

Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held at the The Beacon Way Public House, Bloxwich On Saturday 18th June 2011

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	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

Regions Represented

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CSFTA	Mick Woodhead	V Rep/EFTA
FFTA	Liz Moy	V Rep
MFTA	Tony Cook	V Rep
MFTA	Debbie Clarke	Rep
WAFTA	Pat Isaacs	V Rep
MFTA	Jenny Taylor	Rep
NWFTA	Sam Barr	V Rep

16 members present and 6 regions represented. (V Rep = voting rep)

3. Apologies for Absence

Received from:-

Rob Farnworth – CSFTA/EFTA

Kevin Sayers – MFTA

Mike Noon - HVP

Steve Hughes – Web Manager

Cliff Burt - FFTA

Sam Reece – Minute Secretary

Barry McDonald - SEFTA

Simon Evans - SWFTA

Carl Knapper - NWFTA

4. Minutes of Last Meeting held on 29.01.2011 to be Read and Accepted The Minutes from January 2011 were read and accepted as being a true record. Proposed by MFTA (TC) and seconded by CSFTA (AS)



5. Action List from Last Meeting

AP1 – deferred until Secretary's arrival later in the meeting. (Discussed under Officers' Reports – Web manager)

AP2 - It was agreed that Shaun Shore would forward the document to Beryl Noon and she would send it to Dave Froggett (NSRA Child Protection Officer) for review.

Completed. However, Shaun Shore expressed concern that the use of photo permission forms was not evident on the GP circuit. Primarily this was because it was difficult to identify a junior other than to ask them at booking in.

Discussion followed about the need for the permission form. It was agreed that, at this time, only the permission form for the winning junior would be sought. Shaun Shore will send the four BFTA photographers (Simon Evan, James Osborne, Rob Farnworth and Kevin Sayers) a digital copy of the permission form. Inform them that if they photograph the winning junior then they should ask for the form to be completed. Also they should avoid the naming of young people in photographs unless they know that they are 18 years or over. It was agreed that in future the BFTA needs to adopt a system that ensures that appropriate permissions are sought.

AP3 - A draw is made during the afternoon briefing. The winning shooter must make themselves available for collection of the prize within 1 hour of the afternoon shoot finishing. It was agreed that the Sec/Comp Sec/Chair/Vice Chair would agree the wording of the raffle. Complete.

AP4 - a cost for cloth badges will be requested by Beryl Noon. Complete, badges are for sale at £3.50.

AP5 - Beryl has agreed to request a design for the 25^{th} anniversary Showdown badge from the current badge supplier.

Chris Large has agreed to design the badge and Trev Ryan will then get a quote for approval.

The Committee thanks Chris for the first draft of the proposed design.

The following changes were requested:

- Change 25 to 25th
- Change 1985 to 1987
- Remove "Sponsor # 1" replace with another sponsor or is BASC the only sponsor.

AP6 - The Competition Manager requested the authorisation of £371 to purchase equipment that would allow him to power a laptop and VDU at BFTA events. Complete.

6. Any matters arising from last meeting.

FFTA (RM) proposed that the main shoot rules are changed to include the 15mm kill zone targets so that any shoot that uses them can be submitted for grading.

It is proposed that the Main Shoot Rules are changed to read:

The course may contain targets with reduced diameter hit zones, provided that they do not exceed 25% of the total number of targets in the course.

The following limitations shall apply to 'reduced hit zone' targets...

- a. There may be a maximum of two 15mm hit zone targets set out to a maximum distance of 25 yards.
- b. All other reduced diameter hit zone targets shall be 25mm in diameter, set out to a maximum distance of 35 yards.
- c. No enforced positional shots are allowed on these targets, e.g. standing or kneeling. Proposed FFTA seconded CSFTA – AP1



7. Correspondence.

Andrew Slade passed thanks from Derek Winslow for the Tankard presented to him by the BFTA to thank him for years of service as Treasurer.

