



BFTA Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held at the The Beacon Way Public House, Bloxwich On Saturday 9th February 2013

Meeting open at 10am

1. Chairman's Report and welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Persons Present and Regions Represented

BFTA Officers Present

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

Regions Represented

CSFTA	Mick Woodhead	V Rep
FFTA	Cliff Burt	Rep (V)
SEFTA	Barry McDonald	V Rep
NEFTA	Trevor Ryan	V Rep
NEFTA	Ian Taylor	Rep
MFTA	Tony Cook	V Rep
WAFTA	Pat Isaacs	V Rep
SWFTA	Simon Evans	V Rep

19 members present and 7 regions represented. (V Rep = voting rep)

3. Apologies for Absence

Received from:-

Liz Moy – FFTA
Kev Sayers - Trade Liaison
Mark Basset
Carl Knapper - NWFTA
Rob Farnworth – Web Manager

4. Minutes of Last Meeting held on 17.11.2012 to be Read and Accepted

The Minutes from the AGM in November 2012 were read and accepted as being a true record after one addition and a minor typographic correction.



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Proposed by MFTA and seconded by CSFTA.

5. Action List from Last Meeting

There were no explicit Action Items but Matters Arising incorporated any such Actions not covered in the Agenda.

6. Any matters arising from last meeting.

Andy Slade raised the refund of 50p for cards for National bodies, Simon to provide numbers for Andy to prepare figures. **Action 1**

Lydeen began discussion regarding a proposed Marshals Course with a video component as one of the key teaching materials. Dave Froggett has £500.00 which he can transfer to us to cover most of the costs of producing such a video item. There was extensive discussion regarding safety training since the material would have to include bad or dangerous examples as well as the safe and correct procedures when handling and firing an air weapon. Volunteers were sought to undertake the NSRA or NRA equivalent Range Officer training so that such items as relevant could be incorporated in to a Field Target Marshalling course. Reference was made to the 2010 AGM when just such a course was previously proposed.

The election to the position as Competition Manager was postponed at the November AGM until this meeting. Shaun Shore was proposed by MFTA, seconded by CSFTA, accepted unanimously.

Item 12 from the AGM will be put forward to the next meeting (presence or drinking of alcohol during the event).

Item 13 – Banners – Shaun priced £600 for Euro's.

Financial support would be available to reimburse volunteers to help Newbury construct the courses for the BFTA Championship, Inter-Regionals and again in August for the Masters and Showdown competitions. The figure predicted would be a maximum of £450.00 on each weekend. Discussion ensued as to continuing to host BFTA events at Newbury. This was tabled to be on the Agenda at the June meeting (i.e. after the April events) when a decision would be made for 2014. The maximum sum of £450 per weekend was proposed by NEFTA and seconded by FFTA, unanimously accepted.

The discussion also considered the need for similar support for the Euros. Over the past two or three years the Euro's have been run by Tony who has been given/allowed a sum of money to do everything, from putting course out to sourcing targets and arranging transport of all equipment to and from site.



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7. 2013 BFTA Competition Rules.

Shaun presented his modified Main Shoot Rules for 2013.

A simple method of determining “clearly visible from all shooting positions” was discussed consisting of the use of an A4 sheet of paper or card (e.g. clipboard) used in landscape mode and placed on the firing line, such that when centered in the lane the target must be visible above it, i.e. 21cm high.

In recollection and reviewing the notes taken this item may not have been fully considered and should be placed on the agenda for a future meeting – Secretary

Freestyle is defined as “Any position that is safe and comfortable to the shooter and does not infringe the rules above.”

The Shoot Rules modifications required, following the November AGM, were accepted with the exception that item 11.a (10 ii in the Main Shoot Rules) still raises concerns about the implementation of the NSRA Dispensation Scheme and any possible legal question raised. An example of the NSRA Dispensation Certificate was circulated (which was a partially redacted copy of a real one and as such cannot be distributed) and it was clear after extensive discussion that such a scheme is unlikely to be applicable when the varying nature of FT targets (distance, height/elevation/declination), lane condition (width, slopes, directions to targets), ground terrain (slopes, vegetation, access, restricted walkways) are considered. A Dispensation adapted position (as in the NSRA scheme) made for one club would be difficult to achieve and definitely not compatible with all clubs in the same region and even less compatible nationally. Given the nature of the sport of Field Target it was felt that clarification as to the legal aspect of reverting to the “if you cannot kneel then stand, if you cannot stand then the situation demands you must move on to the next firing point”, this sadly means a zero score for each shot you are unable to complete. This would apply to graded and un-graded events alike, to equalise or in some cases improve the present situation a ‘Freestyle Category or Class’ will be implemented thereby making Field Target as inclusive as reasonably practicable for all shooters regardless of infirmity or physical impairment.

