



# BFTA Meeting Minutes

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the The Beacon Way Public House, Bloxwich On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2013

Meeting open at 10am

### 1. Chairman's Report and welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave his report. See **Appendix A**. Introduction to the building, new attendees made aware of fire exists and smoking areas. Voting should take 5 minutes each topic a lot to get through so things need to be pushed through. Roger also confirmed he will be standing for Chairman in 2014.

### 2. Persons Present and Regions Represented

#### BFTA Officers Present

Name	Title
Roger Moy	Chairman/President/AMTA Rep
Neil Long	Secretary
Simon Evans	Grading Officer/SWEFTA V Rep
Andrew Slade	Treasurer
Shaun Shore	Competition Manager
Lyndeen Calvert	Development Officer
Sam Reece	Minute Secretary
Tony Cook	HVP
Mick Woodhead	NSRA Rep/ CSFTA V Rep
Liz Moy	HVP

#### Regions Represented

FFTA	Cliff Burt	V Rep
FFTA	Richard Greenwood	Rep
SEFTA	Barry McDonald	V Rep
WAFTA	Pat Isaacs	V Rep
WAFTA	Howard Lloyd	Rep
MFTA	Andrew Gillott	V Rep
NWFTA	Carl Knapper	V Rep
NWFTA	Dave Schofield	Rep
NEFTA	Trevor Ryan	Rep
NEFTA	David Robinson	V Rep

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

### 3. Apologies for Absence

Received from:-

Graham Ellis – SARPA  
Kev Sayers – Trade Liaison  
Rob Farnworth – Website Manager  
Beryl Noon – HVP  
Mike Noon – HVP

### 4. Minutes of Last Meeting held on 15.06.2013 to be Read and Accepted



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The Minutes from the GM in June 2013 have been circulated, read and accepted as being a true record.

**Proposed by SWEFTA and seconded by SEFTA. Unanimously agreed.**

## 5. Any matters arising from last meeting.

There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

## 6. Fees and Subscriptions for 2013.

This item was taken after the Treasurer and Comp. Sec. reports.

There was extensive discussion as to the merits and disadvantages of raising (or lowering) the price of the BFTA cards. There was a motion (**proposed by Treasurer, seconded by CSFTA**) to increase the price to £5 but there was only **1 vote in favour** so the price stays the same at £3.50.

Masters to be increased to £6 **Proposed by Comp Sec, 2<sup>nd</sup> by SWEFTA, passed unanimously.**

Motion to increase GP fees to £12

**Proposed by FFTA, seconded by CSFTA**

**In favour CSFTA, FFTA, MFTA**

**Against NEFTA, WAFTA, NWFTA**

**Abstain SEFTA, SWEFTA**

**Not carried, remains unchanged**

The GP Silhouettes Competition is no longer an experiment and a small fee (£2) was felt to be justified in order to contribute to trophies.

**Proposed by Secretary, seconded by CSFTA**

**In favour SWEFTA, CSFTA, SEFTA, WAFTA, NWFTA**

**Against MFTA, NEFTA**

**Abstain FFTA**

**Motion passes (to be re-considered in January subsequent to offer of sponsorship)**

The fees and subscriptions for 2014 will be

BFTA Registration Card - £3.50 (unchanged)

GP Entry - £10 (unchanged)

Inter Regional team entry - £75 (unchanged)

Constructors and Associated Trades - £60 per team (unchanged)

BFTA Masters - £6 (increased from £5 since there are 2x 30-shot courses)

BFTA Championships - £5 (unchanged)

Euros - £30 (unchanged)

## 7. Officers' Reports

**Treasurer's Report** - see **appendix B** for a summary of the accounts. The treasurer presented an excel worksheet that detailed the accounts of the BFTA for the year ending October 2013 and a copy that has been audited and signed by John Lewis.

**Secretary** – see **appendix C**

**Competition Manager.** – see **appendix D.**

**NSRA Representative** – see **appendix I**



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## **AMTA Representative – see appendix F**

Treasurer explains that the Auditor has raised question as to why BFTA is paying fee to AMTA since it is not an airgun manufacturer nor member of the trade? What is the benefit to justify the fee? BFTA benefits by providing input into the future of equipment designs and access to potential sponsorship. It is a legitimate expense approved by the committee.

## **Trade Liaison Officer**

Kevin is willing to stand again with help from Berty. Already started looking for sponsors. Regions need to make the prize more important at the GP and raise the profile, preferably a photograph is taken when the prize is awarded and displayed on the BFTA website. On the day more notice is needed as to the prizes since sometimes the original item fails to arrive and an alternative needs to be used.

## **Grading Manager – see appendix E**

## **Development Officer**

Lyndeen has been trying to contact Dave Froggett regarding the marshals course but he is rarely available at present. BFTA sub-group has produced story-board for such a video course and material will be handed on to D. Froggett. Lyndeen has attended a meeting in Wolverhampton for the Disability Project which was promoting access for sufferers of head complaints or injuries (e.g. dementia but safety is paramount) in a wide range of shooting sports. Future meeting information will be circulated

## **Web Manager – see appendix G**

## **Forum Manager – see appendix H**

## **8. Election of Officers**

Nominations for Officers:

Chairman	–	Roger Moy
Secretary	–	Neil Long
Treasurer	–	Andrew Slade

The election of officers was proposed by SEFTA, seconded by SWEFTA and agreed unanimously

Nominations for Co-Opted & President:

