

Annual General Meeting 2018 – Minutes

Saturday 17th November 2018

Meadow Farm, Dagnell End Road, Redditch, B98 9BJ

Breakfast from 8:30am - prompt start at 10am

1. Chairman's welcome and report.

The Chairman welcomed regional representatives and officials to the meeting. He warned of cabling on the floor and where the fire exit was. Lunch was set for 1pm and a comfort break would take place mid-morning. Full report – see appendix A.

2. Persons and regions present and quorum determined.

BFTA Officials

Roger Moy	President
Mark Bassett	Chairman
Shaun Shore	Secretary
Martin Calpin	Competition Manager
Liz Moy	FFTA and HVP

Regions Represented

Kevin Sayers	MFTA voting rep
Sam Reece	MFTA
Trevor Ryan	NEFTA voting rep
Dave Robinson	NEFTA
Jason Cheeseman	SEFTA voting rep
Gary Keogh	SEFTA
Carl Knapper	NWFTA voting rep
John Johnston	WAFTA voting rep
Andy Barnes	FFTA voting rep
Mike Seago	FFTA
Richard Greenwood	FFTA
John Farbrother	SWEFTA voting rep
Alan Chambers	SARPA voting rep

3. Apologies for absence.

Brian Langford	WAFTA
John Mayer	NWFTA
Rob Farnworth	CSFTA
Andy Slade	Treasurer
Simon Evans	Grading Officer

4. Minutes of GM from June 2018 to be read and accepted as a true record.

Proposed by NEFTA, seconded by WAFTA, accepted unanimously.

5. Matters arising from June 2018 GM

a) Purchase of banners for Euros 2018 – Mike Seago

Mike explained that 2 banners were purchased and displayed at Weston Park. The banners have potential for use at other events and venues.

Mike also reported that 96 information leaflets were taken by visitors to the fair.

The committee thanked Mike for his work.

b) EFTA to pay BFTA for worlds entries 2018 – Rob Farnworth.

EFTA have paid back the loan for the worlds 2018 entries.

EFTA have paid back the £4000 loan to assist in the organisation of the world championships 2019.

c) Purchase of trophies for end of season, Masters, Showdown – Simon Evans and Martin Calpin.

Trophies were purchased for all events.

Insufficient trophies were purchased for the Showdown.

This has been rectified for future 2019 onwards.

d) An outline of what a new membership structure of the BFTA might look like – Martin Calpin.

Brief discussion that concluded that any change to the membership structure would be a major undertaking and would require legal advice.

e) Employ a programmer to help with the online booking system – Martin Calpin.

Complete. Martin informed the committee that last season there were 1336 bookings by 304 shooters and on average 140 shooters per GP attended in 2018.

f) Decision to implement pre-payment for BFTA events 2019+ - vote required

A compromise position was offered and accepted:

Pre-payment would be the prime method of entry and payment for BFTA events.

Shooters would still be able to turn up on the day but risk the chance of not being able to shoot if the event is full (they must be existing BFTA card holders)

There will be no facility for pre-booking without pre-payment.

Shooters that pre-pay and turn up on the day are still required to sign-on at stats.

Method of payment will be credit card.

Refund was discussed. It was accepted that there are legitimate reasons that some people cannot attend an event that they have booked in to. However, it was also

accepted that it was not possible for someone to determine legitimacy of that reason. Therefore for the season 2019 no refunds will be offered.

Vote: 7-1 in favour (MFTA against)

This vote releases a further £750 to Martin Calpin to pay for the development of the system.

[g\) Construct a standard “sign on” sheet for use at all BFTA events – Martin Calpin](#)

Complete

[h\) Purchase goggles for when using the chronograph – Mark Bassett](#)

Complete

[i\) Purchase battery pack for chronographs – Martin Calpin](#)

Complete

[j\) Update administrators on BFTA Facebook page – Rob Farnworth](#)

Mark Bassett, Graham Jopson, Shaun Shore and Kevin Sayers

6. Treasurer’s report

Early report to see the state of finances to inform the committee prior to item 7. Also proposal A) and B) should be read before item 7.

See appendix C

The President expressed his thanks to Andrew Slade for his work as Treasurer

The Secretary explained the reason for the Treasurer’s absence and the committee offered Andrew their kind thoughts.

The Secretary explained that although the accounts were correct that auditing was not complete because of an absence of two invoices relating to trophy purchases. These invoices do exist and Andrew will receive them soon.

The Secretary showed the Treasurer’s written report and spreadsheet to inform the committee prior to decisions made in item 7.

7. Fees and subscriptions for 2019

- BFTA Card £3.50
- BFTA Championship = £10 (£9 BFTA - £1 Club) +£600 to club
- BFTA inter-regional = £75 per team
- BFTA Masters = £10 (£9 BFTA - £1 Club) +£600 to club
- GP = £12 (£6 club / £6 BFTA / BFTA pays 6x £25 bonus bunny)
- Europeans = £35

The President requested that the Treasurer and Competition Manager review the spending in 2019 to see the impact of changes (particularly pre-payment).

8. Officers' reports:

Competition Manager, Secretary, Grading Manager, ~~Trade Liaison~~, ~~NSRA Delegate~~, Web Manager

Where offered the reports are available in the appendices at the end of the Minutes.

9. Election of Officers:

The President expressed his thanks to all those that have served the BFTA in their roles in 2017-18

John Johnston and Trevor Ryan addressed the committee in support of their election to Chairman.

