



BFTA Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the General Meeting held at the The Beacon Way Public House, Bloxwich On Saturday 15th June 2013

Meeting open at 10:02am

1. Chairman's Report and welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Persons Present and Regions Represented

BFTA Officers Present

Name	Title
Roger Moy	President /Chairman/AMTA Rep
Neil Long	Secretary
Simon Evans	Grading Officer / SWEFTA V Rep
Andrew Slade	Treasurer
Shaun Shore	Competition Manager
Tony Cook	HVP / MFTA V Rep
Sam Reece	Minute Secretary

Regions Represented

CSFTA	Andrew Slade	Rep (V)
FFTA	Liz Moy	Rep (V)
SEFTA	Barry McDonald	Rep (V)
MFTA	Tony Cook	Rep (V)
MFTA	Andy Gillot	Rep
WAFTA	Pat Isaacs	Rep (V)
SWFTA	Simon Evans	Rep (V)
NWFTA	Carl Knapper	Rep (V)
NWFTA	Dean Knapper	Rep
SARPA	Graham Ellis	Rep (V)

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

Quorum Established

3. Apologies for Absence

Received from:-

Trevor Ryan – NEFTA
Rob Farnworth – Web Manager
Mick Woodhead – CSFTA & NSRA Rep
Lyndeen Calvert – Development Officer
Kev Sayers - Trade Liaison

4. Chairman's Report

(See Appendix A)



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5. Minutes of Last Meeting held on 9.02.2013 to be Read and Accepted

The Minutes from the EGM in February 2013 were read and accepted as being a true record. 2 Action items were noted.

Proposed by CSFTA and seconded by SWFTA, passed unanimously.

6. Minutes of Last Meeting held on 6.04.2013 to be Read and Accepted

The Minutes from the EGM in April 2013 were read and accepted as being a true record.

Proposed by MFTA and seconded by FFTA, passed unanimously.

7. Action List from February EGM

AP1 Treasurer has made refunds (50p per card) but there are 2 cheques which have not cleared, details in the Treasurer's Report (Appendix D).

AP2 A chronograph has been purchased and preliminary tests performed, details in the Competition Manager's Report (Appendix C).

8. Matters arising from last meeting(s).

Andrew (Slade) began discussion regarding the proposed Marshals Course with a video component as one of the key teaching materials. It would appear at first best to produce the video at Bisley in conjunction with NSRA and Dave Froggett however as the discussion progressed Graham Ellis (SARPA) also has need of a Training and Safety Course to meet their legislative requirements. It was therefore proposed to combine the efforts and work together. Andrew and Graham will work together with Shaun, Carl, Simon and NSRA to define modules, a storyboard for Safety, Training and Marshalling. To ensure this progresses quickly the committee agreed to provide an additional budget up to £1000 to be combined with the sum from NSRA.

Financial support was made available to reimburse volunteers to help Newbury construct the courses for the BFTA Championship, Inter-Regionals. The figure was set to a maximum of £450. This was a very successful way to produce yet another excellent weekend and the actual figure was below the budgeted figure (see Treasurer's Report). This will be repeated at the 2013 masters & Showdown weekend at Newbury (and it has since been confirmed that NEFTA will again provide the manpower).

9. Correspondence.

- a. Resignation letter from Jonathan Noon.
- b. Nigel Curtis contacted the sec-bfta email with information that helped complete the list of historical series winners (1992 Masters).
- c. Bill Phelps sent query regarding targets with adjustable kill sizes. Advised to avoid them and use fixed face plate holes
- d. User not realizing the GP booking required a different userid to the forum
- e. There has been email and in-person discussion with Andras Fekete-Moro regarding updating the technical manuals. He raised issues of non-BFTA sites publishing stale versions, copyright and multi-language support. Andras proposes that he maintains the latest versions on his website and will work with shooters around the world to have non-english versions with peer review to ensure translations are accurate. After discussion it was agreed that the Public PDF versions of



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the manuals must be on the BFTA website (alongside the originals) and Andras should have access to maintain those versions (in PDF format) while the document development would proceed using Andras' website i.e. non-public versions. The committee unanimously expressed their thanks to Andras for all this work to update and improve the manuals and extend their reach to other languages.