President	–	Roger Moy
Comp Manager	–	Shaun Shore
Development Manager	–	Lyndeen Calvert
Grading/Registration Manager	–	Simon Evans
Trade Liaison Officer	–	Kev Sayers
NSRA Delegate	–	Mick Woodhead
AMTA Delegate	–	Roger Moy
Web Manager	–	Rob Farnworth
Minute Secretary	–	Sam Reece
Accounts Examiner	–	John Lewis
BFTA Photographer	–	Simon Evans

The election of co-opted members & president was proposed by SEFTA, seconded by SWEFTA and agreed unanimously



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Honorary Vice-Presidents – confirmed as:

Alan Forest, Elizabeth Moy, Tony Cook, Beryl Noon, Mike Noon

Andrew Slade (BFTA Treasurer) and Shaun Shore (Competition Manager) both stated they were happy to stand for re-election this year, but both intend not to stand for re-election to their current BFTA roles for the 2015 season. Therefore reps and regions should consider suitable candidates as replacements. The earlier persons express their interest, then they can get a better idea of what both roles entail by talking to them over the year.

## 9. Correspondence

One main item I (Secretary) want to raise is that I have received 2 communications relating to FT clubs which have either left the Regional body or do not want to be a member of a Regional body. They both wanted to affiliate directly with BFTA and receive cards and BFTA numbers for their members. I informed them that BFTA works only with Regions (at present) and suggested they affiliate with NSRA for insurance cover but will raise this at the AGM in case there is prior history of such an item.

There is nothing further to report since the June GM

## 10. 2014 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. It was generally agreed that there would be one GP per region and any region that does not feel able to host one will not result in an extra GP being held elsewhere. This enables a mid-season break and encourages Open shoots elsewhere as needs arise (i.e. not BFTA events). Offers to host Championships and Inter-regionals were received from

- i. Tondu
- ii. Castle
- iii. Redfern and Anston

The outcome of the voting is that the Championships & Inter-regionals will be held at Redferns and Masters and Showdown at Anston

7GP series - Event	Date	Venue	Region
BFTA Championships	5 <sup>th</sup> April 2014	Redferns	
BFTA Inter-Regional	6 <sup>th</sup> April 2014	Redferns	
GP1	27 <sup>th</sup> April 2014	TBA	MFTA
GP2	18 <sup>th</sup> May 2014	ETL	SEFTA
GP3	8 <sup>th</sup> June 2014	Rivington	NWFTA
GP4	29 <sup>th</sup> June 2014	Newbury	CSFTA
Mid-season break			
GP5	27 <sup>th</sup> July 2014	BlaenauGwent	WAFTA
GP6	10 <sup>th</sup> August 2014	East Devon	SWEFTA
GP7	24 <sup>th</sup> August 2014	Emley Moor	NEFTA
European Championship	20 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> September 2014		
BFTA Masters	4 <sup>th</sup> October 2014	Anston	
BFTA Showdown	5 <sup>th</sup> October 2014	Anston	



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## 11. Proposed Changes for the 2014 season

- a. [CompSec] That for the GP series we have only one GP per region. This would mean the GP series would reduce to 8 or 7 rounds depending upon FFTA hosting a GP.

Rationale: listening to shooters towards the end of the season there was a swell of support for less national shooting. This was compounded by the date of the Worlds which meant some of our shooters attended GP9, then the Masters/Showdown and then the following week they were at the Worlds

**Proposed by NEFTA, seconded by CSFTA**

**Passed unanimously (note this only applies to the 2014 season)**

- b. [CompSec] End Constructors and Associated Trade Competition.

Rationale: this season we have 4 teams from 3 sponsors competing for 1<sup>st</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup> overall; in 2012 there were 5 teams. This is not enough to offer a viable competition

**Motion withdrawn**

- c. [CompSec] Introduce a Team Competition for 2014 series

5 man teams with no association required but not excluded. (Manufacturers' teams, trade teams, club teams, regional teams, friendship teams ...)

3 best team member scores to count for each round.

6 best team scores from 9 rounds.

Change points system: at each round teams score the best 3 man total from their GP points- this would keep the contest alive for longer and potentially allow chasing teams to make greater gains.

Cost = £25 per team. Presently it is £60 per team and this adequately covers medal costs. If we could attract 10 teams then this would make for a much more interesting competition.

**Motion withdrawn – to be modified and presented at the January EGM**

- d. [CompSec] Change the finance structure for the GP series.

i. Presently the ratio is £6.50: £3.50 for region: BFTA. Change this to £6: £4.

ii. BFTA to fund the £150 raffle prizes.

iii. Rationale: in funding the raffle it costs the region  $\text{£150} \div \text{number of shooters per shooter}$ . If the region's GP has 150 entrants then this is £1 per entrant and drops the region's revenue to £5.50 per entrant. If a region has only 110 entrants (SWEFTA GP8) then their contribution increases to £1.36 per entrant and this is on top of low revenue from the low number of entrants and costs associated with all GP (toilets etc.).

**Proposed by SWEFTA seconded CSFTA**

**For CSFTA, SEFTA, WAFTA, MFTA, SWEFTA, NWFTA**

**Against FFTA, NEFTA**

**Motion passes**



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- e. [CompSec] End GP specific trophies and allocate all money to end of season trophies –  
See Appendix J

**Proposed MFTA, seconded SWEFTA**

**For MFTA, SWEFTA**

**Against CSFTA, SEFTA, FFTA, WAFTA, NWFTA, NEFTA**

**Motion fails**

- f. [SWEFTA] Propose that the number of BFTA meeting is cut from 3 to 2

The constitution states we must hold two meeting a year.

