



# BFTA Meeting Minutes

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the The Beacon Way Public House, Bloxwich On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2011

Meeting open at 10am

### 1. Chairman's Report and welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave his report. See Appendix A.

### 2. Persons Present and Regions Represented

#### BFTA Officers Present

Name	Title
Jonathan Noon	Chairman
Roger Moy	Vice Chair/AMTA Rep
Phil Gee	Secretary
Karl Clarke	Grading Officer
Andrew Slade	Treasurer
Shaun Shore	Competition Manager
Beryl Noon	HVP/NEFTA V Rep
Mark Bassett	Trade Liaison
Alan Forrest	HVP
Lyndeen Calvert	Development Officer
Sam Reece	Minute Secretary
Mike Noon	HVP
Tony Cook	HVP / MFTA V Rep

#### Regions Represented

CSFTA	Lyndeen Calvert	V Rep
CSFTA	Rob Farnworth	Rep /EFTA
FFTA	Liz Moy	V Rep
SEFTA	Barry McDonald	V Rep
WAFTA	Pat Isaacs	V Rep
WAFTA	Natalie Bassett	Rep
MFTA	Jenny Taylor	Rep
NWFTA	Sam Barr	V Rep
SWEFTA	Simon Evans	V Rep

21 members present and 8 regions represented. (V Rep = voting rep)

### 3. Apologies for Absence

Received from:-

Carl Knapper – NWFTA

Stuart Swindels – NWFTA (stepping down)

Paul Dunwoody – NWFTA (Stepping down – to be replaced by Dave Hill)

Mick Woodhead – CSFTA/NSRA delegate



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- **BFTA Grading Manager Election**

Prior to the re-election of Officers in section 9, it was accepted by the meeting that Simon Evans would replace Karl Clarke as Grading Manager. This enabled the know-how transfer of Grading Manager role from Karl to Simon during the morning session.

#### 4. Minutes of Last Meeting held on 18.06.2011 to be Read and Accepted

The Minutes from the EGM in June 2011 were read and accepted as being a true record. Proposed by WAFTA and seconded by NEFTA.

#### 5. Action List from Last Meeting

AP1 – completed

AP2 – completed

AP3 – completed

AP4 – completed

AP5 – the issue of online payment for future GP booking was discussed. It is feasible to do, and the issue of data protection and security would be solved by paying a small fee to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to handle the booking transaction. It was confirmed that there are approximately 10% of bookings not used at each GP.

AP6 – completed.

AP7 – completed. Proposal for non conforming target removal attached as Appendix B. To be discussed by regions with a view to a vote of acceptance at the January EGM. AP1

AP8 – Proposal is to adopt the NSRA scheme for disabled shooter dispensation. Beryl confirmed that the first alternative to the kneeling position is to take the shot standing. NSRA dispensation scheme details see Appendix C. It is intended to vote on the acceptance of the scheme at the January EGM. AP2

#### 6. Any matters arising from last meeting.

There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

#### 7. Fees and Subscriptions for 2012.

It was proposed that the fees and subscriptions for 2012 remain the same as 2011.

BFTA Registration Card - £3.50

GP Entry - £10

Inter Regional team entry - £75

Constructors and Associated Trades - £60 per team

BFTA Masters - £5

BFTA Championships - £5

Euros - £30

Proposed by MFTA, seconded by SEFTA. Agreed unanimously.



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## 8. Officers' Reports

**Treasurer's Report** - see appendix D for a summary of the accounts. The treasurer presented 2 excel worksheets that detailed the accounts of the BFTA for the year ending October 2011 and a copy that has been audited and signed by John Lewis.

### Secretary

My first year in the role of secretary has been enjoyable and I'd like to thank everyone who has helped me along the way to settle into the role.

In general, I think the BFTA has 2 main sides, the organizing of the competitions like the GP series and the day to day administration of the sport.

The competitions have continued to grow and develop, and much credit for that must go to Tony Cook for the foundations he put in place, and to Shaun Shore for building on them with a very successful 2011.

I think we'd all agree that there are areas that can improve, but in the main there seems to be a genuine desire for that to happen and hopefully today's proposals will go some way to addressing that.

The other side is the administration, of which a big part is the website.

I think we are all aware that the running of the site needs reviewing, and hopefully we can put something in place today to address that.

To assist with this, can all the regional reps please ensure that their section of the club finder is up to date with region and club details.

