

The British Flyball Association



Minutes of Committee Meeting No. 1-2007/08 Held on Sunday 22nd April 2007 at the Manor Hotel, Coventry Commencing at 10.00 am

Present: Chris Fulford, Penny Charlton, Anne Alcock, Tony Cain, Howard Campbell, Judy Parker, Steve Leek, Maureen Hendry, William Whiteley

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (NO 2006/07- 04)

Confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

2. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Chairman – Chris Fulford agreed to continue in this position

Vice Chairman – Howard Campbell

Secretary - Penny Charlton agreed to continue in this position

Treasurer – Anne Alcock agreed to continue in this position

Show Secretary – Judy Parker agreed to continue in this position

Stats Officer – Suzanne agreed to continue in this position

Regional Representative Coordinator – Rachel Jones agreed to continue in this position

Training Officer – Peter Roberts remaining in this position

Membership Secretary – A letter of resignation from Graham Nye had been received. This position would be filled as soon as a new replacement can be found

Publicity Officer – Steph Rendall to remain in this position.

Junior Handler & Height Cards – Anne Johnson to remain in this position.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Hall of Fame – Chris will get the information from Wayne and make a start on entering dogs up to the year 2000.

It was also suggested to put a list of teams that have run the fastest time in any one-year. This to go back as far as possible if the information is available.

3.2 Rule Change History Document – Tony has had problems getting hold of Nigel but any necessary changes will be made as soon as possible.

3.3 Update on Lights – A slight modification may be made to try to stop any faults occurring due to bright sun light. Steve has now got the older style BFA lights and he will be modifying them shortly to make them easily transportable. When tested they should be able to be put in use at some shows.

3.4 European Championships – All preparation going well so far. The insurance for this event will be covered by the BFA's policy.

3.5 Summer Championships 2007 – Chris had spoken with Pam from the Nuneaton Flyers, who agreed to host this year tournament. The committee still wish to run this event in the future as a three day show in order to allow as many teams as possible to compete. Any teams that host these shows on behalf of the BFA will be reimbursed with an appropriate fee.

3.6 Stats Officers Computer – This is in hand and will be purchased shortly.

3.7 Measuring Hoops – The new hoop was handed to Howard for Head Judges to try at future tournaments before any more are made.

3.8 Head Judges Seminar. The concerns regarding the Logbook were discussed. Howard agreed to write to all Head Judges explaining the Committee's thoughts on this matter.

4. SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDANCE

A letter had been received from Jean Meeking expressing her concerns of tournament Organisers extending limited shows. The Committee agreed to change the rules accordingly to only allow shows, in future, to be extended by only one division (usually 6 teams). It was agreed that Tournament Organisers should be setting more realistic limits at their events.

5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Membership as of 21st April 2007 is 1312.

6. FINANCES

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

7. SHOW SECRETARY'S REPORT

It was agreed that after the advanced notice has been posted on the discussion board informing when schedules for shows will be available, the show secretary will post no further reminders before the release date of the schedule. If tournament organisers wish they can put out their own reminders when their schedule will be released.

8. MATTER ARISING SINCE THE AGM

8.1 Rule Changes – It was decided that in future, after the recent rule changes from this years AGM have been issued, that no more changes would be sent out. Any rule changes agreed at any future AGM's or by the committee throughout the year, would come into effect the following January 1st. The only time other than these times a rule change would be issued would be because of a safety issue and this change would go out with immediate effect.

It was also decided to change the membership renewals and the financial year to January 1st 2008.

8.2 The wording for the rule change 1.3 (C) as agreed at the AGM was discussed.

8.3 Break –out rule – As this rule has only recently been changed, it was agreed that no change would occur and that the Committee would review it again at their first meeting after the Summer months. It was agreed to reverse a decision made at our last meeting regarding teams not getting points for any Break-out times and to ask the stats officer to monitor teams submitting time and how many times teams break-out.

8.4 Starters Rules – It was agreed that a set of guideline would be drawn up but no rules would be enforced.

8.5 Annual Awards – It was agreed to send a letter to all team captains explaining that these awards would change as agreed at the AGM, and to see their thoughts on the suggestion of scrapping all the Annual Awards except the Junior Handler, Claire Gristwood, and introduce a fastest time of the year award and team of the year award based on consistent times.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 The date for next years AGM was confirmed as the 6th April 2008

9.2 An incident was discussed from a recent show. Concerns were raised regarding the number of dogs that are intentionally being trained to run out of the ring. It was agreed for safety reasons especially at public events that dogs should be encouraged to stay in the ring at all time through out racing. It was agreed at this time no new rule would be introduced, as it is difficult to enforce.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – SUNDAY 15TH JULY OR 28TH OCTOBER 2007

Meeting closed at 6.00pm

Agreed as a true copy of events

Chairman Signature.....(BFA CHAIRMAN)