I believe, that as per Newbury 2013 as most of us are meeting through the year at various points /Shoots, and can discuss anything of an urgent meeting at a shoot if needs be. Thus, we should try and scrap the June (or thereabouts) meeting unless absolutely necessary. The meeting in June is an Ogm, so nothing can be changed “rule” wise and thus it seems no more than a debating or at times waffle meeting. As the cost for the meeting is £500 for the room + expenses, I would like to see that money go into BFTA end of season prize money

**Proposed SWEFTA, seconded MFTA**

**For WAFTA, MFTA, SWEFTA, NEFTA**

**Against CSFTA, SEFTA, FFTA, NWFTA**

**Vote tied, status quo applies. Motion fails**

- g. [SWEFTA] A Club can still be part of the BFTA if not a member of a region and host BFTA shoots if the opportunity arises.

- i. Its members can still apply for BFTA cards and have scores recorded on the official grading list, subject to up to date insurance being supplied by the club to the BFTA.
- ii. The Club can be represented at a BFTA meeting and propose items but will have no voting rights at the AGM.
- iii. For grading purposes, the Association will recognise those holding a current registration card on the official grading list, as members of regionally affiliated clubs and entitled to shoot National competitions.
- iv. Those not holding a current registration card will be graded on a separate list, may take part in national shoots at an additional cost but they will not be entitled to prizes.

**Proposed SWEFTA. No second**

**Motion fails**

- h. [SWEFTA] Changes to “Main” & “GP” shoot rules should take effect from the date of the AGM if voted for and passed by the regions.

Rational: So they can be rolled into the winter leagues and thus by the summer leagues both regional and national, all shooters should be familiar with them.

**Proposed SWEFTA, seconded NEFTA**

**For SWEFTA, NEFTA**

**Against CSFTA, SEFTA, FFTA, WAFTA, FFTA, NWFTA**

**Motion fails**



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- i. [SWEFTA] Anyone wishing to enter a Grand Prix Shoot who does not hold a BFTA card will pay an extra £2 and will be entered as ungraded, unless there is a “non BFTA card holders grade” listed for the shooter. The £2 will go to the BFTA

**Proposed SWEFTA. No second**

**Motion fails**

- j. [SWEFTA] Propose the BFTA GP series is sponsored by the BFTA
  - i. Prize money for top point scorers, shooters eligible from all classes, P, C, B, A and AA. (top 3 you would expect to come from AA, but there is the possibility the top point scores could be in another class)
  - ii. Open class entries are excluded.
  - iii. 1<sup>st</sup> place £300
  - iv. 2<sup>nd</sup> place £125
  - v. 3<sup>rd</sup> place £75
  - vi. Reason, the GP series is the hardest to win in the world. There should be a reward for winning it

**Proposed SWEFTA. No second**

**Motion fails**

## 12. Proposed Changes to Shoot Rules

- a. [CompSec] Change silhouette competition scoring to percentages.

Rationale: as silhouette shooting is affected by the strength of the wind then on a windy day there is less incentive, other than fun, to compete because the competition is scored on absolute not relative scores. So for example: at GP2 Far Coley it was very windy and scores were low, whilst this does not affect the scores on the day it does mean that these scores are unlikely to form part of a shooter's best 6

**Proposed by MFTA seconded CSFTA**

**For CSFTA, SEFTA, FFTA, WAFTA, MFTA, SWEFTA, NEFTA, NWFTA**

**Against none**

**Motion passes**

- b. [CompSec] For the GP series only – each course to have 3 lanes standing and 3 lanes kneeling.
  - i. Rationale: we have now had one season with 2 lanes of kneeling and 3 lanes of standing and the previous two seasons were 3 kneeling and 2 standing. Neither method adequately represents the importance of the discipline positions in the sport. I think that three lanes of each will offer a balance and help develop better British shooters.

**Proposed MFTA. No second**

**Motion fails**





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c. [MFTA] Ricochet avoidance

- i. Any target that is 20 yards or nearer must be positioned so that the faceplate is 90 degrees to the firing line. [i.e. perpendicular to the shooter]

**Proposed by MFTA seconded SWEFTA**

**For MFTA, CSFTA, SEFTA, SWEFTA**

**Against FFTA, NEFTA**

**Abstain WAFTA, NWFTA**

**Motion passes**

- ii. Any target that is 20 yard or nearer must be positioned no higher than 1 metre from ground level (ground level is at the target).

The aim of the proposal is to reduce the chance of ricochets.

**Proposed by MFTA seconded SWEFTA**

**For MFTA, SEFTA**

**Against NEFTA, NWFTA, FFTA, CSFTA, SWEFTA, WAFTA**

**Motion fails**

d. [MFTA] New definition for Kneeling positional.

Is there a definition that will be easier to police?

**Motion withdrawn**

- e. [SWEFTA] Kneeling: There shall be only 3 points of contact with the ground (2 feet and 1 knee). The rear foot shall be upright and straight in line with the knee. A legal seat may be used to support the rear foot and/or ankle, or to keep the knee clean provided that the foot has contact with the ground.

- i. Only the shooter's knee may be in contact with the seat if the seat is being used to keep the knee clean. The shooter's shin may not be rested on the seat. If the seat is being used to keep the knee clean, an additional roll mat may be used to support the ankle.

**Part Motion withdrawn**

- ii. The leading hand will support the gun and, forward of the wrist should itself be unsupported (the wrist is deemed to be the hinged joint between hand and forearm). No part of the stock should be in contact with the forearm, only the hand forward of the wrist.