The only point I'd like to make is that although I know we all lead busy lives, could I ask everyone who receives a mail from me to try and read it and respond. I try not to copy anyone unnecessarily, so if you get an email from me, it's generally because I'd like a response from you. The more people that respond, the better cross section of views we get.

### Competition Manager. – see appendix E.

After a discussion on timers/stopwatches, it was unanimously agreed that the Comp Manager should spend £300 on buying 100 timers for use in the 2012 season.

Discussion took place on the subject of ungraded shooters entering the GPs in C Grade.

It was proposed that at the January EGM, a vote would be taken that ungraded shooters would be placed in A grade until they had completed 3 graded shoots, at which time they will be moved to their appropriate grade. AP3

Several requests were made that the final GP be held at a central location. It was proposed that the final GP be held in the MFTA region at Far Coley by swapping with NEFTA.

Concern was expressed at the suitability of the SARPA GP held at North Ayrshire. It was agreed that the Secretary would request the attendance of a SARPA rep at the January EGM to discuss their plans for the GP AP4

The GP calendar for 2012 will be confirmed and released by 11<sup>th</sup> December by the Comp Manager AP5

### Development Officer

Dave Froggatt is trying to organise a Marshall training course.

Lyndeen has been in contact with several people interested in starting new clubs, including Indonesia, Canada and USA.



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## **Grading Officer**

The Grading Officer confirmed that he would be standing down at the AGM.

## **Trade Liaison Officer**

The Trade Liaison Officer reported that 2011 had been a successful year, and had been in contact with the sponsors who all were happy with the way they had received exposure in 2011. Kev Sayers has agreed to help out with the trade liaison role in 2012. Mark thanked the BFTA for sponsoring GP4 at Wendover, which was well received.

He proposed that the BFTA sponsor GP1 in 2012 with the prize to cover the cost of entering BFTA events for the rest of the 2012 season and £50 towards petrol costs. This prize will be non-transferrable.

The proposal was supported by SWEFTA and seconded by NWFTA. It was carried unanimously.

## **NSRA Representative**

The NSRA representative was not at the meeting.

## **AMTA Representative**

Roger continued to attend the AMTA meetings on behalf of the BFTA although he has to sign a confidentiality agreement, so much of the discussions cannot be shared with the committee.

## **Web Manager**

Alan Forrest confirmed that Steve had not apparently logged onto the website since 24<sup>th</sup> July. The forum is now using out of date software and as such is regularly attacked by spambots so Alan has had to move to a manual registration process.

## **9. Election of Officers**

### **Nominations:**

**President – Roger Moy - proposed by MFTA, seconded by WAFTA**

**Chairman – Jonathan Noon**

**Secretary – Phil Gee**

**Treasurer – Andrew Slade**

**Comp Manager – Shaun Shore**

**Honorary Vice-Presidents – confirmed as: Alan Forest, Elizabeth Moy, Tony Cook, Beryl Noon, Mike Noon**

**Development Manager - Lyndeen Calvert**

**Grading/Registration Manager – Simon Evans**

**Trade Liaison Officer – Mark Bassett**

**NSRA Delegate – Mick Woodhead**

**AMTA Delegate – Roger Moy**

**Web Manager – TBC at Jan EGM**

**Minute Secretary – Sam Reece**

**Accounts Examiner – John Lewis (TBC at January EGM) AP6**

All positions were unanimously agreed.

## **10. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence received.



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## 11. 2012 Competitions, Dates, Venues etc.

The dates and venues are shown in the Competition Manager's report and reproduced below for information. A finalised list will be issued prior to the January EGM.

Event	Date	Venue	Region
BFTA Championships	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2012	Newbury	
BFTA Inter-regionals	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2012	Newbury	
GP1	15 <sup>th</sup> April 2012	North Oxon WW	CSFTA
NEFTA Classic	May 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> 2012	Emley Moor	NEFTA
GP2	13 <sup>th</sup> May 2012	Maldon	SEFTA
GP3	27 <sup>th</sup> May 2012	TBC	NWFTA
Anglo American	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2012	Nelson	WAFTA
GP4	10 <sup>th</sup> June 2012	Ayrshire	SARPA
GP5	24 <sup>th</sup> June 2012	TBC	FFTA
GP6	8 <sup>th</sup> July 2012	Tondu	WAFTA
GP7	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2012	Emley Moor	NEFTA
GP8	12 <sup>th</sup> August 2012	East Devon	SWEFTA
GP9	26 <sup>th</sup> August 2012	Far Coley	MFTA
BFTA Masters	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2012	Newbury	
BFTA Showdown	2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2012	Newbury	
European Championship	15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2012	Weston Park	

## 12. Finalise and accept any rule changes for the coming season

### i. End the SFT class in the GP series. (proposed by Comp Manager)

Seconded by MFTA

Rejected by all other regions.

