 'fastest recorded time' so maybe have this as a 'benchmark' first team to go under this is to get the record... save having record broken multiple times at the same competition.

BFA No : 0338

Name: Penny Charlton

Email: penny.barkshirebandits@yahoo.co.uk

My Proposal is:

6.2 Titles

- a) BFA will award a certificate of achievement and the title Flyball Dog (FD) to any dog receiving 200 points.
- b) BFA will award a certificate of achievement and the title Flyball Dog Intermediate (FDI) to any dog receiving 1000 points.
- c) BFA will award a certificate of achievement and the title Flyball Dog Graduate (FDG) to any dog receiving 3000 points.
- d) BFA will award a certificate of achievement and the title Flyball Dog Advanced (FDA) to any dog receiving 5000 points.
- e) BFA will award a Silver Milestone certificate to any dog receiving 10,000 points.
- f) BFA will award a Gold Milestone certificate to any dog receiving 15,000 points.
- g) BFA will award an 'Ice Blue Moon' Milestone certificate to any dog receiving 20,000 points.

ADD Dogs will continue to gain points in excess of 20,000 points and these points will be calculated and added to the dog's database. If a member wishes to be awarded a certificate for receiving a milestone in excess of 20,000 points then certificates can be purchased from the BFA. Certificates available for purchase are:

- h) ~~BFA will award a~~ Platinum Milestone certificate to ~~ADD for~~ any dog receiving 25,000 points.
- i) ~~BFA will award a~~ Pearl Milestone certificate to ~~ADD for~~ any dog receiving 30,000 points.
- j) ~~BFA will award a~~ Jade Milestone certificate to ~~ADD for~~ any dog receiving 35,000 points.
- k) ~~BFA will award a~~ 'Chica Chicana' Milestone certificate to ~~ADD for~~ any dog receiving 40,000 points.
- l) ~~BFA will award a~~ Sapphire Milestone certificate to ~~ADD for~~ any dog receiving 50,000 points.
- m) ~~BFA will award a~~ Diamond Milestone certificate to ~~ADD for~~ any dog receiving 60,000 points.
- n) ~~BFA will award an~~ Opal Milestone certificate to ~~ADD for~~ any dog receiving 70,000 points.
- o) ~~BFA will award a~~ Topaz Milestone certificate to ~~ADD for~~ any dog receiving 80,000 points.

- p) ~~BFA will award a 'Belle Star' Milestone certificate to~~ **ADD for** any dog receiving 90,000 points
- q) ~~BFA will award an Emerald Milestone certificate to~~ **ADD for** any dog receiving 100,000 points.

Explanation

Dogs gain points and awards far easier than they use to with the increase of shows. Flyball is a sport for racing and having fun with like-minded people. After a long day's racing, presentation can be extended by at least an hour sometimes due to the amount of awards. It seems the points system is taking the fun out of racing due to teams running dogs needlessly just for a few extra points. The dog's welfare is more important than awards and I feel that this fact has been lost in some people's personal gains.

Proposed by the BFA Committee

Section 8 Annual Awards

REMOVE 8.3 BFA Junior Handler/Boxloader Awards

Explanation - Reason being that there is a new scheme under way which is no longer done annually.....8.4 then to become 8.3.

Section 6 Flyball Points

Add 6.4 BFA Young Members Award Scheme

The Young Members Award Scheme will reward all participants with a milestone award for members aged 7 to 18.

Points are earned in all aspects of Flyball including contribution to team, ring party duties and racing; these young people may become the qualified judges of the future with an all-round in-depth knowledge of the sport.

The awards will take the names from previous successful juniors who have achieved 1st place in the original Annual Competition along with a precious metal or gemstone, as follows: No two awards will have the same surname.

100 points Silver Aubrey-Wilson Award (Certificate)

200 points Gold Merryman Award (Certificate)

500 points Platinum Frost Award (Certificate)

1000 points Pearl Knott Award (Certificate)

1500 points Jade Mills Award (Certificate)

2000 points Sapphire Jennison Award (Certificate and small Glass Award)

2500 points Diamond Barnard Award (Certificate and small Glass Award)

3000 points Opal Anderson Award (Certificate and small Glass Award)

3500 points Topaz Novasio Award (Certificate and small Glass Award)

4000 points Emerald Short Award (Certificate and small Glass Award)

5000 points Ruby Barraclough Award (Certificate and medium Glass Award)

6000 points Amber Reynolds Dobson Award (Certificate and medium Glass Award)

From 7000 points onwards the Milestone awards will take the surname of the person reaching the required points first adding a precious gem of their choice (if the same person reaches a subsequent award first then a gem and name will be allocated by the Award Secretary).