**Proposed by SWEFTA seconded MFTA**

**For CSFTA, FFTA, SEFTA, WAFTA, MFTA, SWEFTA, NWFTA, NEFTA**

**Motion passes**





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- f. [FFTA] Kneeling: When using a seat for protection of the knee, whilst taking KNEELING SHOTS, only the knee to be in contact with the seat and the bulk of the seat to be forward of the shooter NOT under the fore-leg nor under the thigh nor inner thigh. No additional seats, mats, rolls etc. to be used.

**Proposed FFTA, seconded SWEFTA**

**For CSFTA, FFTA, MFTA, WAFTA, SWEFTA, NEFTA, NWFTA**

**Against none**

**Abstain SEFTA**

**Motion passes**

- g. [SWEFTA] Propose that legal kneeling positions are photographed by BFTA and these signs must be displayed on Kneeling lanes.

**Motion withdrawn**

- h. [FFTA] Slings: When taking any type of shot the sling or strap or any other type of restraint may NOT be used to steady the aim. ie the only use for a sling shall be to carry the rifle (safely) between lanes and around the ranges.

**Proposed FFTA, seconded WAFTA**

**For FFTA, WAFTA, NEFTA**

**Against MFTA, SWEFTA**

**Abstain CSFTA, SEFTA, NWFTA**

**Motion passes**

- i. [SWEFTA] Current: "All targets shall be clearly and consecutively numbered both at the target and the firing line"
- i. Change to : All targets shall be clearly and consecutively numbered at the target, if a second set of numbers is available the lane should also be consecutively numbered at the firing line"
- Reason, at regional level not all clubs have two sets of numbers.

**Proposed SWEFTA, seconded WAFTA**

**For SWEFTA, WAFTA**

**Against FFTA, NEFTA, NWFTA, MFTA**

**Abstain CSFTA, FFTA**

**Motion fails**



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- j. [FFTA] Standardise on target numbers (the numbers put beside targets to indicate order of fire)
  - i. a minimum background size of A5 formatted horizontally, no cut off or rounded corners, with UK Number Plate font.
  - ii. White background with black lettering.
  - iii. This combination provides (in FFTA mind) the best visual notice commensurate with not being overpowering in size and keeping costs to a reasonable sum when producing the sets of numbers.

**Motion withdrawn, re-work for January**

- k. [SWEFTA] Current: “No enforced positional shots e.g. standing or kneeling are allowed on reduced hit zone targets”
  - i. Propose: Reduced diameter kills of 25ml only, may be used on enforced positional lanes.
  - ii. Propose: For standing, a minimum of 0 and a maximum of 2 targets per course, max range 20 yards
  - iii. Propose: For Kneeling, a minimum of 0 and a maximum of 2 targets per lane, max distance 20 yardsReason, variation in discipline lanes

**Proposed SWEFTA, second SEFTA**

**For SWEFTA, FFTA, SEFTA**

**Against MFTA, NEFTA, NWFTA, CSFTA**

**Abstain WAFTA**

**Motion fails**

- l. [SWEFTA] All positional lanes must be situated on as flat a shoot area as possible. i.e., the shooting area between the lane pegs must be as flat as is reasonably possible on the course.

**Proposed SWEFTA, seconded MFTA**

**For CSFTA, SEFTA, FFTA, SWEFTA, WAFTA, MFTA, NWFTA, NEFTA**

**Against None**

**Motion passes**

## 13. Items from Regions

FFTA – new shooters tend to not know what a GP is all about e.g. silhouettes, clothing. Hosting clubs need more information  
MFTA When do new rules come in to force? Answer is by BFTA Championships.  
NWFTA – Why do regional associations need insurance? Aren't the officers covered by other insurances? NWFTA will investigate with the NSRA Insurers.



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## 13. Any Other Business

- a. The auditor requests that the AGM is pushed back to a later date so that there is more time between the end of the BFTA year (Oct 31<sup>st</sup>) and the audit. Question raised as to possibility of deferring any monies from a competition in October.
- b. NEFTA have enforced a rule that the closest targets are now at 10yds (instead of 8yds) owing to ricochet incidents. They will bring a motion to the January EGM to propose 10yds is the minimum for BFTA events.
- c. Simon Francis attended part of the meeting to report on his experience organising the Euro Champs. He was concerned with aspects of safety at the event and will discuss them with the major event organisers so that those issues are not repeated. He has some new ideas for handling the shootoffs required to decide final positions. He anticipates a higher attendance of non-UK shooters next year since the Worlds will be in New Zealand. He will be taking steps to gather additional information for those who will be travelling to the UK. Mike Woodhead gave information on a European website which would be a good location for such announcements.

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

- a. EGM – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2014, 10am start, **The Toby-Carvery, Marlbrook in Bromsgrove, 462 Birmingham Road, Bromsgrove, B61 0HR.**
- b. GM - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2014, 10am start, Location to be confirmed.
- c. AGM - Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2014, 10am start, Location to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 5.15pm

Neil Long



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## Appendix A – Chairman's Report to the BFTA Meeting, Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup> 2013

A little bit 'back to front' report this time firstly my thanks must go to all the Officers and Members of the Committee.

Our Secretary Neil does a great job (together with Sam) of formally recording our meetings and then editing them to a level that he can put up on the BFTA website. Believe me it's not all he does.

Our Treasurer Andy is penny perfect in everything he does with the BFTA funds.

Our Competition Manager Shaun organizes all the prizes etc. for the BFTA shoots. His suggestion this year to have two thirty targets courses in the BFTA Masters was very good with all (I think) shooters enjoying the new format.

Our Grading Officer / Registration Card Secretary Simon without whom the above BFTA Shoots could not take place, looks after the grading list exceptionally well with any queries being dealt with quickly and efficiently.