10. Officers' Reports

Secretary's Report – see Appendix B

Treasurer's Report – see Appendix C

Competition Secretary – see Appendix D

Discussion queried the need to take the discipline positions in to consideration when placing targets so that something like a kneeler is possible to address and still conform to the rules. Again, the need for a level gate area was raised for discipline lanes which will be the basis for a motion at the AGM. Discussion in the regions is required so that there is feedback on the question of trophies versus cash prizes. There will also be a proposal to form a Shoot Committee as discussed in the report.

Trade Liaison Officer – Kevin apologised for not attending the meeting owing to work, a HPS Gemini butthook was purchased for GP4?. He continues to work with the sponsors. GP5 will be sponsored by AirArms.

The Committee wished to pass along their thanks to Kevin and understands his conflict in regard to attending the meetings.

Grading Manager – 1200+ cards have been issued so far but 438 cards have been used on GPs so far. The new grade boundaries are working but A grade looks to be strongly contended this season. Who are the active shooters? GPs grades may create issues in region shoots e.g. winter leagues in some regions may not have any shooters in, say, AA grade based on national grades.

Open Class scores are not being entered in to the grades (shooter's grades are frozen if shooting Open Class but will be updated if the shooter then enters a graded class. This is the same case as for Piston).

Development Officer – Not much to report, Lyndeen has been trying to contact Dave Froggett but he is away from the office a lot of the time. Andy will update Lyndeen with the video production items.

Web Manager – Rob was unable to be present but there are no complications at present. Neil has access and can update many aspects of the web site (but hasn't found all of the dungeons).

NSRA Representative – Mick passed along that there has not been a NSRA meeting since the last BFTA meeting.

AMTA Delegate – This is covered in the Chairman's report.

Forum Manager – See Appendix E.



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Official Photographer – Simon has not always been able to photograph every GP (once because of equipment failure, for example). Photographs will be placed on thebfta.net in order to attract visitors.

11. 2014 Competition Dates and Venues.

The GP calendar for 2014 has been proposed and shown below for confirmation at the AGM. Dates for 2015 can also be listed but the dates for the Worlds (WFTF) are seldom known with any degree of confidence for such a time scale.

BFTA Events 2014.

Mothering Sunday = March 30th 2014

Easter Sunday = 20th April 2014

May Day = 5th May 2014

Worlds? = suggestion is September.

Event	Date	Venue	Region
BFTA Championships	5 th April 2014		
BFTA Inter-Regional	6 th April 2014		
GP1	27 th April 2014		
GP2	18 th May 2014		
GP3	1 st June 2014		
GP4	15 th June 2014		
GP5	29 th June 2014		
GP6	13 th July 2014		
GP7	27 th July 2014		
GP8	10 th August 2014		
GP9	24 th August 2014		
BFTA Masters	6 th September 2014		
BFTA Showdown	7 th September 2014		
European Championship	20 th / 21 st September 2014?		

BFTA Events 2015.

Mothering Sunday = 15th March 2015

Easter Sunday = 5th April 2015

May Day = 4th May 2015

Worlds? = we may have to adjust to accommodate this event – no idea where or when!

Event	Date	Venue	Region
BFTA Championships	11 th April 2015		
BFTA Inter-Regional	12 th April 2015		
GP1	26 th April 2015		
GP2	17 th May 2015		
GP3	31 st May 2015		
GP4	14 th June 2015		
GP5	28 th June 2015		
GP6	12 th July 2015		
GP7	26 th July 2015		



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GP8	9 th August 2015		
GP9	23 rd August 2015		
BFTA Masters	5 th September 2015		
BFTA Showdown	6 th September 2015		
European Championship	19 th / 20 th September 2015?		

The venue for BFTA double weekends was discussed and the Masters/Showdown will continue at Newbury but a call for interest will be circulated for the Championships/Inter-Regionals to host the 2014 (and 2015) as Newbury is not planning to host them. The Club would receive £500 which must include the costs of provision of WCs, parking, ground rental, etc for the two days.

Euro Championships. It was proposed that Simon Francis will take over from Tony Cook but Tony will offer help and overview to ensure the smooth running and transfer. Simon will be invited to attend the AGM in that capacity.

12. Items from Regions

- a. NEFTA proposes "There should be a ban on drinking alcohol at BFTA events, as this portrays the wrong image and looks and is irresponsible. The ban ceases after the final whistle has called an end to all shooting and rifles have been removed from the course and plinking ranges."

In the absence of any NEFTA representative this was not voted on. It was suggested that the restrictions be changed to "course of fire".