7000 points (Certificate and medium Glass Award) 8000 points (Certificate and medium Glass Award)

9000 points (Certificate and medium Glass Award) 10000 points (Certificate and large Glass Award)

Points are awarded for;

Judging a division at a Sanctioned Tournament (minimum 14 years of age)

Handling a dog at a Sanctioned Tournament

Box loading at a Sanctioned Tournament

Ring Party duties i.e. Line Judge, Scribe and Box Judge Ball Collecting Duties.

All BFA Members under the age of 18 remain the responsibility of their parent or guardian whose responsibility it is to ensure the safeguarding of the young person whilst carrying out the roles within a BFA sanctioned ring.

Explanation

The junior handler award scheme has changed so has been removed from section 8 and added into section 6, as it is no longer an annual award but based on accumulation of points up until the age of 18.

Election of the BFA Committee

Gifts for the retiring Committee members; Jo Crosswell and Dave Long were presented by Sharon Allcorn.

Having served on the Committee since the last AGM, the following current members have expressed a willingness to remain on the Committee for a further year:

Sharon Allcorn (High Flyers)

Tony Cain (Dundee)

Ray Lewis (Delta)

Dan Culley (Water Orton Wonderdogs)

Val Currie (Muskerhounds)

Andrew Short (Commandos)

Following the election three Committee Members were elected to serve a three year term;

Jenni Wallace (Lomond Flyball Club)

Tony James (FourPaws Racing Flyball Club)

Darryl Ogden (Storm Chasers)

Presentations of Annual Awards for 2014

2014 Annual Awards for Presentation at 2015 AGM

Flyball Open Team of the Year

Team Name	Fastest Time	Dogs BFA No	Dogs Name
Mansfield Marnicks	15.96	3500B	Pluto
Olivers Mount 27.07.2014		4120B	Logi Bear
		3744C	Lycan
		6243B	Flame

Extreme Racers	16.04	0678E	Spirit
Driffield		4386A	Lou
21.09.2014		2764E	Darcie
		0381B	Flash

Water Orton Wonderdogs	16.09	4017G	Rio
Clitheroe		4932C	Aqua
29.06.2014		4017C	Blake
		4016E	Splash

Multibreed Team of the Year

Team Name	Fastest Time	Dogs BFA No	Dogs Name
DogStar Diversity	17.00	3200D	Melora
Ravensknowle Farm		2611E	Stryder
Mon 26/05/2014		0949X	Aston
		3308C	Tally

Claire Gristwood Trophy
(JRT of the Year - Open Points)

Dogs BFA No	Dogs Name	Flyball Team	SumOfFB Points
4061B	Stella	Rotherham Rockets	8500

Chairperson's closing speech.

Sharon Allcorn closed the 2015 BFA AGM with thanks to all who had attended, discussed and voted, wishing everyone well for the flyball year ahead.

23rd April 2015

BRITISH FLYBALL ASSOCIATION - AGM PROPOSAL VOTING 2015

Our report of voting for the above election which closed Wednesday at 5pm on 22nd April 2015 is as follows:

Proxy Voting 2015

Number of eligible voters:	2,508
At meeting votes:	117
Votes cast online:	482
Votes cast by post:	9
Total number of votes cast:	608
Turnout:	24.2%
Number of votes found to be invalid:	0
Total number of valid voting papers to be counted:	608

Summary Results (25 resolutions):

Resolution	For	Against	Abstain
1.16	556	10	42
1.17	561	6	41
1.18	551	12	45
2.1(b)	494	61	53
2.1(d)	515	37	56
4.1(a)	476	76	56
4.1(j)	290	290	28
4.5(c)	538	41	29

