



Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at the
The Beacon Way Public House, Bloxwich
On Saturday 20th November 2010

Meeting open at 10am

1) Chairman's Report and welcome – please see Annex A.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and made all members aware of the fire exits, warned about cables on the floor and requested mobile phones to be on silent.

The Chairman reminisced about his time in office and mentioned the many people who have played their part throughout the last eight years.

2) Persons Present and Regions Represented

BFTA Officers Present

Name	Title
Roger Moy	Chairman
Jonathan Noon	Vice-Chairman
Sam Reece	Minute Secretary
Shaun Shore	Secretary
Phil Tetstall	Grading Officer
Derek Winslow	Treasurer
Alan Forrest	HVP
Beryl Noon	HVP/NEFTA
Mark Bassett	Trade Liaison

Regions Represented

Region	Rep	Rep/EFTA
CSFTA	Mick Woodhead	Rep/EFTA
CSFTA	Andrew Slade	Rep
FFTA	Liz Moy	Rep
MFTA	Phil Gee	Rep
MFTA	Karl Clarke	Rep
MFTA	Debbie Clarke	Rep
SEFTA	Barry McDonald	Rep
WAFTA	Pat Isaacs	Rep

17 members present and 6 regions represented.

3. Apologies for Absence

Received from:-

Tony Cook – Competition Manager

Rob Farnworth – CSFTA/EFTA

Neale Marklew – MFTA

Kevin Sayers – MFTA

Mike Noon – HVP

Lyndeen Calvert – Insurance and Development

Steve Hughes – Web Manager

Stuart Swindells – NWFTA

Carl Knapper – NWFTA

4. Minutes of Last Meeting held on 19.06.10 to be Read and Accepted

The Minutes from June 2010 were read and accepted as being a true record.

Proposed by NEFTA (BN) and seconded by CSFTA (AS).

HVP (AF) asked that Minutes are available on the BFTA website (AP1).

Whether the Minutes could be distributed earlier was discussed. It was agreed that unapproved Final Draft Minutes would be distributed to all BFTA recipients as a PDF one week after the Final Draft was checked by those who had attended the meeting (AP2).

5. Action List from Last Meeting/6. Any Matter Arising from Last Meeting

The Chairman addressed points relating to disabled shooters and emphasised that the BFTA had done the best it could to allow people with limited disability to take part in field target shooting. However, the BFTA cannot provide for the needs of the severely disabled. HVP (BN) added that there is a disability shooting association and HVP (AF) added that safety must come first.

WAFTA (PI) commented that the variability of FT courses across the country meant that standard definition about access could not apply.

The Chairman offered the Health and Safety policy of his club, Broadlands, to any region or club that wished to use it for guidance.

Further discussion followed relating to the definition of disabled: particularly those suffering temporary disability. HVP (AF) and CSFTA (AS) emphasised that we must rely on the integrity of competitors.

AP1 – It was suggested that future score cards should contain wording that gives permission for the competitors photograph to be used on the website and any other BFTA publications. The Secretary will liaise with Chris Large but it recognised that we have a good stock of score cards that must be used first. Complete.

AP2 – HVP (BN) asked whether the BFTA should run a Chief Marshal's course.

The Chairman asked BN to investigate the cost and arrangements for 2 people from each region to attend such course. Contact has been made with Dave Frogatt. He is very busy at present. BN will continue to liaise with Dave.

Main Shoot Rule Changes

All marshals at BFTA events must wear high visibility vests or jackets.

Proposed by CSFTA seconded by NEFTA

At BFTA events no person shall cross the shooting line unless that person is wearing a high visibility vest or jacket. (This restriction does not apply when the event has ended).

Proposed by CSFTA seconded by NEFTA.

7. Correspondence

Michael G Cotter contacted the BFTA and asked for its definition of a junior shooter.

The BFTA had not previously needed a definition as it did not offer junior prizes. This changed at the European Championships 2010; the definition of junior was detailed in the Minutes of the AGM 2009.

After discussion the committee agreed that the BFTA would offer a junior prize, for the top score from a junior, at each round of the GP series in 2011.

Junior is defined as: under the age of sixteen on the day of the competition.

It was discussed that this meant that a junior could change status throughout the GP season. This was deemed okay as there was no overall junior competition and the grading system adequately provided for variable ability.

The Trade Liaison Officer (MB) added that he was seeking more exposure for FT in the airgun magazines next season. This led to discussion about photographs of juniors appearing in magazines or on the internet. It was agreed that it will be the responsibility of the region to seek written permission from the junior's parent/guardian when the junior registers at the shoot. This will be via a form that will be designed and circulated by the Trade Liaison Officer for the 2011 season (AP3).