Our Photographer, Simon again, has put some super pictures on the BFTA Forum during the season and I personally look forward to seeing them, especially with his cryptic comments.

Our website is looked after by Rob and now Neil also is able to upload items to the website.

Trade Liaison, Development, NSRA and AMTA are all looked after quietly in the background.

I know you all have lives to live outside the BFTA so a heartfelt THANKYOU to you all for the time and energy you give up to help maintain the BFTA.

A Report looks at what has happened during the past year I would like to take a little peek at what could/might/should, or ought to take place in the future.

Neil asked for reports from the Management Team in advance of the AGM to enable them be distributed to the regional representatives and anyone that wished to see them. The idea was/is that it will shorten the meeting a bit (considerably even) and help us get away at a sensible hour.

The Agenda Items for the AGM have also been made public to encourage discussion well ahead of time in the hope that the regions have decided on their votes for the many motions.

I would like to see items on the Agenda have a definitive time frame with the time limits being placed or determined by the importance (I know all things on the Agenda are important) and complexity of the item

The present BFTA Management and General Committee have agreed to re-stand for election for the forthcoming year, thank you for this.

We started the year with one Chairman and finished it with another, I thank Jonathan for all the work he has done in the past as Chairman and I am sorry he felt the need to resign.

Finally my thoughts as ever are for the continuing success of the BFTA and all the shooters who take part in our sport of FT.

Roger Moy  
BFTA Chairman.



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## Appendix B – Treasurer's Report

### BFTA Treasurer's Report (June 2013-Nov 2013)

I am happy to report that the BFTA accounts and reserves of money still remain health, continuing the good work to keep everything in order financially.

Thanks are due to Shaun, Simon and Tony/Sam for handling the paying in of monies from Competitions, Europeans and BFTA cards. Finally, a big thank you to John Lewis for once again auditing the accounts and being there for advice when needed.

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 **£25.18** and has not changed since the transfer in from the BoS deposit account of £5,000 and then the transfer out of £5,000 to NatWest Current Account.

The **Bank of Scotland Deposit account** again has not been accessed apart from the transfer out of £5,000 explained above, for the ability for the majority of the GP trophies to be bought up front as a single invoice. The account contains **£30,249.15** (as of 9 Oct 2013) and earns approximately ~£18 per month in interest.

The **National Westminster Current Account** contains **£4,680.18** (as of 31 Oct 2013).

The total monies paid into NatWest account by Tony/Sam, Shaun, Simon and myself and the transfer from BoS deposit account is **£20,471.50** and the total monies paid out is **£20,583.700** so money is approximately balanced, but noting the £5,000 transfer from BoS we are ~ £5k down overall from this time last year.

I have repaid the following amounts to the national bodies, 50p for every BFTA card purchased in the 2012-2013 season. Monies returned equals EFTA 1083 = (**£541.50**), SARPA 50 = (**£25.00**) and WAFTA 200 = (**£100**).

**As stated at the presentation of the Annual Accounts at the BFTA AGM in October 2012, the very advantageous deal we had obtained for the holographic 3D glass block trophies last year could not be repeated this year, and Shaun has engaged another supplier for the trophies. Therefore, the glass block trophies are costing substantially more this year as a result.**

Five teams, (2 X Air Arms, 2 X BASC and one sponsored by A P Johnson) have entered the Team Competition and paid £60 entry fee.

I would like to thank Andy Calpin, Dave Robinson, Mark Stenton, Keith Gillyard, John Costello and Shaun Shore and the others I may have forgotten for setting out the BFTA Championship and Inter-Regional courses. As agreed, expenses of **£395** (April weekend) were paid in cash from the taking of the April weekend of competitions. The expenses (**£485**) for setting Showdown and Masters Courses in August are shown in the accounts.

We have received a cheque from the NSRA for **£950** (which I have deposited in the NatWest current account) towards the setting up and videoing of the new BFTA Marshalls course. This was achieved in no small part by the assistance received from Dave Froggett of NSRA, who championed this with NSRA on our behalf. I have checked and the going rate in the Surrey area for wedding video is of the order of £750. I will need to liaise with Dave as to the intended course content to then get the course run and set up at Bisley, unless any other club/region wishes to take on this challenge? We have seen more of Team Wild videoing John Costello and Euros and may approach them for video expertise. Carl Knapper and Graham Ellis have provided an outline story board for the training video/DVD, but



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I admit I have not been as active on this as I would have liked, but have no constructive input to that presented so far.

We have very recently received a further invoices from Rob Farnworth for set-up and running the BFTA website of £94.19, as I had completed the account this will be shown in next year's accounts as this will be paid by BFTA after 1<sup>st</sup> November 2013, this is in addition to the amount paid in November 2012 - **£73.80**. I have added a column to the accounts so we can easily track expenditure on the new **thebfta.net** (R Farnworth web account).

Without pre-empting Shaun's Competition Secretary Report, we paid **£1,000** towards the purchase of BFTA branded clothing and hats to sell, as agreed at the BFTA meeting in January, which have been well received by members. I will leave Shaun to deal with this item, but we may have had a small loss overall. This is shown against the Comp expenses, but the monies received (income) has not yet been paid back into the accounts, I have assumed clothing broke even and we still have ~£1,000 for more clothing should this be approved by committee.

An item I did not include previously in the accounts was monies from years 2012 and 2013 for the sale of BFTA lapel pin badges, these are shown in the accounts for a total sum of £210.