- b. NEFTA proposes "Time allowance for the lane to commence from sitting on the cushion or eye to the scope (whichever comes first)".

In the absence of any NEFTA representative this was not voted on. Time constraints were a widely discussed issue leading up to GP1 but there has not been a problem subsequently with numbers wishing to attend.

- c. NEFTA proposes "Touching the target strings is not permitted until the clock has started. If the target has been left down the reset should be made by the buddy-marshall".

In the absence of any NEFTA representative this was not voted on.

13. Any Other Business

- a. Shaun queried the situation when a raffle draw is made for someone who is not present. Must be present to win so that the sponsor can have photographs taken for their publicity.
- b. The number of Kneeling and Standing lanes was discussed for GPs, this will be addressed at the



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- AGM.
- c. Barry McDonald invited Roger Moy to consider standing for the Chair for a Full term at the AGM.
 - d. Barry McDonald suggested Sywell be approached as early as possible so as to host the GP9. Roger explained that the previous association with FFTA was an additional factor owing to volunteer numbers.
 - e. Tony Cook asked if there was a minimum standard for WCs at GPs. It was thought that there must be 2 (Male + Female) at the general area and at least one, fully functional, on course.
 - f. Andy Gillott raised a Safety concern regarding close targets (less than 20yds) and asked that they be 90degrees to the firing line i.e. facing directly towards the shooter so as to minimise the risk of ricochets. There was a lot of discussion but no simple conclusion to something that is not entirely fully understood. Some members offered to make some experiments to try to narrow the problem down.
 - g. AndyS pointed out that 2 signatures are required to produce a cheque but also two are required to stop a cheque. Shaun has co-signed the letter to stop the missing cheque issued to EFTA and a new one will be issued to CSFTA.
 - h. Graham Ellis asked for future consideration of the high costs for SARPA to attend e.g. a proxy vote, telephone conference call, etc. The general feeling was that it is important to have regional representatives attend meetings in person.

14. Date, time and place of next meetings.

- a. AGM - Saturday 16th November 2013, 10am start, The Beacon Way, Bloxwich.
- b. EGM – Saturday 25th January 2014, 10am start, The Beacon Way, Bloxwich

Meeting closed at 17:15
Neil Long



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Appendix A.

Chairman & AMTA Report to the BFTA Meeting, Saturday June 15th 2013.

Lots of things happening since the last full meeting in January and the EGM in April. Very sad that Jonathan felt it necessary to resign as Chairman, I feel he has done a super job during his time as Chairman and I wish him well and good shooting in the future.

At our meeting in January Jonathan and I were given the task of sorting out the legality of how we might go ahead with accommodating less able bodied within our sport. The consideration was that we remove the 'Adapted Positions' from the rules and create a completely new 'Open Class, whereby there was no restriction with how the person took a shot other than it conformed to the existing main shoot rules. With Jonathan's resignation I (as President) decided to carry on with the task and to see where it might lead.

A form of words was put together explaining how the sport started and developed until this time and how we considered the way forward might be. Two days of work with help from Neil and Shaun managed to get a reasonable document formulated. I presented the proposal/history document to John Batley of the GTA with an explanation and he in turn forwarded it to the GTA Solicitor. Looking through the response from the Solicitor (a shooting man himself) it became obvious that he had not grasped completely what we do and how and where we do it! A one hour telephone conversation sorted things and his view together with possible rewording of the original proposals was emailed to me.

The revised proposal was passed back and forth between the solicitor, Shaun, Neil and I, many, many times until we were satisfied with the actual ideas and the legality of the wording. Following a telephone conversation the proposal was sent to Brian Woodall of the NSRA for consideration.

The back and forth procedure started again with Brian added to the loop. Brian did his bit with the Insurers and at the eleventh hour, finally an email was received....

All OK on the Civil Liability in relation to a possible legal challenge to your rule changes. You have acted responsibly in taking legal advice as to what you are proposing, so the cover is there to assist in defending an action should one arise.

Two lines in an email for all that work! This released the floodgate for Shaun to revise all the relevant rules for presentation the EGM which was less than a week away. Neil tried to ensure a representative from each Region would be present at the EGM. My thanks must go to Neil and Shaun for all their help and encouragement during this time.

Four rounds of the Grand Prix series completed and GP5 next weekend at Bisley. Attendance has been exceptional so far and looks likely to carry on that way. The



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new Open Class has not been as well attended as was expected, lots of comment passed before the class was established but sadly not so many takers.