8. Officers' Reports

Treasurer's Report - see appendix A.

As part of the Treasurer's Report it was agreed that he would investigate the purchase of quality handheld radios to be used at BFTA events. It would help greatly if these were available to be used at the European Championships in September. As this date is before the AGM communication about the purchase would be via the closed forum on the BFTA website.

Secretary.

Well, an eventful 6 months has passed since I became Secretary, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Committee members past and present for the help they've given me settling into the role.

I'm sure that most of the points I feel worthy of discussion will be bought up by Shaun in his Competition report, so I'll refrain from stealing his thunder, apart from saying it seems reduced kills seem to be the new chrono...

I'd like to congratulate Shaun in particular for his novel running of the Champs and Interregionals and to Berty for securing some excellent sponsorship for the competition series. I'd also like to thank Beryl and Roger for invaluable sound advice.

The only point I'd like to highlight is communication.

I know many discussions take place by phone, e-mail and the like, and I know it is impractical to expect all of this to be documented and circulated, but I'd like to urge everyone to try and disseminate information wherever possible to ensure we're all aware of what's going on.

The worst thing is to get accosted at a GP and asked about such and such incident or so and so occurrence when you know nothing about it.

Competition Manager. - see appendix B.

Items of the CM report that led to discussion.

Grading and Trophies – led to a discussion about the up to date status of the grading list and in particular the grades on the booking list. At this point AF informed the committee of his concern about the present state of the BFTA website and in particular the trouble he is having with spammers. The discussion moved to whether the BFTA should consider a new direction for its website. AF to investigate the cost of server space. LC volunteered to help. SB informed the committee that Steve Hughes no longer held a position on the NWFTA committee.

To aid those organising GPs:

- Karl Clarke will send up to date grading list to all regions AP2
- Shaun Shore will send spreadsheets that may help AP3

Award of trophies – Shaun showed the number of SFT competitors this year and suggested that this class ceased at the end of the 2012 season. SS will propose this at the AGM. See Competition Manager's report (Appendix B) for clarification of SFT competitors in this year's GPs.



Timing – Shaun expressed concern about the use of stopwatches and that they keep getting lost. RM suggested that the BFTA buy 60 stopwatches for each region and relieve the BFTA of this responsibility. SS informed the committee that he had been in contact with Gerry Kennedy from Sailguru; he sells waterproof countdown timers for sailing. SS was tasked to obtain one for trial; this may incur a cost of approximately $\pounds 50$ – AP4

Regarding the Tawd Vale GP, Sam Barr explained some of the background that resulted in the errors at GP2.

The NWFTA has put in place a new procedure to ensure any future GP would be checked by a course inspector – see appendix C.

A discussion took place regarding the quantity of shooters that begin the GP season as a C grade shooter and appear to be of a much higher standard.

A discussion took place on people booking into GPs and then not turning up, denying a place to someone else.

Lyndeen confirmed she was investigating a procedure to book for GPs using Paypal. She would propose a procedure at the AGM in November – AP5

Development Officer

Lyndeen has been in contact with Dave Froggett who has completed 95% of a Range Marshall Certificate Course.

When completed, a pilot course will be run at Bisley.

Discussions had taken place with several people interested in starting new clubs, including one in Solihull and others further afield in Sri Lanka, Bulgaria and Spain.

There will be a fair at Bisley called Bisley Live which will be held along the lines of the game fairs, where BFTA presence has been requested.

With reference to insurance, Lyndeen confirmed that people who become Club Coaches are not insured unless they become individual members of the NSRA.

It was confirmed by Dave Froggett in an e-mail of 6th July:

"Any instructor or coach who is qualified, and wishes to remain licensed, under the NSRA Coaching Scheme needs to maintain individual membership of the NSRA. The insurance aspect is only part of the issue."

Grading Officer

The Grading Officer confirmed that he had issued 1409 cards for the 2011 season and that to date, 10003 people have been members of the BFTA.