The Chairman asked that the BFTA also define veteran shooter.
Veteran is defined as: aged 60 or above on the day of the competition.

The definition of junior and veteran was proposed by WAFTA (MB) seconded by CSFTA (AS).

The BFTA will trial for one year that the top junior shooter at each GP in 2011 will be presented with a prize.

Proposed by WAFTA (PI) seconded FFTA (EM).

Organisation of prizes for juniors next season (AP4).

8. Officers' Report.

Treasurer.

Please see balance sheet/report (Appendix B).

The Treasurer expressed concern that funds from SARPA had not arrived until GP9 and reminded the committee that in 2009 there had also been an issue with collection of funds.

MFTA (PG) asked about what level of funds the BFTA aimed to hold and if the funds were accessible to regions for development of FT. The Chairman answered – he gave a short history of the finances of the BFTA and in particular that when the BFTA offered clubs insurance the initial outlay was significant thereby requiring the bank account to hold large funds. He added that recent changes had led to the BFTA funds decreasing, in particular the registration cards, and it would take time to monitor whether the yearly revenue was sufficient to finance the running of the BFTA; hence at a later time it would need to be reviewed. The Chairman expressed the view that funds of £30,000 to £35,000 were a necessary amount to cover potential costs. HVP (BN) explained that now and in the past many officers had not claimed full expenses and that competition revenue historically had not covered expenditure.

With respect to clubs accessing funds the Chairman said that the BFTA would consider applications from clubs and if accepted then usually this would be in the form of an interest free loan.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to the Treasurer.

Secretary.

The Secretary gave a short speech recognising the: leadership, safety, empathy, diligence, humility, meticulousness, experience and knowledge shown by those officers leaving their posts today. He offered personal thanks, thanks from the MFTA of which he is a member and thanks on behalf of the members of BFTA.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to the Secretary.

Competition Manager.

Please see report. (Appendix D).

The Competition Manager was not present. The Minute Secretary offered a report on his behalf (to follow).

The Chairman expressed his thanks to the Competition Manager. He also recognised the work of Sam Reece and Cedric Smith.

Insurance Officer.

The insurance officer was not present.

CSFTA (AS) reminded clubs that NSRA insurance would be up for renewal at the end of the year.

Grading Officer

Please see report. (Appendix D).

The Grading Officer identified Woodend of the MFTA as the only club that had received cards but offered no proof of insurance.

The Chairman, as last year, emphasised that the regions must insist upon proof of insurance – no insurance means no registration cards. He expressed grave concern that a region allows a club to hold an event without proof of insurance.

The Grading Officer expressed he thought it sensible and cost efficient to print only card run. Therefore, if clubs miss the print date then the clubs shooters will only be issued with BFTA numbers.

The print date for cards in 2011 will be the end of March 2011.

No card, no number means no points can be scored in the GP series.

The Grading Officer identified Tawd Vale as owing £63 for registration cards. He emphasised that this had been communicated on every Rolling 20 sent since the meeting in June but has still not been resolved.

Trade Liaison Officer

The Trade Liaison Officer reported that it had been a good year. There had been regular communication between him-self and the trade representatives. He expressed thanks to all of the BFTA sponsors and to Mike Noon for his help throughout the year.

The end of season prize giving was a success, if a little drawn out, and was well received by the shooters.

Arrangements are well advanced for next year.

There is a move towards sponsors being attached to a specific round of the GP series and perhaps this will lead to naming of the rounds.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to the Grading Officers.

Development Officer

Not present.

AMTA Representative

Please see report. (Appendix E).

Web Manager

Please see report. (Appendix F).

The Chairman asked if anyone present was willing or knew of someone to help Steve with the website. The Chairman volunteered to help and members of the committee suggested that Rob Farnworth would be a great asset. MW said he would contact Rob.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to the Web Manager.

