



BFTA Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held at the The Beacon Way Public House, Bloxwich On Saturday 28th January 2012

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
Phil Gee	Secretary
Simon Evans	Grading Officer / SWEFTA V Rep
Andrew Slade	Treasurer
Shaun Shore	Competition Manager
Beryl Noon	HVP
Mark Bassett	Trade Liaison / WAFTA V Rep
Lyndeen Calvert	Development Officer
Sam Reece	Minute Secretary
Mike Noon	HVP
Tony Cook	HVP / MFTA V Rep

Regions Represented

CSFTA	Mick Woodhead	V Rep
FFTA	Liz Moy	V Rep
SEFTA	Barry McDonald	V Rep
NEFTA	Trevor Ryan	V Rep
MFTA	Jenny Taylor	Rep

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

3. Apologies for Absence

Received from:-

Sam Barr – NWFTA
Rob Farnworth – Web Manager
Alan Forrest – HVP
Pat Isaacs – WAFTA
Graham Ellis - SARPA

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

The Minutes from the AGM in December 2011 were read and accepted as being a true record.
Proposed by MFTA and seconded by CSFTA.

It was recognised that due to Karl having to leave the meeting at lunchtime, the committee did not have the opportunity to thank Karl for his work as Grading Manager and wish him luck for



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his future. We would like to take this opportunity to place on record our thanks to Karl for his work as Grading Manager and wish him every success for his future.

5. Action List from Last Meeting

AP1 – The proposal for non conforming target removal has been added to the 2012 GP Rules along with points 13 and 14.

The non conforming target removal was proposed by FFTA and seconded by WAFTA. It was agreed by NEFTA, CSFTA, FFTA and WAFTA. It was rejected by MFTA. SEFTA and SWFTA abstained.

Points 13 and 14 of the 2012 GP rules were both proposed by WAFTA and seconded by FFTA. The proposals were accepted unanimously.

AP2 – The NSRA dispensation scheme was discussed later in the meeting along with item 9.

AP3 – Ungraded shooters placed into A grade for 3 shoots then re-graded.

Proposed by NEFTA, seconded by FFTA, unanimously agreed.

AP4 – SARPA GP

Information has been received from the SARPA committee that has eliminated the concerns expressed at the AGM.

AP5 – The GP calendar for 2012 has been finalised and shown below. Two regions, SEFTA and NEFTA have offered to host the GP that FFTA is unable to hold.

SEFTA was voted for by SWEFTA, SEFTA and CSFTA

NEFTA was voted for by FFTA, MFTA, NEFTA and WAFTA

So the FFTA GP will be held at Anston.

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



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AP6 - Accounts Examiner – John Lewis

John Lewis was proposed for the position of accounts examiner by NEFTA and seconded by WAFTA. It was agreed unanimously.

AP7 - WAFTA to propose an amended calendar including double header GPs.

Due to the 2012 calendar already being defined, it was suggested that double header GPs were considered for 2013.

AP8 – National Governing Bodies' expenses.

Proposed by MFTA, seconded by FFTA and agreed unanimously. Andy Slade will define the payments based on the January 2012 membership.

AP9 – Bylaws and Constitution

It was agreed to defer the vote on the rewording of the Bylaws and Constitution until the June EGM to allow more time for regions to review and comment.

AP10 – Rewording of kneeling rule

Proposed by NWFTA, no seconder so rejected.

AP11 – Target colours

The Main Shoot Rules will be amended to read:

Targets are to have:

- i. Yellow faceplate with black hit-zones.
- ii. Black faceplate with yellow hit-zones.
- iii. White faceplate with black hit-zones.
- iv. Black faceplate with white hit-zones.

Proposed by CSFTA, seconded by WAFTA, agreed unanimously.

AP12 – A piece of land at the BFTA Championships will be allocated for a Silhouette side shoot which will be run by Cliff Church. The BFTA will not endorse, finance or marshal the competition.

AP13 - 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.

The proposal is:

Whilst shooters are competing on the course, whether they be shooting or scoring, any form of audible equipment i.e. mobile phone or sound systems whether or not they utilise earphones, be switched off or muted.

Any auditory obstruction, e.g. earphones, ear defenders, ear plugs shall not be worn unless agreed with the Chief Marshal for medical reasons.

There may be necessity to make or take a mobile phone call whilst on the course but the Chief Marshall should be informed at booking in.

This will be added to the Main Shoot rules, rule 17 – Firing Line Conduct.

This was proposed by SEFTA, seconded by FFTA and agreed unanimously.

Although the proposal was accepted, due to the addition of “any auditory obstruction” to the original proposal, the change will only be formally accepted if the majority of regions do not withdraw their vote before February 29th 2012



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6. Any matters arising from last meeting.

