



BFTA Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the General Meeting held at the The Beacon Way Public House, Bloxwich On Saturday 16th June 2012

Meeting open at 10am

1. Chairman's Report and welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and extended a warm welcome to our guests from the NSRA, Dave Froggett and Liz Woodall.

2. Persons Present and Regions Represented

BFTA Officers Present

Name	Title
Jonathan Noon	Chairman
Roger Moy	President/AMTA Rep/FFTA V Rep
Phil Gee	Secretary
Andrew Slade	Treasurer
Shaun Shore	Competition Manager
Beryl Noon	HVP
Lyndeen Calvert	Development Officer
Sam Reece	Minute Secretary
Kevin Sayers	Trade Liaison
Mike Noon	HVP
Tony Cook	HVP / MFTA V Rep
Alan Forrest	HVP

Regions Represented

CSFTA	Mick Woodhead	V Rep
NEFTA	Andy Calpin	Rep
NEFTA	Ian Taylor	Rep
NEFTA	Trevor Ryan	V Rep
NEFTA	Dave Robinson	Rep
WAFTA	Pat Isaacs	V Rep

18 members present and 5 regions represented. (V Rep = voting rep)

Dave Froggett NSRA
Liz Woodall NSRA

3. Apologies for Absence

Received from:-

Carl Knapper – NWFTA
Rob Farnworth – Web Manager
Mark Bassett
Barry McDonald – SEFTA
Simon Evans – SWEFTA/ Grading Manager
Liz Moy – FFTA



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4. Discussion regarding the alternative shooting positions

The Secretary outlined the current situation and the correspondence received from the NSRA.

Dave Froggett then discussed the situation. He started by asking “Do you want to include disabled shooters in FT?” The unanimous answer was yes.

Dave indicated that inclusion for disabled shooters gave a good impression. He went on to describe that inclusion of disabled shooters in other areas of the sport also suffered from teething troubles that were eventually overcome. He outlined some of the tools that are available including the Dispensation scheme. The current system is unfair to expect a chief marshal to decide who may or may not be disabled. He suggested a panel of FT shooters to agree what would and would not be allowed by someone applying for dispensation, supported by information from a doctor, photos of what positions could be achieved and so on.

Liz commented that the Dispensation scheme is flexible not rigid like the current system.

Dave commented that it was important to establish what positions the shooter could achieve, not what they couldn't. This was to ensure their disadvantage was removed by no advantage gained.

Dave introduced the idea of having dispensation up to a certain competitive level, e.g. regional but not national.

Lyndeen confirmed that typically 5 or 6 shooters would request dispensation at a GP.

Dave confirmed that it would not be discriminatory to introduce an additional category for disabled shooters at GP level.

Shaun indicated that the feeling he got from speaking to other shooters was that a dispensation scheme is considered unfair.

Alan commented that if we accept the dispensation scheme then the rules would need to be re-written to remove the alternative positions currently defined.

Dave indicated that he felt a dispensation scheme for club and regional shoots with a separate class at national level gave a pathway for disabled shooters that would be considered acceptable.

Shaun suggested an open or Freestyle class at National level that anyone, not just disabled shooters could enter, where the same GP course is shot, but all shots are taken using any of the 4 approved BFTA positions. This gained widespread approval at the meeting.

Shaun stated that he felt the dispensation scheme at regional level and a freestyle class at national level gave integration at regional level and inclusion at national level with an option to have integration at national level in the future when the dispensation scheme is fully defined and implemented.

It was agreed that kneeling lanes should be designated Kneeling / Standing lanes to allow anyone to take kneeling shots from the standing position if required. It is believed this would also aid the partially disabled or infirm shooter to compete in the graded classes if desired.

5. Minutes of Last Meeting held on 28.01.2012 to be Read and Accepted

The Minutes from the EGM in January 2012 were read and accepted as being a true record. Proposed by MFTA and seconded by CSFTA.



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6. Action List from Last Meeting

AP1 – It was agreed to consider double header GP's at the AGM.