Trade Liaison Officer

The Trade Liaison Officer reported that 8 of this seasons GPs have been sponsored, with the other being sponsored by the BFTA.

He is now receiving prizes for the end of season prize draw.

NSRA Representative

Mick confirmed that Dave Froggett has completed 95% of a Range Marshall Certificate Course which will be piloted at Bisley



AMTA Representative

Next meeting Wednesday 22nd June.

Roger asked if someone would replace him as AMTA rep as he does not have the time at present to attend meetings.

Alan Forest offered to take on position after the next meeting.

Web Manager

A discussion took place over the on-line GP booking procedure.

Alan Forest explained that BFTA forum membership had been temporarily suspended due to spammers.

9. Items from Regions

a. Roger Moy informed the meeting that a FFTA club is looking to leave the region and join the MFTA.

Previous movement of clubs between regions indicates that the accepted procedure is that the agreement of both regions should be sought before any transfer takes place.

10. AOB

The secretary will upload the draft minutes to the committee section of the BFTA forum for review - AP6

NWFTA (SB) – A member of the NWFTA has complained that the £3.50 per shooter that the BFTA takes from the revenue of each GP is excessive.

The Chairman indicated that the BFTA believes this is a reasonable sum when you consider that the BFTA provides all the trophies for the GPs. It should be noted that the BFTA does not set fees, the 9 regions set fees at the AGM.

MFTA (TC) - asked what is the ruling on the order in which the Silhouettes should be shot. Rule 9 of the BFTA Silhouette rules states:

After shooting the bank in front of you the required number of times i.e. once, twice, etc. depending on the total number of shots in the competition, you will then proceed to the next bank on your right.

MFTA (TC) - stated that he has received comments about the time it takes to complete a 50 shot GP course. The comment was noted.

MFTA (TC) - asked what was the status of the Clubs Cup.

The Clubs Cup is not run by the BFTA but by Simon Evans.

MFTA (TC) - what is the outcome of GP2?

The MFTA recommend a formal warning and a suspended penalty is issued to the NWFTA.

NWFTA (SB) confirmed that they have introduced a new procedure (see attached) that in future years the NWFTA course inspector (currently Dave Schofield) will check any NWFTA GP course and ensure it conforms to the GP shoot rules.

It has been agreed that the course builders used for GP2 will not be used again.

A discussion followed as to the appropriate penalty that should be issued to the NWFTA. The Chairman confirmed that the current rules do not allow for a penalty to be issued and that either the event is accepted as a GP or not.



In order to bring the issue to a close, Alan Forest proposed that GP2 be struck off as a GP in the 2011 event calendar. No one was prepared to second the proposal so it was not voted upon. Therefore GP2 will remain valid as will the scores recorded.

FFTA (RM) - made a proposal to alter the wording of the rules to allow for the removal of a non-conforming target but allow the GP to remain valid. This proposal will be made at the AGM – AP7

CSFTA (LC) – asked if a guardian had to shoot in the same lane as a junior in their care. It was confirmed that this is not necessary.

CSFTA (AS) – asked if it would be appropriate to identify a junior shooter by adding a Y or J to their BFTA number.

Trade Liaison - Berty confirmed that he will take a step back from his role as Trade Liaison this year due to other issues that are taking his time. He has approached Kev Sayers who has indicated he is prepared to help out with the Trade Liaison role.

Grading Officer – Karl asked in light of the GP at Wendover if it was possible to use waterproof cards. NWFTA (SB) has recently purchased some waterproof cards and will forward the details to the Competition Manager.

Grading Officer – Karl highlighted the targets at GP2 in the afternoon were painted a different colour which proved difficult for anyone who is colour blind.

NWFTA (SB) said that he had been asked and had confirmed that the targets only needed to be of contrasting colours.

The BFTA main shoot rules state: Course builders should allow for shooters who are affected by colour blindness hit-zones are recommended to be yellow or white with faceplates black or vice versa.