There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

7. Correspondence.

- a. We have received an email from the French Field Target Association webmaster requesting advice and information. We have requested clarification of the information required and will provide any assistance needed. Lyn will invite him to the BFTA Champs for information sharing.
- b. Andras has offered an updated version of the “How to set up a scope” manual that will be added to the BFTA site as an advanced version of the existing manual.

8. Officers' Reports

Treasurer's Report – Andy has received a final bill from Steve Hughes and a bill from Rob Farnworth for the creation of the new BFTA website.

Competition Manager. – see appendix E.

Permission was sought to purchase a range finder to aid the checking of a GP course. Permission was given.

9. Items from Regions

NEFTA: Two proposals from NEFTA regarding BFTA competitions were received:

- 1- if you can't kneel for kneelers you must take them standing, if you can't stand/or do standing shots then you take two zeros for that lane.
- 2- the introduction of an all sitting class.

A long and detailed discussion took place regarding the proposal and the rights and wrongs of modifying the disability rules.

Feedback suggested that accepting the proposals could be discrimination and against the law.

It was pointed out that someone declaring a disability on order to comply with the NSRA dispensation scheme could then find insurance more expensive if they declare their disability.

It was discussed that the proposal was effectively reintroducing the original rules on alternative positions.

Advice is being sought from the NSRA on the most suitable way forward. See appendix A for email received from NSRA.

It was agreed that the proposal to accept the NSRA Dispensation scheme would be delayed in order to seek further advice from the NSRA.

The two proposals from NEFTA were considered separately.

Proposal 1 was seconded by FFTA. It was agreed by FFTA, CSFTA, NEFTA. It was rejected by SEFTA, WAFTA, MFTA. SWEFTA abstained. As there was a tied vote, then Section 16 of the constitution applies, i.e. the Chairman has a casting vote and must vote for the status quo.

Any new proposals must be received by the end of February. They will be referred to the NSRA and voted on at an EGM at the Inter Regionals on 1st April at Newbury.



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Proposal 2 received no seconder.

10. Any Other Business

a. If the Delegates attending need/require to access the Committee/Minutes section on the forum, they need to be registered with the forum and I need to know their Usernames. It also may be worthwhile discussing if once attending as a delegate, that they are left with access to that part of the forum? We can point out that Officers are mainly up to date and will automatically have access to this section.

b. Shooters who change regions and qualification for shooting for a region in the inter-regionals. The scenario:

A shooter in the Midlands has shot the Winter League 2011-12 and qualified to represent the MFTA at the Inter-regionals. The shooter wishes to compete in the NEFTA Winter League inn 2012-13 hence has applied for a NEFTA card for the forthcoming season. When does his new card make the shooter a member of NEFTA not MFTA?

I would assume that the shooter can represent MFTA and his new number become applicable from GP1 onwards. As this scenario will happen I would like clarification and then the minutes will serve as a future reference.

Section 3.5 of the Bylaws state that membership runs until the 31st of March each year.

FFTA

Note that any change to the Disability rules should also be included in the Silhouette Rules

SWEFTA

SWEFTA asked about Range Conducting Officers. Beryl confirmed that a video is being prepared by NSRA to help the training course.

S. Shore

Is the raffle to be run again in 2012? Hopefully yes – Trade Liaison

Should GP5 be labelled as FFTA or NEFTA? Committee confirmed it should be called NEFTA.

11. Date, time and place of next meetings.

- a. EGM – Sunday 1st April 2012, 9am start, Newbury.
- b. EGM - Saturday 16th June 2012, 10am start, The Beacon Way, Bloxwich.
- c. AGM - Saturday 17th November 2012, 10am start, The Beacon Way, Bloxwich.

Meeting closed at 6pm

Phil Gee



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Appendix A

With regard to the current unrest within the BFTA on the subject of less able-bodied shooters the following message has been received this week from the NSRA to try and help the BFTA find a way forward that is acceptable to all.

Received Tuesday 24th January 2012

Hello Beryl

Following on from our telephone conversation about the development of shooting for people with disabilities in field target shooting I think that we are at an ideal point to discuss how people with disabilities are integrated into FT shooting.

As a start point I would like to suggest a meeting of those who are both interested and concerned about the inclusion of disabled competitors, to have a frank and open discussion on the topic and start to plan a way forward that is acceptable to all.

We could use the West Midlands Target Shooting Centre at Aldersley, Wolverhampton as a venue as it is central to the country.

I offer to chair the meeting if you wish – only qualified in that I am “one step back” from the front line on this subject! That said I hope I may be able to help as I have been involved in development of disability shooting in other disciplines and am reasonably familiar with FT and current NSRA systems.

Also, Liz Woodall has offered to attend (British Shooting Disability Shooting Project Coordinator) who can give advice on current best practice both inside and outside shooting if you would like her to assist.

It really is a good time to discuss and develop a way forward that is consistent and with which everyone is comfortable. Ultimately I think it will be beneficial to both the able-bodied and less able people involved in FT shooting and those who may become involved in the future.

Kind regards

Dave Froggett