The President and Chairman will construct a suitably worded statement to be presented to a legal counsel for an opinion.

The 2013 Shoot Rules will be posted on the BFTA web site following such an opinion.

9. Correspondence.

- a. Alan Forrest has sent a letter advising that he will no longer attend Committee meetings owing to health limitations. The Committee thanks him for his contributions and his continued support in running the web forum.

10. Officers’ Reports

Treasurer’s Report – NSRA Affiliation forms were completed and submitted. There was an oversight which requires additional insurance to be applied for. Trophies will cost more. There is £4k in the current account and £5K in invoices so £5K will be transferred from the deoposit account to the current account.

Trade Liaison Officer -- Kevin / Mark apologise for not attending the meeting, they are both attending the shooting show at Stoneleigh to get more sponsorship for the GP’s in 2013.



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BASC have already agreed the same money for 2013 for the Showdown weekend and will sponsor 2 construction teams.

Air Arms, Napier, Deben have agreed the same as 2012.

Solware want to sponsor a GP.

DIA have agreed to sponsor a GP

Warren from NEFTA will make a custom stock for the prize draw.

BFTA agreed to sponsor GP1

Potential sponsorship from Jackson Stock, Schmidt & Bender, York Guns and Ian Harford.

Kevin will keep you informed of any other sponsorship throughout the season.

Grading Manager – Regions and Clubs have been requested to return details so that BFTA cards can be ordered.

AMTA Delegate – The potential difficulties with the Royal Mail postal service not carrying air weapons or parts has been resolved and they will continue to handle such items as at present. The proposed air weapon legislation in Scotland is an ongoing issue.

Competition Manager. – see appendix A.

In addition it was agreed to purchase a Chrony to trial alongside the current chronographs as a possible future replacement. **Action 2** Trophies changed suppliers due to poor relations
See report

11. 2013 Competition Dates and Venues.

The GP calendar for 2013 has been finalised and shown below.

Offers to host GP9 were received from Anston, Bisley, Castle, Far Coley, Emley Moor and MAD. The final voting was for Anston (5 votes for)

Offers to host GP2 were received from Far Coley, MAD. The vote was 5 votes for Far Coley (Castle will host in the event that Far Coley is unable for whatever reason)

Event	Date	Venue	Region
BFTA Championships	6 th April 2013	Newbury	
BFTA Inter-regionals	7 th April 2013	Newbury	
GP1	21 st April 2013	Millride	MFTA
GP2	12 th May 2013	Far Coley	MFTA
GP3	26 th May 2013	Tawd Vale	NWFTA
GP4	9 th June 2013	Nelson	WAFTA
GP5	23 rd June 2013	Bisley	CSFTA
GP6	7 th July 2013	Redfearns	NEFTA
GP7	21 st July 2013	Iceni	SEFTA
GP8	4 th August 2013	East Devon	SWEFTA
GP9	18 th August 2013	Anston	NEFTA



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BFTA Masters	24 th August 2013	Newbury	
BFTA Showdown	25 th August 2013	Newbury	
European Championship	14 th / 15 th September 2013	Weston Park	

12. Items from Regions

13. Any Other Business

- a. Committee Officers to remain after the meeting in order to sign new mandate forms for the bank account.
- b. Tony Cook requested that any extra money to be used towards cloth patch badges for the Euros (similar to those used in the Showdowns)
- c. Roger Moy explained the term “ex-officio”
- d. Pat Isaacs raised the issue of Regional Association Insurance. All Regional Associations are to send proof of insurance to the Secretary in compliance with the ByLaws.