HVP (BN) – stated that she has received a copy of the NSRA disabled shooter dispensation scheme and is proposing that the BFTA considers adopting the scheme. She will be preparing a proposal for consideration at the AGM – AP8

Competition Manager – Shaun asked if the next grading would take place after the Euros or the Showdown.

Karl confirmed the grading would be done after the Euros.

Shaun asked about the health of Derek Peckover. Andrew Slade confirmed that Derek has now left hospital and is on the mend.

11. Date, time and place of next meetings.

AGM - Saturday 19th November 2011, 10am start, The Beacon Way, Bloxwich.

Meeting closed at 5.30pm Phil Gee



Appendix A – Treasurers Report (January 2011-June 2011)

I am pleased to report that the change of signatures on the Bank Accounts etc. now appears to be working.

I have also now received the Bank Statements in my name as BFTA treasurer to my address. 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 very health, continuing his good work to keep everything in order.

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

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

We have purchased a stock of embroidered cloth badges and metal lapel BFTA badges as well as a set of American Silhouettes from Derek Peckover of Nockover Targets.

I have negotiated to buy 100 ratchet straps and have a proforma invoice from GTF which will be paid in early July when they fulfil the order.

The only other items on the horizon to purchase are more stopwatches or other timing devices which Shaun is pursuing.

I have discussed with Shaun and Tony the purchase of a number of (3-4) two-way radios for use at GPs and the Europeans. It has been decided that the normal consumer units are not much use so we are exploring the licensing (£75 per year) and purchase of profession standard units (Motorola) which retail for about £250 each.

Attached to this report is a multi-worksheet which provides full details of the BFTA accounts.

Andrew Slade BFTA Treasurer



Appendix B - Competition Managers Report

BFTA Championships and Inter-Regionals.

I thought both events went well; congratulations to Andrew Slade and the Newbury members. This was the first outing of the VDU to show competitors their scores and positions. I thought it made a big impression on the Sunday and added a little bit of extra excitement to the event. The set up worked well and it will be out again at Newbury for the Masters/Showdown weekend and is available to Tony if he wants to use it at the Euros in September.

GP series.

May I express my gratitude as a competitor and member of the BFTA committee to all the volunteers from the regions that have set out the courses for us to enjoy.

Sponsors – congratulations to Mark Bassett for his work in attracting sponsorship and for some excellent raffle prizes.

Associated Trade – the competition has taken on greater significance this year. Some very smart clothing is evident and I hope that the competition continues to expand.

Grading and trophies – that the grading list on the BFTA website was not up to date meant some competitors being awarded trophies when in the wrong grade. When the competitors' scores were later entered to my computer I identified errors but then it is too late to adjust the trophies. For example the winner of C grade at GP2 was actually a B grade and would have won B grade; this meant all 6 trophy winners would be affected.

I suggest that the trophies on the day of a GP are wholly the responsibility of the region. However, if a shooter is denied a trophy because of wrong grading then the BFTA will supply a replacement.

Trophies – this year I arranged for the cuboids to have a kneeling image; thanks to Chris Large for the photograph. Unfortunately our suppliers, Surridge Sports, ordered 200 with the seated image. They accept that theirs was the error and, as an apology, they have sponsored some of the trophies for the Masters/Showdown weekend. Kneeling trophies next year.

Award of trophies – so far this year there has been the following number of competitors in the SFT class:

GP	GP1	GP2	GP3	GP4
Number	2	2	3	4

Cost of trophies – each of the glass cuboids costs about £15.

The revenue from each competitor is £3.50 per GP.

For example at GP1 the BFTA provided trophies to the cost of £45 for revenue of £7.

So far this season the SFT trophies leave us £141.50 in the red.

I do not know the history of the SFT class but is it fulfilling its original purpose?

I would welcome a discussion about how many trophies we award in each class. The following table shows the proportion of competitors from each class after 4 GP.