Proposal rejected

### ii. Change the GP scoring system to percentages. (proposed by the Comp Manager)

MFTA counterproposal: points increase to 100 for each class and that the points awarded to places decreases in increments of 1. For example, 100 points for 1st, 99 for 2nd, 98 for 3rd ...

MFTA counterproposal received no seconder.

Counterproposal rejected

Original proposal seconded by FFTA

For: FFTA, SEFTA, SWEFTA, NEFTA

Against: MFTA, CSFTA

Abstain: WAFTA, NWFTA

Original Proposal accepted



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- iii. To eliminate people not following the proper rules on kneelers, it is suggested that a mat is used instead of a bean bag (including disables shooters) (NWFTA)  
Proposal rescinded by NWFTA

iv. 25mm kills

- i. Instead of MUST have 8 targets, change to a min of 3 up to a max 8 (WAFTA)

MFTA counterproposal: a maximum of 20% of targets may be reduced hit zone targets of which a maximum of 2 may be 15mm hit zones and any others used must be 25mm hit zone.

MFTA counterproposal received no seconder.

Counterproposal rejected

Original proposal seconded by NEFTA

For: CSFTA, MFTA, SWEFTA, NEFTA, WAFTA, NWFTA

Against: SEFTA, FFTA

Original Proposal accepted

- ii. Increase max distance of 25mm hitzone targets from 35 yards to 40 yds. (WAFTA)

Seconded by CSFTA

For: CSFTA, WAFTA

Against: MFTA, SEFTA, FFTA, SWFTA

Abstain: NWFTA, NEFTA

Proposal rejected

v. Disciplines

- i. Get rid of the combined distance rules (WAFTA).

No seconder

Proposal rejected

- ii. 2 kneeling targets of 25mm hit zone at max distance of 40yds (WAFTA)

No seconder

Proposal rejected

- iii. 2 standing targets of 25mm hit zone at max distance of 30 yds (WAFTA)

No seconder

Proposal rejected

- vi. Course to have 6 kneelers and 6 standers (WAFTA)

Seconded by SWEFTA

For: WAFTA, SWEFTA

Against: SEFTA, FFTA, MFTA, NEFTA, CSFTA

Abstain: NWFTA

Proposal rejected



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- vii. 15mm kill targets to be positioned no more than 6ft off the ground (WAFTA)  
No seconder (due to ambiguous wording)  
Proposal rejected
  
- viii. Where more than 2 targets can be seen from the lane position, targets from the other lanes to be painted in different colours and numbers positioned so that the targets to the lane being shot are clearly identified (WAFTA)  
Seconded by SWEFTA  
For: WAFTA, SWEFTA  
Against: SEFTA, FFTA, MFTA, NWFTA, CSFTA  
Abstain: NEFTA  
Proposal rejected

## Voting Summary

The proposals that were accepted are:

1. Change the GP scoring system to one based on percentages.
2. For 25mm hitzone targets used in GPs, instead of the rule saying there MUST be 8 targets, change this to read a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 8.

## 13. Items from Regions

- a. Double header GP rounds.  
WAFTA to propose an amended calendar including double header GPs AP7
  
- b. MFTA response to the rule change proposals:
  - i. Propose points increase to 100 for each class.  
Proposal rejected, see item 12 for details
  - ii. Propose a maximum of 20% of targets may be reduced hit zone targets.  
Proposal rejected, see item 12 for details
  
- c. SARPA: Licensing of Airguns in Scotland.  
A discussion took place regarding a request from the NSRA for a BFTA representative to take part in discussions on the introduction of an airgun license in Scotland.  
Alan Forrest volunteered to represent the BFTA. The committee agreed to pay all reasonable expenses incurred by Alan.

