

## Secretary speech

It has been another testing year for the association, but we are continuing to look forward and resolve any outstanding issues and take the association forward.

We have the Indoor and outdoor Championships booked and plans for both events are well under way.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the BFA officials from the committee, and on behalf of the membership for all the hard work you do. Without you all past and present the association would not run as smoothly as it currently does.

Our membership secretary Jane James has done an amazing job as always with new registrations, renewals and answering all your queries, however, Jane has decided that the time is right for her to step down from this role which will be taken on after a short handover period by Teresa James who I am sure will do just as good a job.

The Judges board Sharon Allcorn, Will Whiteley, Jason Baker, Val Currey, Chris Mace, Jenny Cousins have been working hard all year processing new judge and measuring official applications, rolling out the Ulna measure training and process.

Our Height card co-ordinator Kate Sermon stepped down at the end of last year after several years hard work and has handed the batten over to Donna Boddison who continues to keep all the records up to date and the issuing of height cards.

The stats team continue to do a sterling job keeping everyone's points up to date, so thank you to Caz Higginson and Maxine Hurlstone. Our thanks also go to Kim Sermon who stepped down in December for everything she has contributed during her time on the team.

A number of our regional reps have decided to stand down from their positions over the course of the year Maria, Chris, Kira, Helen, Lucy and Michelle we thank you for everything you have done. Ivan, Lucy, Karen and Max are still continuing to send new requests through to the correct areas.

Jeff Hughes our awards officer continues to provide us all with our certificates and awards.

Christine Thompstone has taken over the role as show secretary from Maria Casley and we thank Maria for everything she has done ensuring a smooth handover so that Chris can continue to ensure that our shows are booked and released on time.

Due to personal reasons Kerena Marchant has had to retire from her position as accessibility officer, she did an amazing job ensuring that all our members had the help they require to play flyball.

Our webmaster Dave Amison has been working hard and has arranged new email addresses for all committee members and officials to bring them under the ownership of the BFA, which will give added security going forward as currently the BFA has no right of access to gmail accounts created by committee members and officials once they leave their post.

The BFA trainers Amanda, Shannon, Jeannette, Maria will continue to give help and guidance on your training needs.

Our Vet team of Louise and Sam are continuing to support us. Nikita, Jane and Vicky have all stepped down from their positions and we thank them for the time they have given the association.

The young members team of Sally, Jeff, Moe and Hazel are constantly coming up with more fun and challenging ways for our young members to become more involved in the sport. We also thank those that have retired from their roles Emily and Sian.

We must also thank all the Head Judges, Judges, Measuring officials and Tournament organisers, without you all we would not be able to continue to enjoy our sport.

Membership renewals are up to over 1900 which is a great number and will hopefully continue to grow.

The committee managed to have a face 2 face meeting in February which was the first one since pre covid. Face to face meetings are an important part of keeping the committee united as a team and we plan to continue to have these in addition to regular catch up meetings via zoom to keep the association moving forward.

I'll now hand over to our Treasurer Martyn for his report.