9. Election/Re-election of Officers.

Chairman – Jonathan Noon (Proposed HVP (AF) seconded WAFTA (MB))

Vice Chairman – Deferred

General Secretary – Phil Gee (Proposed CSFTA (AS) seconded MFTA (SR))

Treasurer – Andrew Slade (Proposed CSFTA (MW) seconded SEFTA (BMcD))

Competition Manager – Shaun Shore (Proposed FFTA (EM) seconded CSFTA (AS))

Insurance Liaison Officer – Deferred

Trade Liaison – Mark Bassett (Proposed WAFTA (PI) seconded VC (JN))

Minute Secretary – Sam Reece (Proposed NEFTA (BN) seconded SEFTA (BMcD))

Development Officer – Deferred

Grading Officer – Karl Clarke (Proposed MFTA (PT) seconded WAFTA (MB))

NSRA Delegate – Mick Woodhead (Proposed WAFTA (PI) seconded NEFTA (BN))

AMTA Delegate – Roger Moy (Proposed FFTA (EM) seconded CSFTA (AS))

Web Manager – Deferred

Photographs – Deferred

All officer elections supported unanimously by the committee.

10. Fees and subscriptions for 2011.

Fees to remain unchanged for 2011:

- Registration Cards = £3.50
- BFTA Championships = £5
- BFTA Masters = £5
- GP series = £10 per entry
- European Championships = £30
- Inter Regional = £75 per team
- Constructors & Trades Team = £60 per team

11. Proposed changes to expenses

The Treasurer proposed

i) In future, any claim over 12 months old will be rejected.

ii) In future, any claim in excess of £500 over six weeks old will be rejected. (This will ensure that monies spent for end-of-GP-season-prizes will go through the accounts before year end).

This was discussed and it was agreed that the Treasurer would bring a modified proposal to the EGM in January 2011.

12. Competitions 2011.

The date of the World Championship in 2011 clashes with the Masters/Showdown weekend. It was agreed that these events should move to 1st and 2nd October 2011. This decision to be discussed at regional meetings and confirmed in January 2011.

Next year's showdown will be the 25th anniversary. It will also be, subject to qualification, Andy Calpin's 25th appearance. How both will be celebrated will be discussed in January 2011.

Suggested by Secretary that BFTA asks Tony Cook to organise the European Championship 2011. Secretary to liaise with Tony to seek a quote for the event which will be shared with the committee in January 2011. This suggestion unanimously supported.

GP6 and GP8 swapped between SEFTA and SWEFTA as East Devon cannot use field for parking until later in the summer.

No contact from SARPA. Secretary to try and make contact with SARPA so decision about GP4 can be made in January 2011.

Secretary to contact NWFTA to determine venue for GP2.

CSFTA (AS) said that they were happy to organise GP3 at the Highclere game fair on 29th May 2011. MB would facilitate liaison between CSFTA and Ian Harford. Hopefully more information in January 2011.

Provisional Dates for BFTA competitions 2011

Event	Date	Venue	Region
BFTA Championships	2 nd April 2011	Newbury	
BFTA Inter-regionals	3 rd April 2011	Newbury	
GP1	24 th April 2011	Purley Chase	MFTA
NEFTA Classic	30 th April & 1 st May 2011	Emley Moor	
GP2	15 th May 2011	TBC	NWFTA
GP3	29 th May 2011	Highclere/Newbury	CSFTA
GP4	12 th June 2011	TBC	SARPA
GP5	26 th June 2011	Nelson	WAFTA
GP6	10 th July 2011	Iceni	SEFTA
GP7	24 th July 2011	Redfearn	NEFTA
GP8	7 th August 2011	East Devon	SWEFTA
GP9	21 st August 2011	Sywell	FFTA
European Championship	17 th & 18 th September 2011	Weston Park	
BFTA Masters	1 st October 2011	Newbury	
BFTA Showdown	2 nd October 2011	Newbury	

13. Items received from Regions

- The introduction of 15mm hit zone targets into BFTA events. (From WAFTA)

Mark Bassett told the committee of his experience in Hungary for the 2010 World Championship. He, and others present in Hungary, believed that it would benefit UK shooters to introduce some of the disciplines that were met in Hungary. VC (JN) asked the EFTA Chairman (MW) what was the position of the world body in establishing a set of core rules. MW felt that the core rules would be based upon the BFTA rules but they would very likely accommodate the use of small hit zones. Discussion about the use of small hit zones and their inclusion in the GP for 2011 continued and

what other adjustments to the course layout would benefit those preparing for future competitions and to ensure that GP shooters met variable and challenging courses.

The following changes were suggested for the GP series only in 2011

In the 50 target course:

- 1) There must be two 15mm hit zone targets set out to a maximum distance of 25 yards.
- 2) There must be three lanes designated kneeling. (The combined distance of the two targets in each lane must not exceed 70 yards per lane).
- 3) There must be two lanes designated standing. (The combined distance of the two targets in each lane must not exceed 60 yards per lane).
- 4) There must be eight 25mm hit zone targets set out to a maximum distance of 35 yards.