## 14. Any Other Business

- a. EFTA funding.  
Following a discussion regarding the expenses faced by the EFTA, it was proposed by MFTA to reintroduce the 50 pence per BFTA card contribution to each national governing body. It was proposed that the reintroduction began after the EGM in January and would be based on the previous year's shooter numbers.  
For example, if the EFTA region had 1000 BFTA card holders, then the EFTA would receive 1000 x 50p, if Scotland had 200 BFTA card holders, they would receive 200 x 50p and so on. AP8
  
- b. Bylaws and Constitution  
Beryl Noon has reviewed the BFTA Bylaws and Constitution. She has proposed several minor modifications that correct inaccuracies in the documents. For example, now that the BFTA do not offer insurance, there is no need for the points that refer to the said





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insurance. The proposed documents will be uploaded to the BFTA website and distributed to the regional representatives for review.

Assuming there are no issues, the proposed documents will be voted on for acceptance at the January EGM AP9

## **MFTA**

At BFTA events, particularly GPs, could all regions please ensure that fresh paper and painted targets are provided on the plinking range for the shooters taking part in the afternoon session.

## **Euros**

There seems to be a growing assumption that the tickets provided for a shooter entering the Euros can be used to allow entry for a partner or friend. Can everyone please note that the two (2) tickets provided are for the shooter's entry on the Saturday and Sunday.

Any further tickets must be bought separately. Tony Cook would like to thank all of the people who volunteered to help and marshal, particularly Simon Higgins.

## **FFTA**

Assuming the piston class remains in the GP series, it has been noted that, unlike the other trophies, the trophy awarded for the winner is not named. The FFTA propose it is named after Roger Moy. Seconded by MFTA, carried unanimously.

## **NWFTA**

The NWFTA asked if all targets taken from the seated position should also be visible from the prone position?

The main shoot rules, rule 7 states:

...As far as is reasonably practicable, all targets should be clearly visible from all shooting positions within their respective lane.

As an alternative to the rescinded rule proposal 12 c, NWFTA propose that the kneeling rule should include: "as long as a part of the foot is in contact with the ground then any form of position under the buttock be permitted" AP10

## **NEFTA**

No questions or comments

## **CSFTA**

CSFTA propose that a vote is held at the January EGM that the BFTA move from recommending the colour of the targets to defining them. AP11

The CSFTA has received a proposal that a Silhouette competition be held at the BFTA Championships. Further details and a firm proposal should be made at least 28 days prior to the January EGM. AP12

## **WAFTA**

No questions or comments

## **SWEFTA**

SWEFTA confirmed that the Airgun shooter magazine will continue to sponsor the Clubs Cup and include reviews in their magazine. They also want to increase their coverage of the GP season.





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The news was welcomed by the committee.

## **SEFTA**

SEFTA propose that a vote is held at the January EGM to ban the use of earphones to play music via mobile phones and all music players.

SEFTA to propose detail wording prior to the January EGM AP13

**Can the silhouettes be taken from the seated position?**

Yes, the BFTA Silhouette rules, rule 2 states:

All Shots to be taken **STANDING**. Disabled shooters please refer to the BFTA Main Shoot Rules; Section 10 i, - a. b. & c.

**Can non BFTA shooters shoot a GP?**

Yes, on the day of the GP, they can pay an additional £2 or can pay an additional £3.50 and obtain a BFTA card.

## **15. Date, time and place of next meetings.**

- a. EGM – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2012, 10am start, The Beacon Way, Bloxwich.
- b. GM - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2012, 10am start, The Beacon Way, Bloxwich.
- c. AGM - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2012, 10am start, The Beacon Way, Bloxwich.

Meeting closed at 6.15pm

Phil Gee



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## Appendix A – Chairman’s Report

Good morning and welcome to all attendee’s, this meeting brings to close my first year as chairman and along with a committee made up mainly of people in new posts I believe we have weathered the challenges proficiently and with success.

In a challenging financial climate I believe we have come through the year with an ever growing core of shooter that clearly shows we must be doing something right.

My only criticism is the amount of negativity on forums from people who are quick to type about everything they believe to be wrong with the BFTA, but fail to realise they are the BFTA and shrink into the shadows when action is needed.

I hope that the coming year will be as successful as the past year and along with the old guard retaining their positions on the committee we can welcome new blood into the fold.

Jonathan Noon  
Chairman



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## Appendix B – Non Conforming Target Removal

At the present time, a course of fire for a BFTA Grand Prix is deemed to be 50 (fifty) targets in 25 (twenty five) lanes of 2 (two) targets in each lane. In absolutely exceptional circumstances it might be necessary to remove or withdraw targets during an actual competition.

In the event of targets needing to be withdrawn or removed from the course an absolute minimum of 90% must remain for the scores to be acceptable.