Resolution	For	Against	Abstain
4.6 and Starters Guidelines	154	436	18
5.4(d)*	529	17	61
5.4(e)*	526	17	64
5.4(f)*	522	20	65
5.4(g)*	524	16	67
5.4(h)	489	61	58
5.4(l)	538	13	57
5.6(d)	537	14	57
5.6(h)(ii)	537	11	60
5.12(b)	78	509	21
5.12(c)*	99	498	10
5.17(i)	543	18	47
5.17(m) - Lee Murray	508	51	49
5.17(m) - Debbie Derkacz	495	82	31
5.22*	475	95	37
6.2	112	480	16
6.4/8.3	525	34	49

*one incomplete voting paper returned at AGM Meeting (stating that member had to leave)

Appendix - Results

Proposal	Affects Rule	Proposed by	Brief description	For At Meeting	Against At Meeting	Abstain At Meeting	For Post Meeting	Against Post Meeting	Abstain Post Meeting
New rule	1.16	Committee	Awards Secretary	116	1	0	440	9	42
New rule	1.17	Committee	Height Card Administrator	116	1	0	445	5	41
New rule	1.18	Committee	Veterinary Advisor	116	1	0	435	11	45
Amend rule	2.1(b)	Committee	Impact assessment on rule changes before implementation	108	9	0	386	52	53
Amend rule	2.1(d)	Steve Leek	Regional representatives assistance with AGM proposals (reworded)	113	3	1	402	34	55
Amend rule	4.1(a)	Committee	Allow limit extensions for tournaments in marquees	111	4	2	365	72	54

Proposal	Affects Rule	Proposed by	Brief description	For At Meeting	Against At Meeting	Abstain At Meeting	For Post Meeting	Against Post Meeting	Abstain Post Meeting
Amend rule	4.1(j)	SpencerThomas	Change entry draw for oversubscribed tournaments to be “per team” rather than “per entry”	34	81	2	256	209	26
Amend rule	4.5(c)	Committee	Provision of adequate facilities at tournaments	108	6	3	430	35	26
Amend rules	4.6 and Starters Guidelines	Penny Charlton	Starters to be in a separate ring or after all Sanctioned racing has completed	7	108	2	147	328	16
Amend rule	5.4(d)*	Judges’ Board	Judges’ board’s recommendations for Qualified Judges	114	0	2	415	17	59
Replace rule	5.4(e)*	Judges’ Board	Judges’ board’s recommendations for supervision of Provisional Judges	114	0	2	412	17	62
Amend rule	5.4(f)*	Judges’ Board	Head Judge logbooks issued by Judges’ Board instead of Secretary	114	0	2	408	20	63
Amend rule	5.4(g)*	Judges’ Board	Judges’ Board recommendations for training of Head Judges	114	0	2	410	16	65

Proposal	Affects Rule	Proposed by	Brief description	For At Meeting	Against At Meeting	Abstain At Meeting	For Post Meeting	Against Post Meeting	Abstain Post Meeting
Amend rule	5.4(h)	Judges' Board	Increase seminar attendance requirement to every 2 years and include Qualified Judges	112	4	1	377	57	57
Amend rule	5.4(l)	Judges' Board	Judges' Board recommendations for training of Measuring Officials	115	1	1	423	12	56
Amend rule	5.6(d)	Committee	Align rules with current practice on administration of height cards	115	1	1	422	13	56
Amend rule	5.6(h)(ii)	Committee	Remove superfluous and incorrect cross-references to 5.6(g)	116	0	1	421	11	59
Amend rule	5.12(b)	Vicki Dawe	Change the foam protection on the tops lat	12	104	1	66	405	20
Amend rule	5.12(c)*	Vicki Dawe	Reduce the minimum jump height from 7" to 6"	9	106	1	90	392	9
Amend rule	5.17(i)	Committee	Remove superfluous wording	115	1	1	428	17	46

Proposal	Affects Rule	Proposed by	Brief description	For At Meeting	Against At Meeting	Abstain At Meeting	For Post Meeting	Against Post Meeting	Abstain Post Meeting
Amend rule	5.17(m)	Lee Murray	Standardise rules about racing NFC	108	8	1	400	43	48
Amend rule	5.17(m)	Debbie Derkacz	Races lost to teams later declaring NFC to be recorded as wins	108	8	1	387	74	30
Amend rule	5.22*	Spencer Thomas	Record Times for Multibreed class	99	16	1	376	79	36
Amend rule	6.2	Penny Charlton	Cap awards at 20,000 points and make higher certificates available to purchase.	5	110	1	107	370	14
Amend rule/Remove rule	6.4/8.3	Committee	The BFA Junior Handler annual awards have been replaced with the BFA Young Handler Awards based on points earned.	115	0	2	410	34	47