These changes to be shared with regions and voted upon in January 2011.

- A solution to the foot over the line (From WAFTA)

Rule 10ii adjusted to - All shots, from whatever shooting position must be made with the rifle's muzzle wholly over the firing line and the rifle's trigger wholly behind the firing line.

This rule to be voted upon in January 2011.

- Introduction of chronograph marshal who would weigh pellets before firing them from the competitor's gun (From WAFTA).

Discussed but rejected because of the number of variables involved.

The Chairman emphasised that the chronograph should be available for shooters to use prior to any competition. Ideally it should be located adjacent to the zero range.

- Is there any plan to change the clothing restrictions? (From WAFTA).

Chairman answered – No.

- The introduction of manufacturers' teams other than rifle manufacturers into the Constructors' competition. (From Trade Liaison Officer).

The Chair stated that this was already allowed. In the past the title had been changed to "BFTA Constructors and Associated Trades Championship".

This means that a team could be made up of shooters who all use the same manufacture of scope or pellets or rifles etc.

- The introduction of a Clubs' Cup for the 2011 season. (From Trade Liaison Officer).

Mark Bassett said he and Simon Evans would run the competition; of which the format is yet to be confirmed. Broadly any member of a club would be involved in the competition with the top 3 or 4 scores from each club added together. Points would be awarded like 1st = 10pts, 2nd = 8pts, 3rd = 6pts, 4th = 5 points ...

The Secretary said that he would help with the scoring.

More details in January.

- Could the morning/afternoon field on the web entry form be changed from defaulting to morning to a physical choice being required? This would help prevent the number of double entries. (From MFTA)

The Chairman said that he would request the change.

14. AOB

EM asked did the committee want her to continue holding the archive of BFTA document and if so could she purchase a portable hard drive to store them on. The answer was yes please for

continuing with the archive and yes to purchasing a portable hard drive.

Also, Liz requested that all committee members took home the paper copies of reports they receive as these often contain personal or sensitive information.

HVP (AF) reminded the new committee that retiring officers were traditionally asked whether they wanted to take on the roll as HVP.

SEFTA (BMcD) asked about shooter who were no longer active being removed from the Grading List. PT explained that there was a procedure for doing this.

Also, Barry asked if anybody had contact details for West London Rangers then please could they send them to him.

MFTA (PG) asked how the EFTA is funded.

This led to a little bit of the history of the origins of the BFTA. How the EFTA's function is to pick the England team for the World Championships and to be a voting member of WFTF. As two of the regions of the BFTA are countries they can raise funds from their regions' competitions. The EFTA do not presently benefit from fund raising from the English regions. VC (JN) referred to a year when 50 pence from each BFTA registration card fee was donated to the shooter's country.

The Chairman asked for the question to be taken to regions "How do we fund the EFTA?"

The Secretary asked PI how WAFTA collected funds. He answered that £1 is collected from the entry of each winter and summer league competition which added up to about £800 for a year.

MFTA (KC) asked about promotion banners for the European Championships and offered to obtain a sample and quote for the committee to view for use at the championship in 2011. If a suitable design was forthcoming Roger and Liz would like to supply a quote from their local printer.

MFTA (KC) suggested that after the morning round scores are known then they should be displayed on a board for all to view. This was accepted as a good idea and will be further discussed in January 2011.

MFTA (KC) suggested that at GPs the prize giving takes place after the course has been taken in and perhaps this would encourage shooters to assist in getting in the targets etc. The Chairman agreed with the sentiment but recognised that the event belonged to the region not the BFTA.

15. Date, Time and Place of 2011 meetings (proposed) at The Beacon Way, Bloxwich.

- EGM on Saturday 29th January 2011, 10am start, The Beacon Way, Bloxwich.
- GM on Saturday 18th June 2011, 10am start, The Beacon Way, Bloxwich.

Annex A – Chairman's Report – Roger Moy.

Eight years and twenty five official meetings, twenty four Chair's Reports, over twenty three thousand miles including BFTA Annual Competitions, forty nine extra nights away from home, it has been a great time and I have enjoyed all of it. Some of the best years of my life although I am sure it doesn't always look it, thank you for putting up with me and straightening me out when needed. Thank you for all your good work to the Committee Members that are leaving at this meeting and thank you to the prospective new officers, I wish you all good fortune.

Annex B – Treasurer's Report – Derek Winslow.