Any targets voided during the event shall be removed from all score cards whether shot at or not. If the whole course/round/competition is voided all scores on the day will be null and void. The competition/round will then need to be rearranged at a suitable date preferably at the same venue and agreeable to all parties.

Reasons for withdrawal of targets could be, **but not limited to...**

Weather-- flooding of the course and/or firing line, wind causing trees with targets attached to fall over, fog obscuring targets and making shooting unsafe, rain making conditions underfoot too dangerous to access parts of the site. Targets-- incorrectly set for distance, hit zone diameter, shooting position, fixing points or supports becoming unusable. Safety-- .

***For information only :- At the present time the Chief Marshal is deemed to make final decision/s by using the current set of Main Shoot Rules & GP Rules and Safety Requirements, followed by common sense and experience.***

***It may be time to review this system and employ a 'Shoot Committee' at all BFTA events.***

***Three people (no problem if they are shooters) consisting of a BFTA Representative (elected for that event) a Representative from the Region hosting the event and an Independent Shooter from another Region. The Chief Marshall (non-voting) would chair the group to enable a majority decision and then announce the result.***



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## Appendix C – NSRA Disability Dispensation Scheme

I propose that – The BFTA adopt the NSRA Dispensation Scheme as discussed at the June EGM and November AGM, possibly to run initially for a trial period.

Below are a few points that have been raised with me personally over the past 6 weeks or so, some from the NEFTA Region, some from national shooters and also the NSRA's views on the subject

### 1. Sitting Class –

- May be open to all or just shooters with disabilities?
- Discriminatory to Disabled Shooters?
- How many Classes would be required/ would it be graded?
- Would competitors still be eligible for all Regional/National Competitions?
- What if the top score of the day is in the Sitting Class? How would an able bodied shooter feel if his/her score would have been 100% but for a seated Shooter? And visa versa?

### 2. Rules –

- Do we need clarification of alternative positions?
- Do we need to state when kneeling shots can be taken standing and when the alternative is to be used?
- Similarly for standing shots?
- The above would be sorted via the dispensation certification scheme as alternative positions are determined by physical needs to allow a shooter to participate without advantage but also without causing exacerbation of existing conditions.

Postscript –After discussing this with an official of another shooting association their reaction was; give the dispensation scheme a fair trial before jumping into anything else. A Sitting Class would generally be viewed as a backward step if implemented before a fair trial of the current system available.

Beryl Noon  
HVP

The leaflet is titled "Do you need a Dispensation?". It explains that the scheme is for shooters with physical disabilities who cannot shoot under NSRA rules. It lists various conditions like arthritis, cerebral palsy, and amputations. It also mentions that the scheme is not required for those with minor disabilities. A "Postscript" section states that the scheme is a great chance for disabled shooters to compete. Contact information for the NSRA and the National Small-Bore Rifle Association is provided at the bottom.

Double click on the picture above to open up a pdf document detailing the NSRA Dispensation scheme.



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## Appendix D – Treasurers Report

I am pleased to report that the BFTA accounts have been audited again this year by John Lewis. I would like to express my thanks to both Derek Winslow (previous BFTA Treasurer) and John Lewis for their assistance in helping me prepare and audit the BFTA accounts, as I have now been in post as BFTA Treasurer for 1 year.

Since taking over from Derek Winslow as Treasurer of BFTA, I am happy to report that the BFTA accounts and reserves of money still remain health, continuing his good work to keep everything in order and auditable.

The BFTA has three (3) banks accounts, two (2) with Bank of Scotland (BoS) and one (1) current account with National Westminster.

The Bank of Scotland **Current** account is effectively dormant and contains **£5.82** and has been not changed since I took over as treasurer.

The Bank of Scotland **Deposit** account again has not been accessed since BoS debited £30.62 (twice for admin and a user card) for a new electronic access cards. The account contains **£34,798.33** and *now* earns approximately approx. £22 per month in interest, which is not remarkable but certainly better than we were getting in interest this time last year. The BoS Deposit account has earned a gross amount of **£141.20** since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 to the 10th Oct 2011, this allows for £61.28 for the e-cards.

The National Westminster **Current** Account contains £7,610.17 but this does not account for two cheques made out to for the total sum of £100.00 which have not yet been cashed. So the corrected balance should be **£7,510.17**.