*one incomplete voting paper returned at AGM Meeting (stating that member had to leave)

Electoral Reform Services can confirm that, as far as reasonably practicable, every person whose name appeared on the electoral roll supplied to us for the purpose of the ballot:-

- a) was sent the details of the ballot and
- b) if they chose to participate in the ballot, had their vote fairly and accurately recorded.

All voting material will be stored for six months.

Yours sincerely



Maxi Kuehnle
Senior Consultant of Membership Organisation Sector

**Appendix 1 – Financial Summary of
BFA Accounts 2014**

2013		2014	Change to previous yr.
1,408.33	Postage/ Stationary/Phone	437.06	-971.27
3,954.65	Overheads	5,723.93	1,769.28
424.70	Working Parties	0.00	-424.70
3,582.21	Website costs	13,041.00	9,458.79
0.00	Equipment	0.00	0.00
12,550.40	Awards	14,581.90	2,031.50
3,286.95	Lights Expenses	2,927.51	-359.44
42,776.16	Championships expenses	46,539.21	3,763.05
489.50	Seminars	3,095.87	2,606.37
3,123.46	Flyball Record costs	2,715.34	-408.12
519.00	Insurance	333.57	-185.43
199.50	Unpaid Memb chqs	116.00	-83.50
645.00	Unpaid Champs chqs	720.00	75.00
812.00	Unpaid Tournament Fees	60.00	-752.00
665.00	Overpayments	264.50	-400.50
	Bank Chgs	348.26	348.26
74,436.86	Total Expenditure	90,904.15	16,467.29
36,374.00	Subscriptions/Team Reg	37,226.55	852.55
13,062.00	Racing regs/Tournament fees	11,810.50	-1,251.50
22,978.61	Championships	37,416.44	14,437.83
6,675.00	Lights	5,612.50	-1,062.50
3,439.70	Refunds		-3,439.70
873.50	Represented Memb chqs	14.50	-859.00
376.00	Represented Champ chqs	360.00	-16.00
	Complaints	50.00	50.00
	Seminars		0.00
	Donations		0.00
45.00	Sundries/Website Refund		-45.00
83,823.81	Total Income	92,490.49	8,666.68



BFA Judges Board
AGM Report 2015

Judges Board

- Sharon Allcorn – QJ – High Flyers
- Jason Baker – Head Judge – Shooting Stars
- Val Currie – Head Judge – Muskerhounds
- Maureen Hendry – QJ – Paws 8
- Tony James – QJ – FourPaws Racing
- Alison Moyes – Head Judge – Banchory
- Rachel Short – QJ - Commandos



Work so far.....

- Spreadsheet of all Judges/Measuring Officials
- Request for Trainees to identify themselves
- New Application Process
- Changes to Training Logbooks
- Direct Supervision for Ring Party Elements
- Trainee HJs should “act-up” as HJ at tournaments

Why Change?

- “Did not sleep”
- Same ring party section signed twice by same judge on same day (twice in one logbook)
- Judging Report on self (supervising a PJ)
- “OK I suppose”

QJ Logbook – Novice



British Flyball Association

Judge's Training Logbook

Novice Judge

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Part 1

Ring Party & Written Exam

Name: _____

BFA Number: _____

Date of joining: _____

Date of Birth: _____



Email Address: _____

Logbook No: _____

Please inform the Divisional Judge or a Head Judge before the start of the division that you will be asking them to complete a report on your performance as a box or line judge or on the Box Judging