You will all be aware of the reason why the figures for our combined year end assets do not quite represent a true picture. Hopefully Shaun can display a spreadsheet showing the necessary adjustments. It can be argued that I have reduced the final figure by deducting some items which haven't actually been paid yet (Grading Officer and Treasurer's expenses, corporation tax, catering), but the picture presented here is broadly accurate.

Some of us have become concerned about the increase in our assets of recent years; this increase appears to have come to a fairly abrupt stop. You can see that our assets have increased by only some £600 this year. Part of the reduced rate of increase is explained by the reduction in card take-up income, down by £2,186, or almost 30%. GP income was reduced, as the Golden Shot money came from entries on the day – 9x£150, or £1,350. This in turn is partially offset by the increase in the Euros entry fee, 5*£150, or £750.

The major impact has been an increase in competition expenditure of almost £4,000, though £500 of the figure shown belongs in the previous year. GP series prizes were £303 above last year (and £161 over estimate). Score cards (8,450) cost £685. Lost stopwatches £200. End of GP season prizes £1,200 over last year. £445 misapplied (wrong column, my fault), competition manager spend over float £110. Total of £3,443, leaving roughly £550 for sundries (sundries = I can't find it). I will take this opportunity to express my thanks to my predecessor, Charlie Morrison, for first putting the accounts onto spreadsheets – without this I wouldn't have touched the job with a bargepole (and I take my hat off to those devoted people who previously did the accounts by hand). I must also thank our auditor, John Lewis, whose expert (and patient) guidance and encouragement has always been readily available, and whose ghostly presence at my shoulder a constant reminder to *get it right!*

Derek Winslow
BFTA Treasurer

Annex C - Competition Manager Report – Tony Cook

Annex D – Grading Officer's Report – Phil Tetstall

GRADING ...Works well, no problems.

CARDS For this year there has been 1554 cards issued, which is about 450 down on the previous year, with only about 40 names to add on, instead of the estimated 200, who will not receive a card but will have a number. Because of the reduced number, the BFTA has probably paid more for the cards, which warrants the question.....Do we need cards?

MONEY.....Total money paid into the bank at the end of October was £5469.00, with £63.00 to pass over to my successor.

One of the problems I have had, even though I have sent out numerous reminders each month with the up-dated rolling 20, is getting some clubs to pay up, namely.....

BISLEY..... £21.00

TAWD VALE.....£63.00

SOUTH DORSET...£3.50

INSURANCE...Only 1 club has not confirmed insurance and that is WOODEND, and it involves only 4 shooters. I have emailed Alan Hutchinson, but I've had no reply.

HAND OVER....In preparation for the hand over, there has been step by step instruction sheets sent to Karl, who has now had a few practice runs on both how to up-date the rolling 20 and how to process shooters cards. Any Writer / Reader interpretations have now been sorted. All paperwork is up to date and backed up on a USB stick.

SECURITY....As like last year, now all of 2009 correspondence with any names, addresses or telephone numbers on will be shredded by the end of this year.

Annex E – AMTA report – Roger Moy

October 2010. Lots of information and discussion on the Home Affairs Select Committee (HASC) which is presently taking evidence on firearms. John Batley from the Gun Trade Association went to great lengths explaining how evidence was submitted to the HASC obviously the main comments were related as to the likely hood of how Air Guns would be affected. John said he would keep the members up to date, as any information became available.

The relationship between the AMTA and the GTA looks to get even closer as the AMTA is considering employing a part-time 'Secretary' who will be housed within the GTA offices.

Annex F – Web Manager’s report – Steve Hughes

Hi Shaun,

Sorry not to get to you sooner but would you please pass on to all on Saturday my apologies for not attending as usual.

I have now run the web site for several years and have enjoyed it immensely and like all the officers, the time and effort put in to do the site has been a privilege

It has been great to deal with and meet so many wonderful people.

I have been blessed over the last few years with the free time to run projects such as this.

Unfortunately health and other issues now mean that I cannot continue to run the site and I would therefore ask that the committee seek out someone to either assist or take over the administration of the BFTA site before the start of the new season.

I will be as helpful as possible and support any existing facilities such as the online bookings etc for as long as is required.

As I said before, it has been a pleasure to assist the BFTA in this capacity for the last few years and I wish you all success and good luck for the future.

This is not a resignation, simply a request for someone to replace me or at least assist in the running of the site with a view to taking over.

Many thanks and best wishes to all.

Have a happy Christmas and keep safe.

Steve Hughes

Meeting closed at 5pm

Shaun Shore