AP2 – Andy Slade confirmed the payment to the Countries. SARPA £55, EFTA £605.50, WAFTA £19 (Inter Regional fee taken from total entitlement).

AP3 – The proposed changes to the Bylaws and Constitution are currently in the officers section of the BFTA forum. Alan will move them to the committee section Sunday 17th June for wider consideration and comment.

AP4 – Only 2 people shot the Silhouettes at the Inter Regionals.

AP5 – A proposal was made by Shaun. Points 1 and 2 have been addressed by the updated bylaws. Point 3 will be proposed at the AGM.

7. Any matters arising from last meeting.

CSFTA raised a concern that SARPA had confirmed the suitability of the North Ayrshire ground as host of the SARPA GP in January only to inform the BFTA 2 weeks before the GP that it was now unsuitable.

Assurances would be sought from SARPA before they would be offered a GP in the future

WAFTA asked if any proposals to change the alternative positions should be approved by a solicitor.

It was agreed that as the proposals had been made in conjunction with the representatives of the NSRA, no formal legal concurrence would be required.

8. Correspondence.

- a. We have received an email from Best Fittings offering to sponsor the refill of airguns at the European Championships. Kev Sayers has liaised with Best Fittings and arrangements made.
- b. Lyndeen has received 2 contacts with tentative information regarding the setting up of 2 new FT clubs. Further information will be passed on when known.
- c. Pat Isaacs has been in contact with a NSRA club in Tondur who plan to include FT within their current setup.

9. Items from Regions

NEFTA: Andy Calpin bought up the idea of creating a 'have a go' section at the Euros to offer members of the public the chance to have a go at FT.

Ian Taylor commented that questions had been raised as to the suitability of Newbury being the BFTA national ground. As well as providing the location for BFTA shoots, Newbury store a lot of BFTA equipment, although limitations of the ground, particularly car parking in poor weather, the zeroing range and so on were noted.



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It was agreed that clubs could bid to host the BFTA Championships and Inter Regionals in 2013. It was proposed by Roger that Anston hold the competitions in 2013 and Emley Moor in 2014. No other items were raised from the regions.

10. Any Other Business

- a. Beryl requested a supply of water for the Euro's due to the distance needed to walk to the supply.
- b. The competition manager thanked Newbury for hosting the recent Champs and Inters and made a brief summary of GPs to date. The new clocks appear to be working well. He proposed that the bonus bunny be drawn as a raffle at dinner time. He confirmed that grading percentage changes would be proposed at the AGM. He confirmed that the problems with the trophies experienced at GP1 had been resolved.
- c. The Trade Liaison officer confirmed that sponsorship had been agreed with: Air Arms, Deben, Napier, Intershoot, Range Sports, Brattonsound, AIM field sports, Cannock Scuba, BASC, Best Fittings, York Guns, Sporting Supplies, John Rothery, Rowan Engineering, Wildcat Customs, Solware.
- d. Ian Taylor asked if there was any requirement for qualification for the end of season draw. Last season it was 3 competitions. It was agreed that for 2012, a competitor must compete in 5 rounds of the GP series, or can compete in 4 rounds and pay £5 to qualify. Normal rules apply, in that a shooter must be present at the draw to receive a major prize in order to support sponsorship advertising requirements.
- e. Lyndeem offered to organise booking in for all GPs in 2013.
- f. The BFTA Secretary informed the meeting that he would not be standing for re-election in November so anyone interested in the Secretary position should inform him.
- g. Thanks were given to Mark Bassett in his absence for his work in the Trade Liaison role
- h. Thanks were offered to Dave Froggett and Liz Woodall for their help and advice in resolving the alternative position debate.
- i. The treasurer gave an interim financial update for 2012 to date.

11. Date, time and place of next meetings.

- a. AGM - Saturday 17th November 2012, 10am start, The Beacon Way, Bloxwich.
- b. EGM – Saturday 26th January 2013
- c. GM – Saturday 15th June 2013

Meeting closed at 4pm
Phil Gee