AMTA Meetings I attend all the AMTA Meetings (two so far this year, February and June) but it is increasingly more difficult to create a report owing to the sensitivity of the topics. I can say that nothing underhanded or untoward ever takes place and we have an input to all discussions.

Roger Moy
BFTA Chairman.

Always Remember, Gun Safety is No Accident.

Appendix B.

Secretary Report – June 2013

The most time consuming matter has been the issues surrounding the disability adaptation which resulted in the legal review and the happy outcome of the Open Class. Roger Moy took the lead and we bounced ideas and drafts until there was a consensus with the lawyer. It was quite a nail biter to get the documentation settled before the Newbury weekend and that EGM. Shaun came to the rescue with input as well as the finalized Shot Rules in time for the GP series.

Since Newbury the workload has been much reduced and the tasks of a Secretary should not put off future holders of the post.

Other items are essentially covered under Correspondence.

Appendix C.

Competition Manager's Report February 2013

Firstly I would like to thanks Roger and Neil for their work in establishing the legality of the Open Class. I know that a great deal of difficult conversations took place in establishing our present position and think they both deserve huge credit.

BFTA Championships 2013

An excellent event this year that was close to not happening! Credit is due to Andrew Slade for his negotiation / pestering with the loggers to rectify the damage that they had caused to the entrance track.



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The course was excellent and thanks to Andy Calpin and his NEFTA crew and the continued work of the Newbury members.

Congratulations to Andy Calpin for his 39 and outright win of the event; he had previously won the event in 1997!

BFTA Inter-Regional Competition

Congratulations to NEFTA who were clear winners this year. Also, to CSFTA who pushed MFTA into third place.

Venues for 2014 and 2015?

GP Series 2013

The season started with a flurry of entrants that led to GP1 moving to 3 sessions and then only 160 competitors attending the event! There was a lot of web chat dissecting what happened but the question that we need to answer is “is 3 sessions a viable option for the BFTA?” The answer is definitely yes but with certain restrictions that are clearer now that we have trialled the option. With 4 GP now complete numbers have dropped; 127 attended the WAFTA event. The surge at the start was likely due to the events being in the Midlands and those who book on the off chance that they will attend; the latter is something that a more rigorous booking system might prevent. There are 2 NEFTA rounds, GP6 and GP9, it will be interesting to see the numbers that book for these events in our most popular FT region.

Observations from GPs:

Briefing – regions please insist upon all shooters attending the briefing and if necessary delay the briefing until chatters stop and absentees are present. Also, please include in your briefing any rules of the BFTA that might not apply to your club/region. For example: the use of mobile phones.

Safety – Andy Gillott was hit by pellet at GP2; the Chief Marshal immediately reacted by placing a board in the path of further likely ricochets. The question has been discussed about a BFTA appointed Safety Officer. In the absence of such, and I think it unlikely that an individual could carry out the role, then please ask someone from the region who has not constructed the course to review the safety of the GP course on the day before the event.

Chronograph – the PM1 used at GP1 failed. As a result I purchased a Pro-Chrono to act as back up; this was successfully trialled at GP2 alongside the other PM1. It is very easy to use but the question of its accuracy will no doubt be discussed ad-infinitum. We have 2 PM1s, one has external power and the other internal; I took the side plate off the internal power chrono and found that it was running of 12v whereas the other ran off 9v! So, I have bought a 12v pack now and the external power chrono appears to work fine.

At the Masters/Showdown I will put out both PM1s and the Pro-Chrono so we can test them all. I think that the Pro-Chrono is a good option for future events where it will be supported by a PM1 in the event of a rifle failing the chrono or the light conditions leading to the Pro-Chrono operating inconsistently.

Trophies – this year we have a new supplier and so far I am very happy with the service that they have offered. The GP trophies cost £3,025 which is approximately £336 per GP. Perhaps it is because I have to work in providing trophies that I get downhearted by the poor attendance to trophy presentations, however, people still seem keen to collect them at a later date. I would welcome a discussion about what we want in the future; is it trophies or cash or a combination. The process for the producing the cubes is a lengthy one so we'd need decisions made at the AGM.