We have also purchased a further Chronograph with large sky screens (difficult to shoot the sensors!), that was trialled and voluntary to use to compare against the standard type BFTA Chronograph at GP2 Far Coley. It is the intention to buy a further two chronographs of this type for next year and will come out of next year's accounts.

The hire of the 4 off two-way radios for use at the Europeans and Beryl/Mike's expenses in providing catering for the Euros was covered by Harriers from the monies BFTA gave them for setting up and running the Euros so the accounts do not show any entries. Air-Arms have agreed to provide some assistance at the Euros next year and it was agreed that small bottles of water would be of use for the competitors to take around the course.

Shaun had some large BFTA PVC printed banners made for use at BFTA events; they were used at Inters and Championship in April and will be used at Masters, Showdown and Euros.

Specifically I would like to highlight the following spreadsheet tabs for discussion:

- BFTA Cards
- Cost of Trophies
- End of Season Prizes
- Competitions (9 GPs, Masters, Showdown and Championships)
- European Championships

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 the end of season draw prizes. The end of season prize draw total expenditure was pegged back and £300 less than last year. Overall Competition entries are down this year and losses were made at the Masters/Showdown weekend and the European Championships barely broke even, due to poor numbers in attendance. **I would like to propose that the BFTA committee has the power and right to amend the total prize money at the Euros, such that it balances with the income and other expenditure. In the past with higher overall numbers across all competitions we have made a healthy profit at the end of the season, this year with numbers down and in some cases significantly together with significant increases of the cost of trophies, we have made a loss of £15,072.10 - £9,540.50 = £5,531.60 or £4,531.60 if the clothing monies of £1,000 is added back in!**





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Attached to this report is a multi-tabbed spreadsheet which provides details of the BFTA accounts and additional information used to present the accounts at the AGM.

**Andrew Slade**

**BFTA Treasurer - 11<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

November 2012

## **Appendix C – Secretary's Report**

2012-13 has been a complex year for all of us but I am glad that many of the very difficult topics have been resolved to the benefit of all shooters.

I am grateful for the support I have been given as a newcomer to the committee, naming names seems superfluous as everyone has given their time and experience.

If elected I will continue to assist the BFTA for one more year. However I will not continue beyond that period (and health reasons may impact me before that end of that term) and give you all as much advanced notice as I can to enable a smooth transition.

N J Long

## **Appendix D – Competition Manager Report**

### **GP Series**

Another excellent series that saw the competition in each of the grades last until the final round at Anston: Congratulations to Andy Calpin who won from James Osborne and Jack Harris in AA grade, to Steve Wilson in A grade, Rob Long in B grade, Andy Gough in C grade, Brian Samson in Piston Class, Neil Hague in Silhouettes and Ian Challis for winning the inaugural Open Class.

Courses – in the main the rules were adhered to but the recommendation regarding 15mm hit zone targets not being too high was often not. If there are regions that believe the recommendation is not constructive then I'd ask that they propose that the recommendation is removed.

Course length was a talking point this year; in summary the courses were too long! Having shot 8 of the 9 I have to agree and what's interesting is that most others do too, so why do we keep getting long courses? I would not like to see us getting too descriptive about GP course construction but we must consider that long courses do not deter the AA shooters but they do deter the lower grades.

New grading – the new grading distributed shooters more fairly across the grades and contributed to more competitive shooting

Open Class – 17 different shooters made 38 entries into the Open Class. It gained popularity as the year went on.

At the Champs, Masters and Euros we offered trophies from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>. The numbers entering Open Class outside of the GP series was low. I think it would be fair to offer a trophy only for 1<sup>st</sup> in these three events.

Chronographs – continued issues with the PM1 chronographs; they have now been retired. I purchased a Pro-Chrono and after a successful trial I will purchase 2 more for next season. They will be numbered 1, 2 and 3 and will be available for all to trial at the Champs in April.





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Trophies – in my 3 years as Comp Manager these were the best trophies we'd had. However, there is still a reluctance to attend the presentation to collect them. My personal view is to end presentation of GP trophies and invest the money into better trophies for the end of season.

Shoot dates – I sensed the general view of those that attend all the GP was that there was too much summer shooting this year. This was, I'm sure, compounded by the packed calendar around the end of August. We did accommodate the date of the Worlds by moving the Masters weekend but with hindsight perhaps it would have been better positioned 2 weeks after the Euros. I can only see FT growing in Europe and dates clashing are inevitable. We can continue offering a full calendar and leave shooters to choose or by dropping to 7 or 8 GP we can build in flexibility to accommodate competitions elsewhere. I also think that we should consider moving the Masters weekend to late September/ early October hence allow regions to set their Winter League dates accordingly and this would allow us to move the event to an earlier date if there is a clash with the Worlds date.

	AA	A	B	C	P	Total
No of shooters	64	119	62	48	25	318
% of shooters	20.1	37.4	19.5	15.1	7.9	100
No of entries	329	402	257	149	85	1222
% of entries	26.9	32.9	21.0	12.2	7.0	100

My personal thanks to all the people that contributed to the running of this year's GP series.

Congratulations to John Costello for his excellent performance in winning the World Championship in Germany.

BFTA Masters and Showdown

Thanks to the BASC for sponsoring the weekend.

Masters – An outstanding day's shooting that had everything but shooters in attendance! Only 46 entered which was a shame and did not reflect the quality of the courses offered; a great thanks to Andy Calpin and his NEFTA helpers and the Andy Slade and his Newbury helpers. Congratulations to Jack Harris on his win with an emphatic 59 ex 60.