The total monies paid into NatWest account by Tony, Shaun, Karl and myself is £15,901.80 and the total withdrawals by cheque is £15,734.71 (since Jan 2011) so money has very slightly accumulated, given that £2,362.04 was contributed by BFTA from reserves to fund end of season prizes, which Bertie Bassett worked hard with sponsors and suppliers to provide at trade price.

Very little has been paid out by way of expenses, with only minor amounts claimed currently £631.62 total.

We have purchased a stock of embroidered cloth badges and metal lapel BFTA badges; income from these is not shown in the accounts as I have no details as yet. I also still have to rationalise and ratify Shaun's Competition expenses for the year, but he still has a small sum remaining from the advance float of £500 and the top up of £300 when the major purchase of the battery and charging gear for the LCD screen were purchased.

We also bought a set of American Silhouettes from Derek Peckover of Nockover Targets. The only other items on the horizon to purchase are more stopwatches or other timing devices which Shaun is pursuing.

Rather than buy two-way radios for use at GPs and the Europeans, I hired 4 radios with spare batteries for use at the Europeans at a cost of ~£50. These proved very successful and I



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anticipate that this should become a regular re-occurring expense which will prove more economical than outright purchase of such items at a cost of ~£1000.

I wrote to Steve Hughes (BFTA Web-master) on 12<sup>th</sup> October noting that the BFTA had not received an invoice for his services since 18<sup>th</sup> May 2010, in the value of ~£250. Should Steve invoice us, we have had his services and may be due a bill of ~£250?

In summary, most of the money in the BFTA funds has been generated by the Competitions and most of the money paid out is also in Competition Trophies and prizes and end of season draw prizes.

Attached to this report is a multi-worksheet which provides full details of the BFTA accounts, along with simplified balance sheets, which have been audited and signed by John Lewis.

Andrew Slade  
BFTA Treasurer - 10<sup>th</sup> November 2011



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## Appendix E – Competition Managers Report

### GP Series 2011.

A big thanks to all those involved in setting courses and the administration of GP events.

An excellent series: congratulations to GP Champion Neil Daniels and to grade winners: Neil Hague, Phil Gee, Gareth James, Nick Murphy and Richard Baker.

GP winner's Shield – all 25 badges are now filled. We need a new trophy!

Course setting – there were no issues with GP courses adhering to the rules; only nature to blame. However, there was sufficient grumbling and some sensible contributions about adaption of the rules which I hope will be finalised today.

Timing – I have looked at a few countdown timers and Mark Bassett brought two to the Showdown weekend for people to see. Whilst I favour the use of countdown timers I think that before we commit to their use, and cost, we need to establish a methodology for use {how much time per lane, who starts the clock, what happens if it doesn't get started, etc ...} and how physically they will be positioned. It seems none of the timers on offer does exactly what we want and I wondered whether it was worth pursuing the design our own.

For 2011 I suggest an investment in a better quality stopwatches (large numbers) attached to a DVD container with BFTA logo. Given out at stats to the first entrant per lane and then hopefully less likely to be lost.

Classes – I have proposed that the SFT class be no longer offered. This year saw only 27 entrants across the 9 GP; 19 of these from 3 competitors. At 3 events less than 3 competitors entered. The cost per class per GP round for trophies is approximately £43.50 and the average revenue from this class is £10.50 per GP.

Grade boundaries - As I alluded to at the June meeting I think we should consider revising the grade boundaries. Please read the following and perhaps we could address this next year.

In 2011 there were 269 competitors in the grades C to AA.

Grade	C	B	A	AA
Number	37	67	79	86
Percentage	14%	25%	29%	32%

In 2011 there were 1250 entrants in the grades C to AA.

Grade	C	B	A	AA
Number	112	264	416	458
Percentage	9%	21%	33%	37%

Change of grade boundaries and distribution.

To gain parity (as close as I can get)

Grade	C	B	A	AA
Boundary	0	64	74	82
Percentage	24.9%	24.2%	25.3%	25.7%





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## 5% Increase of boundaries

Grade	C	B	A	AA
Boundary	0%	60%	75%	85%
Number	41	98	77	53
Percentage	15.2%	36.4%	28.6%	19.7%

## Increase B to 65%

Grade	C	B	A	AA
Boundary	0%	65%	75%	85%
Number	74	65	77	53
Percentage	27.5%	24.5%	28.6%	19.7%

## What would give us?

{20%, 30%, 30%, 20%} ≈ [62%, 74%, 85%]

## A suggestion for competitors with no grade history

Competitors enter C grade. When they have 3 scores they are graded. If their average score means they change from C grade then they keep any trophies and points are awarded accordingly.