Class	AA	A	В	C	P	S
Proportion	38.6%	28.4%	20.1%	7.6%	3.5%	1.8%



I suggest the following for each GP:

Class	AA	A	В	C	P	S
Trophies	1st - 5th	1st - 3rd	1st - 3rd	$1^{st} - 3^{rd}$	1st & 2nd	End class

And for the end of season:

Class	AA	A	В	С	P	S
Trophies	1st - 10th	1st - 10th	1st - 10th	1st - 5th	$1^{st} - 3^{rd}$	End class

Juniors – at GP1 it became apparent that we have no method of identifying whether competitors are juniors. Subsequently, I have asked that juniors write junior across the top of their card but I do not think that this is a satisfactory solution.

Photographing juniors – as above. Identifying juniors at booking in is only possible if those booking ask. Despite liaison with Dave Frogatt at NSRA to produce photographic permission forms and them sent to all regions I have not seen one used yet!

Stopwatches – not surprisingly they are easily lost. I have purchased 30 more and replaced batteries in some of the old ones. Is it time to investigate a different method of timing? One that doesn't lead to the equipment getting lost would be good. I have made enquiries with a company that sells countdown timers for yachting; these have the advantage of being waterproof. The cost if we purchase 80 is £20 per item.

Rules

Reducers – before the introduction of 15mm reducers the definition of reducers was:

• The hit zone shall not be less than 25mm in diameter.

Now in the GP shoot rules it has become:

• There must be eight 25mm hit zone targets.

I do not think that a difference was intended but whereas before a 30mm target was a reducer now it is not within the rules.

Has the introduction of more reduced targets increased the GP scores?

If the replacement of 10 targets (some of which could have been reducers) with 10 reducers has increased scores then I would expect an increase in the average score and a decrease in the spread of the scores.

Grade	2011 average	2010 average	2011 SD	2010 SD
AA	40.9	40.4	4.3	4.5
A	35.7	35.3	5.1	5.3
В	31.8	31.7	5.5	5.7
С	26.9	27.2	8.5	6.9

The data from grades AA – B suggest that scores for 2011 so far are higher than in 2010 and less spread out.

Toilets - Can all regions please ensure that toilets are an integral part of the course.

Deciding trophy placement.

I would prefer if regions used a coin or draw a name from a hat, if there are more than 2 tied competitors, to decide trophy places.



Showdown - I aim to get the information on the internet as soon as possible after the events. I do not have Tony's knowledge of who does or does not want to compete in the Showdown. Therefore please ensure that competitors are reminded to tick the box at GP briefing!

Competitors views about the new rules and what changes they would like.

Not my opinion and not comprehensive. I have tried to canvas views and options; here they are: Standing

- 1) 4 targets. Combined length 60 yards per lane.
- 2) 4 targets. No restriction on combined length other that 45 yard maximum distance.
- 3) 6 targets. Combined length 60 yards per lane.
- 4) 6 targets. No restriction on combined length other that 45 yard maximum distance.

Kneeling

- 1) 6 targets. Combined length 70 yards per lane.
- 2) 6 targets. No restriction on combined length other that 45 yard maximum distance.
- 3) 6 targets. No restriction on combined length other that 45 yard maximum distance. The inclusion of two 25mm reducers at a sensible range (these could be as part of the reducer complement).

There remains concern that kneeling shots are being taken illegally.

Reducers

- 1) 8 x 25mm targets and 2 x 15mm targets.
- 2) 6 x 25mm targets and 2 x 15mm targets.
- 3) Minimum of 4 x 25mm targets and maximum of 8 x 25mm targets. And 2 x 15mm targets.
- 4) Allow 2 of the 25mm targets to be set out to a distance of 40 yards.

Combined

- 1) Up to 8 x 25mm targets may be used. Maximum distance is 35 yards.
- 2) Up to 2 x 15mm targets may be used. Maximum distance is 25 yards. It is recommended that these targets are not set inclined.
- 3) Up to 3 lanes may be designated kneeling. Maximum distance for each target is 45 yards.
- 4) Up to 3 lanes may be designated standing. Maximum distance for each target is 45 yards.