Tournament	Comment from Divisional Judge/Supervising Head Judge
Date	1
Division	
Divisional Judge/Head Judge Name	
Tournament	Is the candidate considered "Ready" for Provisional Judge status? Signed
Date	Comment from Divisional Judge/Supervising Head Judge
Division	1
Divisional Judge/Head Judge Name	
Tournament	
Date	Is the candidate considered "Ready" for Provisional Judge status? Signed
Division	Comment from Divisional Judge/Supervising Head Judge
Divisional Judge/Head Judge Name	1
Tournament	
Date	
Division	Is the candidate considered "Ready" for Provisional Judge status? Signed
Divisional Judge/Head Judge Name	Comment from Divisional Judge/Supervising Head Judge
Tournament	1
Date	
Division	
Divisional Judge/Head Judge Name	Is the candidate considered "Ready" for Provisional Judge status? Signed

QJ Logbook - Provisional



British Flyball Association

Judge's Training Logbook

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Part 2

Provisional Judging Experience

Name: _____

BFA Number: _____

Date of joining: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Email Address: _____

Logbook No: _____

REPORT ON PROVISIONAL JUDGE

Provisional Judge _____ Supervising Judge _____

Tournament _____ Host Team _____

Division _____ Date _____

REPORT Please comment, with details, on the following areas (continue on back if needed):

Quality of Judging:

General control of ring party (awareness of ring party performance):

Dog and handler safety:

Handling of incidents (e.g. interference, aggression):

Was your help required?

Were there any complaints?

Any areas for improvement?

Please state (with reasons) whether, in your opinion, the trainee is ready for Qualified Judge Status:

Signed _____

Measuring Official



Measuring No 1		No of Dogs measured
Date	Tournament	
Breeds Measured		
Judges' Names, Signatures and Feedback		
Measuring Official 1	Print:	Sign:
Measuring Official 2	Print:	Sign:
Feedback		
Did the trainee observe measuring equipment being set up?		
Was measuring done satisfactorily?		
Were there any challenging dogs measured? If so how was it dealt with?		

Head Judge

British Flyball Association	
Judge's Training Logbook	
Part 4	
Head Judge	
Name: _____	
BFA Number: _____	
Date of joining: _____	
Date of Birth: _____	
Email Address: _____	
Logbook No: _____	
Criteria (ii) Please give a Head Judge one of these Report Forms before the Tournament begins, asking them to complete it.	
REPORT ON COVERING A HEAD JUDGES DUTIES	
Trainee	Head Judge
Tournament	Host Team
Division	Date
REPORT Please comment, with details, on the following areas (continue on back if needed):	
Ring set up (Checking ring layout/measurements as per BFA Rules)	
Safety issues (awareness of hazards at venue?)	
Communication with Tournament Organisers, Judges and Competitors:	
Were there any issues with paperwork?	
Was your help required?	
Were there any complaints?	
In which areas do you feel more experience is required?	
Please state (with reasons) whether, in your opinion, the trainee is ready for Head Judge Status:	
Signed	
Criteria (ii) Please give a Head Judge one of these Report Forms before the Tournament begins, asking them to complete it.	
REPORT ON SUPERVISION OF TRAINEE JUDGE	
Trainee	Head Judge
Tournament	Host Team
Division	Date
REPORT Please comment, with details, on the following areas (continue on back if needed):	
Preparation for Supervision:	
Quality of Supervision:	
Communication with Trainee Judge:	
Reaction/awareness of events requiring addressing (ing Safety):	
In which areas do you feel more experience is required?	
Was your help required?	
Were there any complaints?	
Please state (with reasons) whether, in your opinion, the trainee is ready for Head Judge Status:	
Signed	

The Future

- Proposal for rule changes discussion
- Judges Seminars
- Ongoing assessment of the process
- Encourage reports on judging (positive and negative)
 - Tournament Organisers
 - Members
 - Fellow Judges

Slide 1



Hi Everyone.

The Website Working Party wanted to take the opportunity during the AGM to give you an update on the activities that have been happening in the background this year, and also give you a sneak peak of the new website and let you know what our next steps are...

Slide 2



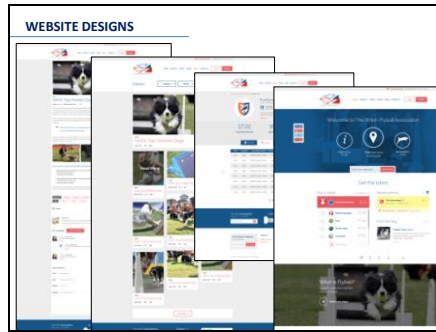
So this is where we left you last year at the AGM in 2014.