Raffle – the £150 prize is proportionally higher for GPs that are less well attended. For example at GP4 from the £6.50 from each competitor the region pays £1.18 per competitor for the prize; at GP1



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this was £0.94 per competitor. If we changed the fee ratio from £6.50:£3.50 to £6:£4 and the BFTA funded the raffle then regions where attendance is less would not suffer. (Example: GP1 region gets $160 \times £6.50 - £150 = £890$, under the change $160 \times £6 = £960$. BFTA gets $160 \times £3.50 = £560$, under the change $160 \times £4 - £150 = £490$. GP4 region get £675.50 (£762) and BFTA £444.50 (£358))

Masters 2013

This year will see the Masters 60: we will set out 2 courses; one white and one yellow. We will maintain the squadded start and the last booking time of 11am. Two courses will mean squads of 20 and thus time from booking to shooting will be reduced. There will be no defined lunch break but it is hoped that competitors indulge after their first course in complete. I will post details of the structure of the event on the BFTA forum and STB. Who is building the Masters/Showdown courses?

Showdown 2013

No shows – I will persist in asking people to confirm their attendance to the Showdown. There is one week after GP9 until the Showdown and if there are spaces I will offer those to people who attend the Masters.

Kneeling and marshalling.

The kneeling position of some competitors continues to raise eyebrows but rarely if ever have I seen a competitor corrected. Who should police this issue? It should be the marshals. However, to fairly administer the rules there needs to be training and consistency of marshalling. I would like to see us utilise 4 BFTA marshals at each GP (1/2 squad shifts) with their job being to referee (golf parlance) and ensure rules are abided to. To do this I think we'd need a pool of around 12 marshals. Their entry fee to the GP that they are marshalling should be covered by the BFTA.

Shoot committee

– I re-emphasise my point from the AGM 2012 that I believe that the BFTA would benefit from introducing a shoot committee that would have responsibility for establishing the rules of Field Target and reacting quickly if changes are needed. This would mean that the full BFTA committee would only need to meet once per year at the AGM hence saving time and money.

Merchandise

I have sold approximately 20 hoodies and 25 caps and a good few pens. It is likely that I will not raise enough profit to accommodate set up costs and the stock that remains. However, I have learnt a bit and would like to keep going for another year and see where I get. I'll give a full account of the £1000 at the AGM

Shaun Shore (BFTA Competition Manager June 2013)

Appendix D.

BFTA Treasurer's Report (November 2012-June 2013)

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

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.



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The **Bank of Scotland Deposit account** again has not been accessed apart from the transfer out of £5,000 explained above. The account contains **£30,174.06** (as of 12 June 2013) and earns approximately ~£18 per month in interest.

The **National Westminster Current Account** contains **£8,056.23** (as of 11 June 2013) but this does not account for two cheques made out to SARPA (£25.00) and EFTA (£541.50) for the total sum of **£566.50** which have not all yet been cashed. Also the monies from GP3 Tawd Vale (£490) have still to be paid into the account (Shaun had money in his safe keeping) as I was not at Tawd Vale. So the corrected balance should be **£7,979.73**

The total monies paid into NatWest account by Tony, Shaun, Simon and myself and the transfer from BoS deposit account is **£14,036.00** and the total withdrawals by cheque is **£10,793.65** so money is accumulating rather than diminishing, and should increase with payment of monies from the remaining 2013 GPs, Euros and Masters.

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, and Shaun has engaged another supplier for the trophies. The 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. **Not had the monies from BASC for the two teams as yet?**

I would like to thank Andy Calpin, Dave Robinson and the other two other helpers for setting out the BFTA Championship and Inter-Regional courses. As agreed their expenses of **£395** were paid in cash from the taking of the weekend of competitions.

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 not received any further invoices from Rob Farnworth for set-up and running the BFTA website apart from that 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.

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.

We will re-hire the 4 off two-way radios for use at the Europeans. I am also looking at the hire of a portable PA address system, which runs off a car battery as well as mains voltage for the prize giving at the Euros given the criticism that it was difficult to hear what was said last time at the presentation with all the ambient noise from the show. Shaun has 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.

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 anticipated end of season draw prizes.

Attached to this report is a spreadsheet which provides details of the BFTA accounts.

Andrew Slade
BFTA Treasurer - 15th June 2013



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Appendix E.

Forum Manager Report for June Meeting.

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 1st of May we have some 300 Registered Member and nearly 2500 posts. It is my opinion that the 'closed' sections visible to only the Committee and Officers are underused as not all Committee Members and Regional Officers are registered.

The job is not too difficult and time consuming and even though I have decided not to attend further meetings I am prepared to carry on for as long as you require.

Alan Forrest