Showdown – Once again the Showdown highlighted the excellent quality of field target shooting in Great Britain. Congratulations to Andy Calpin on winning the Showdown and James Woodhead for winning the Plate.

Attendance – it was plain to me that the Masters attendance would suffer when I struggled all year to get shooters to attend the Showdown. Its proximity to the final round of the GP series and the following week's world championships would certainly have contributed and I think it is pertinent that the date of this weekend next year avoids clashes so that we can fairly measure shooters' interest in attending.

BFTA European Championships

Another excellent showpiece for the BFTA! Congratulations to Tony Cook and Simon Francis and to all who assisted in making it such an enjoyable weekend. Congratulations to the winner Jack Harris for some tremendous shooting in tricky conditions.

Thanks to Countryman Fairs for their continued sponsorship of the event and thanks to Air Arms for the donation of an FTP 900 for the winner.

Thanks to Sam Reece – Sam contributes so much to the organisation of the BFTA. She works tirelessly in administering BFTA events and it is her work that makes the events run so smoothly.

Thank you Sam!!

AGM proposals

I see it as part of my role to listen to the views of shooters across the season. My proposals for this year's AGM are a summary of changes in light of conversations that I have had.

The kneeling issues seem to be a constant thorn in the side of field target shooting; I am cautious of making a proposal because of the high number of shooters who use their bag to fairly support their kneeling position, however, no bag and only a flat mat seems a step in the right direction.

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I have enjoyed the role as Comp Manager for the last 3 years and am happy to continue the role for 2014. Due to family commitments I will retire from the role at the AGM 2014. I hope to serve the BFTA in another capacity in the future.

Shaun Shore

## Appendix E – Grading Managers Report

### BFTA Membership

As this was my second year as membership secretary things were slightly easier. I hope as each year passes it will continue to become easier! Most clubs managed to get BFTA card requests in to me in plenty of time.

Those that did not I was better placed to chase up this year.

Once the Cards had been received from the printers (with thanks via Chris Large once again) they were handed out as soon as was possible, usually when I saw club or regional reps at a GP. Some were posted. As in previous years, some regions insist on all members taking a card, while some leave it to those who will shoot competitions and thus actually need a BFTA number.

I ordered an additional number of blank cards for this year as we ran out last year, so far we have approx 100+ left over for use into 2014.

Currently there are 1317 BFTA card holders of which;  
SARPA has 12 card holders                      WAFTA has 165                      EFTA has 1140.

There is an issue I have raised for the AGM regarding clubs who are not members of a BFTA region.

### Grading.

Approx figures for Current BFTA card holders who have recorded at least 1 score in 2013

62 AA	140 A (Graded)	105 B Grade	135 C Grade
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875 Card holders who do not shoot competitions / ungraded

We also have 85 non - card holders that have recorded at least 1 score in 2013, usually at regional level.

Personally I think the current Grade boundaries are spot on and need no changing for 2014.

Thanks to Alan permitting me some additional editing powers on the BFTA website, I have since October been updating the Rolling 20 Grades on the BFTA Forums.

The idea is that it is less work for Rob to keep updating the main Website. It is suffice now for twice yearly uploads on the main website, once post Inters and once Euros for Summer and Winter start grades.

I list up to date and grades region by region as scores come in, but I do not list actual scores for a scooter. If a shooter wants an up to date rolling 20, I have made it plain that all they have to do is e-mail me. So far there have only been a few requests, most from what I have been told by shooters are just happy to see regular updates and their actual %.

I have insisted that all regions send their region scores through the year to me as each event takes place.

Some are sending scores while some I pick up off regional websites where results are displayed.. Only SWEFTA were not sending "all" scores. This unfortunately left some loopholes for regional shooters to shoot in a far lower grade at a national BFTA event than they currently do at regional. As all scores are available online I have now added all 2013 SWEFTA scores to give as up to date BFTA grade as possible on the national list.

Non BFTA card holders are being recorded and Graded as there is always the chance they will take up a BFTA card and number, either old or new. Thus if a Non card holding shooter does pay his membership fee I can where I have up to date results grade them correctly

Spring Gun and open scores have been separated from the "Graded" classes. Open class numbers are low but increasing while spring seems to be holding an average.

### BFTA Photographer

I have now started to place my photographs only on the BFTA website. This I hope will help bring some extra traffic to the site.



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## Appendix F – AMTA Representative Report

**AMTA meeting/s reports** there has not been an AMTA Meeting since the last BFTA Meeting in June, so I am afraid there is nothing to report.

Roger Moy (BFTA President)

BFTA Delegate to the Airgun Manufacturers and Trade Association Ltd ( AMTA )

## Appendix G – Web Master's Report

Hi All,

Here is my report for the 2012-2013 year. Apologies once again for not being able to attend, a family member's milestone birthday coincides. As ever, if there are any issues or requests then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

The site continues to function well. We sorted out some bugs with the booking-in system and it seemed this year the vast majority of users reported no problems. There was less than a handful of shooters reporting any issues to me. We had a small bump when a server upgrade made the BFTA documents invisible, but this was quickly corrected. The server seems to be holding up well, and it's rare I have experienced any slowdown or heard of any.

At last we have added a little function to ensure EU compliance, which means the site has to ask permission to store cookies on your machine. If you don't know what that means then it's not something that will concern you, and if you do, then you'll realise it's of no concern, but we are legally obliged to ask so now we are compliant.

The site name has been renewed for another 2 years, and the hosting for another year. This includes spam and antivirus protection for the site. Andy Slade has the invoice, which contains a 10% discount for me being a member of the host's shooting website (which is free). I thought it best to renew first and ask for the money later. I still consider we are getting good value with this package. I may have to renew the software for the booking in system, which I think from memory is about £16.