We had completed all the scope of work and split this into a two phased approach. We went out to suppliers and after agreeing that design and web development should be dealt with separately we were awaiting the new look web designs from our supplier.

CLICK

So that's our first update...

Slide 3



We received a portfolio of designs to incorporate each new page that we have planned to develop in the new site.

These designs give us a clean, fresh, new look .

Part of our requirement was to simplify the website especially for new visitors, making it simple to find the important information at first glance.

Another requirement is to really showcase and promote our sport at it's best.

We believe this new design does that brilliantly.

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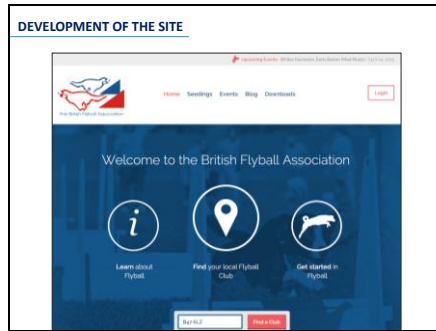


So back to our timeline...

As the new designs arrived the development work also began.

This involved a lot of background work pulling together information from the current BFA member's database, the BFA Diary and the current Dog's points records, which as you can imagine, there are a lot...

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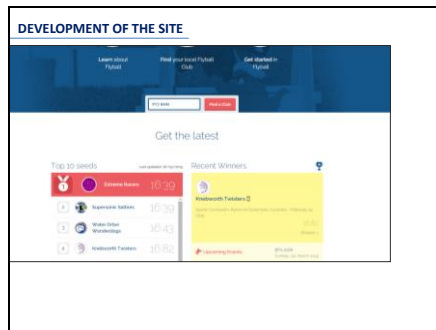
The development first began with the home page.

We want people browsing our site for the first time to have a great experience, and find the information they want easily.

Each club is located easily using a postcode search and maps.

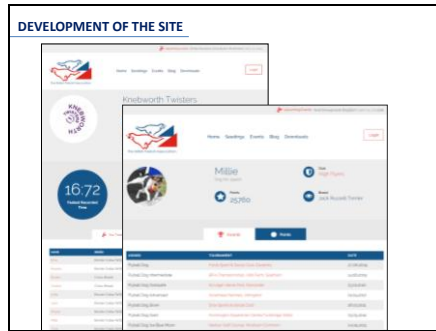
We have included introductory pages to help people learn more about the sport and also a guide to getting started which in the future will link new interest with our regional rep team to ensure everyone gets a great welcome to BFA flyball.

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The development continued with the seed list and we started to bring these to life with club logo's.

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Our developer then spent time creating a hub for each Flyball club where the Primary team now links to all other teams within your club, making navigation much simpler.

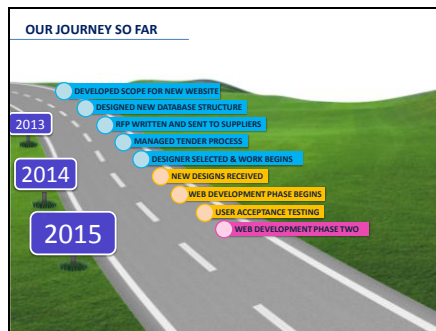
Here new members can easily see the current team stats and information and link to your dogs page.

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In future development of the site and in phase two we plan for the membership to be able to be able to log in and and help customise the content, providing write ups for their team and adding their own dogs photos.

Lots of other work has gone in to updating the Competition Diary and making our results pages work with the new database and much much more.

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Now we are at a stage where we will start testing that our Records, Stats and Membership officials can use the new functionality within the back office of the new site. This will give our developer the chance to identify any bugs and fix them before we go live.

So then to the future of the Website Working Party... No we haven't finished just yet... We have big plans to make the website as interactive and as useful to it's members and the development so far has been Phase 1 only. Phase 1 for us meant "Relplacing the current set up"

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Phase two continues our journey, creating login access for our members which opens the door to a whole new world of features from applying to host your tournament, booking your lights hire, registering new dogs online and incorporating some of newest online activity such as online renewals and voting too.

Thanks for the opportunity to give an update and if you have any questions, there are a few members of the working party here who would be happy to chat to you.