14. Date, time and place of next meetings.

- a. GM - Saturday 15th June 2013, 10am start, The Beacon Way, Bloxwich.
- b. AGM - Saturday 16th November 2013, 10am start, The Beacon Way, Bloxwich.

Meeting closed at 16:38

Neil Long



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Appendix A.

Competition Manager's Report February 2013

1. Trophies

Unfortunately I have had to change trophy suppliers. I anticipate good service from the new supplier and that it'll cost more. I'd appreciate feedback about the standard of trophies at the end of the season.

2. Banners

I have 5 banners being made for approximately £600. They all advertise the BFTA and one specifically advertises the Euros.

3. Cards, raffle tickets et al.

Please identify a point of contact (email) for each GP. I will have cards etc. available at the BFTA Champs and subsequent GPs. I will not be attending GP6 at NEFTA on July 7th; for this GP I will provide some stamp addressed envelopes to send me the scorecards.

4. New grade thresholds.

These become live after the Newbury weekend for first use at GP1. Simon has included a predicted grade column so shooters can see if their status has changed and if they can decide if they wish to shoot in a higher grade. Please bring this to the attention of shooters in your region and particularly stress that if they want to shoot in a higher grade that they should contact Simon well before GP1 to fix their grade.

It has been suggested to me that some AA shooters will want to maintain their status even though their rolling 20 percentage is less than 85%. This is fine for those that want to compete in an open class. However, the 85% threshold is there to introduce more competition into the A grade not less into the AA grade – analysis of last year's data showed that only one AA trophy was awarded to a shooter with percentage less than 85 and subsequently that shooter's average improved to end the season above 85%. **If present AA shooters who do not match the criteria and want to be AA then please contact Simon well before GP1** – I predict that despite this clear message and the proposal and its acceptance being shared we'll still have shooters turning up to GPs with no knowledge of their grades. I will shoot AM sessions, that aren't too far away, and collect half time data and be on hand to help stats with the most up to date grading list.

The grade thresholds have changed as a consequence of the data from GPs. It may be that the distribution of shooters in regions and in clubs means that 85% is not practical. I encourage all regions to discuss this with their member clubs to establish if the new thresholds meet the needs of competitions in their regions and if not then know that there is no requirement for them to be used. They have been constructed to offer more competition in grades at GP shoots and it should be noted that the proportion of AA shooters that attend the GP series is well above the proportion of AA shooters in the grading list.

5. Associated Trade and Manufacturers competition.

In my opinion we need to review this competition as it needs more teams and perhaps a different format if it is to become more competitive.

At present it's the best 4 scores from a possible 8 shooters at each GP and it is the best 6 from 9 GP team scores that count; the winning team gets 15 points, 2nd 12 and so on down to 5th place 6 points)

Suggestions that could be implemented for this season:

- Change to best 8 from 9 scores. (Will keep the competition alive for longer?)
- Change from points to the sum of the best 4 percentages scored by the team members. (It would introduce variability in points awarded and potentially mean a team could gain more or decrease the deficit of points on their rivals).



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Suggestions that could be discussed for next season:

- Remove the need to be associated to a manufacturer or trade but still invite teams from them.
- Reduce teams to 6 members to make it easier to form a team (club teams, regional teams, etc...)
- Any ideas?

6. Chronograph

As I mentioned in my report at the AGM the chronographs do not receive maintenance or calibration. I will replace the batteries but anticipate erratic performance.

7. NEFTA helpers for Newbury

I hope the committee supports the NEFTA helpers for the Newbury weekend.

8. Calendars

I suggest that we consider a 2 year calendar for the following reasons:

- We had wanted Sywell for GP9; they could not do this as the shooting ground was already booked when we offered them the date.
- Other countries looking to attract our shooters to their events would benefit from knowing the GP dates.
- Regions would know dates to avoid for their summer events.

Only 3 dates influence the calendar

Easter, the NEFTA Classic and the World FT Championship.

Only the third causes problems (not likely a big one in 2014).

Question for Rob – can the WFTA announce their dates earlier?

9. Merchandise.

I would like to offer some BFTA merchandise for sale to our shooters. Such as: T-shirts, pens, caps etc. I request £1000 to purchase some stock.

Shaun Shore (9th February 2013)