Simon and others seem to be making good use of the forum for incremental updates to grades and posting photos and reports etc. As ever the grades are only published with altered grades twice a year, unless a new shooter is moved from the default A grade and Simon reissues the spreadsheet.

Sponsors banners are still in place, but it would be useful to have the list updated for the next season and guidance if we wish to continue showing banners from past sponsors. It makes the site look good to have as many as possible in my opinion, but I'll leave that for the committee to comment on/decide.

Welcomed was the coverage from Team Wild TV who provided some very professional coverage of BFTA shooters and events they attend. I feel that this is an area the BFTA may look to pursue as the web becomes more media centric. Although the videos are posted



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elsewhere and across the globe, views are in the 1000's, and the BFTA is seen by the majority of the world to be the pinnacle of the sport's organisation.

It's often hard to keep up with the speed of banter on other forums, but I've endeavoured to cover the year's major events and happenings with the odd photo and comment. As far as the forum is concerned, whilst it perhaps doesn't 'endure' the same amount of traffic and conversation other sites may, it's my personal opinion it serves the BFTA better to have a quieter and more official forum than one perhaps cluttered and requiring more intensive moderation.

For the future, what would be useful to know in advance is the name and email of the person handling the booking in for each GP. In that way I can set them up beforehand, rather than forget only to remember the day before and then perhaps delay opening while I find out who is handling the role. Friday eve seemed to work well when booking in, and I'm thankful for the reminders when I've let the hour slip by.

The site is limited to sending out 500 emails an hour, so by emailing all users (we have more than 500) it can block email sending for the site to notify that GP booking is now open, especially when the system starts sending out confirmations. Where possible I tend to send texts, announce it on my forum, and when I remember Facebook as well. The server limit isn't something we can get around. We could employ a text message service, or we can just keep going as we do.

It would also help to know when clubs and regions change their website addresses, and email contact details, as often the first I know about it is when someone spots one that doesn't work.

Last, but not least, many thanks to Neil Long and Alan Forrest for their continued help in posting BFTA matters and looking after the BFTA forum. Such computer literate and concienious officers helping running the site really does make my role a lot easier and ensures the site remains the resource it should be for the sport.

Kind regards all,  
Rob Farnworth  
BFTA Web Administrator

## **Appendix H – Forum Manager's Report**

Since the switch to the up-graded Forum software we have had only one instance of Spam. This one was a single individual and not a Spam-Bot. The 'intelligent question' at Registration eliminates the Bots.

As of 11th October we have 327 Members, otherwise there is nothing specific to report.

I am prepared to continue in the role if required.

Alan Forrest



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## Appendix I – NSRA Delegate’s Report

Since the last AGM the NSRA Coaching and Development committee has met three times. Some of the time was taken with post Olympic feedback, one of the committee is the English ISSI rep and talked about the English results and how other countries prepare for major events.

Some have full time paid teams, the coach of the Chinese team received £50000 for each gold medal , but nothing for silver or bronze.(the average wage in china is less than £2000 per year).

Training for scorers is high on the NSRA agenda, unlike FT ie hit or zero, paper targets are very subjective , and one point can make a huge difference to a shooter.

On the field target side Dave Froggett is still working on producing a marshals training video, he is a bit out of date with FT but is being put right by Lindeen. He has found a company to shoot and edit the film, and the funds are being held in our accounts.

Although most of the meetings are rimfire based, I feel an FT. presence helps to keep our sport in the frame.

I am going to invite the committee members who have never seen FT to Bisley FTO for a short demo and a chance to try it .

Mick Woodhead..

## Appendix J – Trophies by Comp. Sec.

### Trophies

End GP specific trophies and allocate all money to end of season trophies.

### Presently

GP Trophies	£3,025.00
End of season	£847.50
Total	<b>£3,872.50</b>

Summary	GP	EOS	Total	Expenditure
AA	27	10	37	£577.75
A	27	10	37	£577.75
B	27	10	37	£577.75
C	27	5	32	£499.68
P	27	5	32	£499.68
Open	27	5	32	£499.68
Junior	9	0	9	£140.53
Silhouette	27	5	32	£499.68
			248	<b>£3,872.50</b>

The trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> presented this year at the Euros cost in the region of £50. These would be the standard of trophy purchased for the end of season presentation.

### AA grade



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Prizes 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	Total
£200	£150	£100	£60	£50	£45	£40	£35	£30	£25	£735

## A grade

Prizes 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

10 trophies at approximately £50 per trophy = £500

## B grade

Prizes 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

10 trophies at approximately £50 per trophy = £500

## C grade

Prizes 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

10 trophies at approximately £50 per trophy = £500

(This is an increase from the present 5 trophies and reflects that there are more C grade shooters now that the grade threshold is 65%)

## Piston Class

Prizes 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

5 trophies at approximately £50 per trophy = £250

## Open Class

Prizes 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

5 trophies at approximately £50 per trophy = £250

## Silhouettes

Prizes 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

5 trophies at approximately £50 per trophy = £250

And purchase a perpetual trophy = £200

## Junior

Purchase a perpetual trophy = £200

## Total

Grade/class	Cost
AA	£735
A	£500
B	£500
C	£500
Piston	£250
Open	£250
Silhouette	£250 + £200 = £450
Junior	£200
Total	£3385

Expenditure of £3385 compared to presently £3872.50 is an approximation and actual figures are likely to be higher. (The trophies at the Euros were engraved with the BFTA logo. I would like to include a year specific image as well which will increase costs).