Euros 2011 – many thanks to Tony and his team for an excellent contest. In windy conditions Tony (and his team) provided us with an enjoyable and testing course using only two reduced hit zone targets.

I think that asking Tony to manage the event was a success and ask that he does it next and in future years.

Many thanks to Beryl for providing a very friendly and well supplied BFTA tent; more Rocky Road please!

Also, many thanks to Ian Harford for his continued support.

Masters 2011 – Beautiful weather allayed any fears that the later date would lead to the hill being too muddy. Thanks to Andrew and the Newbury crew for an excellent course, to the BASC for sponsoring the event and congratulations to Rob O'Neil for winning.

I thought that the position of the Stats table helped as it was easy to call squads to the start and its proximity to the finish of the course allowed competitors to see how their score fared.

Also, I thought that the VDU display, possible because of the portable power, enhanced the day.

Showdown 2011 – another fine day and the standard of shooting was excellent (14 maximums were recorded). Congratulations to Ian Taylor for winning the Showdown and Cameron Casey for winning the Plate. Many thanks to the BASC for sponsorship of the event.

Once more many thanks to Andrew and the Newbury crew for their tireless work on this very busy day.

The organisation of the day went well and was finished ahead of schedule. Was it too quick?

As at the Masters the position of the Stats table contributed to the success of the day. I think its position close to where people are relaxing and chatting made it easy to get shooters to their lanes. The use of the VDU also helped.

Andy Calpin received a superb memento to commemorate his achievement of qualifying for all 25 Showdowns. Thanks to Beryl for organising, and I believe constructing, the pendant and thanks to Chris Large for the design of the badge and printing Andy's T-shirt.



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## Events 2012

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BFTA Inter-regionals	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2012	Newbury	
GP1	15 <sup>th</sup> April 2012	North Oxon WW	CSFTA
NEFTA Classic	May 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> 2012	Emley Moor	NEFTA
GP2	13 <sup>th</sup> May 2012	Maldon	SEFTA
GP3	27 <sup>th</sup> May 2012	Tawd Vale	NWFTA
Anglo American	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2012	Nelson	WAFTA
GP4	10 <sup>th</sup> June 2012	Ayrshire	SARPA
GP5	24 <sup>th</sup> June 2012	TBC	FFTA
GP6	8 <sup>th</sup> July 2012	Tondu	WAFTA
GP7	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2012	Emley Moor	NEFTA
GP8	12 <sup>th</sup> August 2012	East Devon	SWEFTA
GP9	26 <sup>th</sup> August 2012	Far Coley	MFTA
BFTA Masters	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2012	Newbury	
BFTA Showdown	2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2012	Newbury	
European Championship	15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2012	Weston Park	

After GP2 there is a two week gap between GPs. To ensure that there are 2 events in August I have included a 3 week gap between GP7 and GP8. Inadvertently this has proved useful because the World Championship will finish on the 19<sup>th</sup> August.

It has been requested by two regions that GP9 moves to MFTA to enable easier travel. I have spoken with Far Coley and they can accommodate the change.

I have enjoyed my first year and unless another would like a go I am willing to continue in the role.

Shaun Shore  
November 2011.



# BFTA Meeting Minutes

## Change Log:

### Issue 1 (20-11-2011)

- i. Minutes released for discussion.

### Issue 2 (04-12-2011)

- i. Change Log added.
- ii. Item 14. AOB – point a. “National governing bodies” was “regional bodies”.
- iii. Item 14. AOB – CSFTA points – “Further details and a firm proposal should be made at least 28 days prior to the January EGM” was “Further details and firm proposal should be made at the January EGM”
- iv. Item 14. AOB – NWFTA points – “As an alternative to the rescinded rule proposal 12 c, NWFTA propose that the kneeling rule should include: ‘as long as a part of the foot is in contact with the ground then any form of position under the buttock be permitted’ AP10” added.
- v. Tony Cook added to BFTA officers list along with other HVPs.
- vi. Item 9. Election of Officers – “Accounts Examiner – John Lewis (TBC at January EGM) AP6” added.
- vii. Item 15. Date, time and place of next meetings was incorrectly numbered item 11.
- viii. Dave Hill identified as replacement for Paul Dunwoody in apologies.
- ix. Tawd Vale confirmed as NWFTA GP location.