Of those I talked to they all thought that the inclusion of the reducers had made for more interesting courses.

There is web talk about the Must instruction and some support for course builder's discretion and fully utilising the ground available.

Competitors using the disabled positions

Could we please encourage competitors that they should not remind those using the disabled positions that the lane is kneeling or standing. The use of these positions is known to the competitor's buddy marshal.

NWFTA GP at Tawd Vale.

I am sure that this will be fully debated. My experience of the day:

1) Competitors want known sanctions if there is rule infringement. (I received polarised views of what should happen and what I was going to do about it! Hopefully today's meeting will offer clarification).



- 2) There was unsporting conduct evident on the course and off it. I particularly felt for the Tawd marshals and members who'd worked hard and had to listen to all that moaning.
- 3) The responsibility for the GP rests with the NWFTA. It would be grossly unfair to punish competitors.

Course checking - What ifs?

The wording of the new GP rules prevents a little latitude should an event occur that cannot be quickly rectified. For example at lane 1 of GP 2 a sensible solution would be that the lane could be taken seated or kneeling. However, this would contradict the Must statement in the rules.

If someone has shot the lane then everyone shoots it!

I think that 4 of the 5 discipline lanes at GP2 contravened the combined distance rule. On lane 1 there were experienced competitors who were confident to quiz the Chief Marshal. What if this hadn't been the case and the lane had been shot? What kafuffle might follow! If the lane is against the rules then is it correct to depend upon the first competitors on the lane? A course checker would help; perhaps we could approach Cedric? He regularly attends GPs and does not shoot.

I understood course checking to be the responsibility of the region but some have suggested it is for me to check the course; I would like clarity here. I commit what time I can to BFTA tasks but cannot commit to arriving at GP course so early as to become the course checker.

For GP3 and GP4 Andrew produced a spreadsheet with ranges. I think this would prove very useful for all GP.

Revenue from GPs

A broad overview of funds after 4 GP.

Competitors	Revenue	Trophies	Difference
614	£2,149.00	£1,320.00	£829.00

WAFTA competitors in C grade.

Some excellent shooting from Matthew Cook; he has won 3 out of 3 GP and scored 45 at GP3 (which would have tied for first in A grade and won B grade). When I looked at his grading he has no scores registered. Why is this? Last year C grade was dominated by WAFTA shooters; Peter Jacob submitting AA scores for much of the season. Why aren't these, obviously, good shooters appropriately graded? If we graded Matthew Cook on his first 3 shoots then he would be AA grade (82.8%).

No shows – continues to be a problem. What can we do? Could their BFTA number be suspended for 1 month therefore preventing online entry?



BFTA Shoot Dates 2012 (Provisional)

Dates and venues to be confirmed at the AGM in November 2011.

Events in yellow are not BFTA administered but are included for interest.

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

Shaun Shore 17th June 2011.



Appendix C - NWFTA Course Checking Procedure

Any NWFTA club holding a shoot on the behalf of the BFTA or NWFTA must in future, do as follows:

- 1. Allow any member of the NWFTA committee, specifically course inspectors and those appointed by the course inspectors, to check any part of the course they feel fit.
- 2. They may decide to use any means of distance checking they see fit, example rangefinder, measuring tape and a scoped rifle.
- 3. They will have full access to the course.
- 4. They may remove, replace, move, adjust, or make any changes they feel needs to be done to ensure the smooth running of the shooting competition.
- 5. They should if possible, be accompanied by the course setters.
- 6. The course setters may ask why something is being changed or altered and have the right to expect a logical, reasonable answer, however, the course inspectors have total say in what they want to happen, whether they do the work themselves or ask for it to be done.
- 7. The course inspector's decision is final.

Thank you Sam Barr NWFTA Chairman