Vote:

John Johnston (WAFTA and MFTA)

Trevor Ryan (NEFTA, FFTA, SARPA, NWFTA and SWEFTA)

Abstention: SEFTA

- President – Roger Moy
- Chairman – Trevor Ryan
- Secretary – David Robinson
- Treasurer – Andrew Slade
- Minute Secretary – VACANT
- Competition Manager – Martin Calpin
- Grading/Registration Manager – Simon Evans
- Trade Liaison Officer – Mark Lawrenson (
- NSRA Delegate – Mick Woodhead

- Web Manager – Martin Calpin

All elected unanimously

9.1 Confirmation of Honorary Vice Presidents

Existing HVPs - Elizabeth Moy, Roger Moy, Tony Cook, Beryl Noon, Mike Noon and Phil Gee

Mark Bassett and Shaun Shore were offered HVP. Both declined at this time because that have not ruled out serving on the committee in the future.

10. Correspondence

1) From Richard Greenwood (FFTA)

Please could we have clarity on the procedure for obtaining BFTA cards (numbers) if they were not purchased at the start of the season?

- Unfortunately the Grading Officer was not present to clarify.
- It was mooted that online payment for card could be an option for 2019+.

2) From Simon Evans (WAFTA)

Clarification please. Can a knee pad be used to protect the knee on a kneeling lane?

- Knee pads are considered clothing. A shooter that wears a knee pad can continue wearing the knee pad on a kneeling lane.

11. Shoot dates 2019

Event	Date	Venue	Region
BFTA Championship	6 th April	Blackbrook	MFTA
BFTA Inter-Regional	7 th April	Blackbrook	MFTA
GP1	28 th April	Millride	MFTA
GP2	12 th May	Tawd Vale	NWFTA
GP3	26 th May (Bank-H)	Tondu	WAFTA
GP4	27 th May (Bank-H)	Oak Tree	WAFTA
GP5	9 th June	ETL	SEFTA
GP6	23 rd June	Buccaneers	CSFTA
GP7	7 th July	York	NEFTA
GP8	21 st July	South Dorset	SWEFTA
GP9	25 th August	Blackbrook	MFTA
BFTA Masters	31 st August	Emley Moor	NEFTA
BFTA Showdown	1 st September	Emley Moor	NEFTA
BFTA Europeans	14 th /15 th Sept. (tbc)	Weston Park	
<p><i>Whilst the BFTA endeavours to ensure that its shoots occur according to the schedule published on the BFTA website, in the event of a shoot being cancelled, for whatever reason, the liability of the BFTA extends to a refund of entry fee only. The BFTA accepts no further responsibility and will not be liable for any consequential, indirect or direct loss or damage.</i></p> <p>The BFTA strongly advises that competitors that book accommodation for BFTA events take out cancellation insurance.</p>			

Thanks to MFTA and Millride for stepping in to host the first GP of the season.

Double Header:

There are 9 GP in 2019. Usually this would mean 7/9 scores count.

The double header is a trial.

Shooters have expressed concern that if they cannot attend then they will miss 2 GP.

As response to this GP 2019 will be scored 6/9.

12. Proposed Changes for 2019

- A) Increase BFTA card cost to £5, no longer print the cards and stop giving countries 50p per card - Grading Officer.
- B) Increase BFTA card cost to £7 and continue printing cards and funding countries - Grading Officer.

Rationale:

To maintain income from cards to BFTA. (Grading Officer believes that regions are now heading towards only applying for cards for the “Active” FT shooters, thus the BFTA must decide on what steps to take if card numbers drop year on year and **current income (£2,200) from BFTA cards is to be maintained?**)

Grading Officer's preference is to raise the price, it has been £3.50 for many years, stop giving RGB money (they should be self-financing) and do away with the card.

Cards are very rarely produced at BFTA shoots, it seems that it's a bit of a waste of money (£700+) for printing, given that up to date membership lists region by region are readily available on STB if someone wants to check at booking in? However, given the move to automated BFTA booking in, I think the need for a physical card is on the decline.

Not voted upon because in item 7 BFTA cards were kept at £3.50 and cards will be printed.

- C) To agree on purchase of trophies for 2019 and beyond - Grading Officer.

Vote not required.

Committee agreed that there will be a sole person in charge of trophy purchase in 2019 and this will be Martin Calpin. Martin will be assisted by Mark Bassett and Mark Lawrence.

- D) Rolling 16 to become at least 10 BFTA scores (in date) and 6 regional scores (when a shooter has 16 scoring shoots) – Grading Officer.

Rationale: Produces a truer “BFTA” grade whilst having no or little influence on regional grades

Carried.

It was requested that the Grading Officer made visible the Rolling 16. Presently only the percentage can be seen

It was requested that the national and regional scores were colour coded so that shooters were aware of their 10:6 split.

- E) Introduce a new league to BFTA silhouette competition. League 1 = 80%+, League 2 = 70%+, League 3 = less than 70% - Grading Officer.

Rationale: trial in 2019 with the aim of encouraging more shooters to compete in the silhouette competition.

Tied vote, status quo maintained.

It was suggested that the threshold for league 2 was too high and that this should be adjusted.

- F) Open silhouette range, if hosting club can accommodate this, at the same time as zero range to allow morning shooters to shoot the silhouettes before they shoot the GP course – Grading Officer

Rationale: Proposal is response to gleaning information from shooters as to why they do not shoot the silhouettes.

Counter proposal was offered, and accepted, to that above.

Carried

- G) Introduce 25mm standing and kneeling targets, minimum distance 10 yards and maximum distance 20 yards - Grading Officer

Rationale: to offer more variety in shorter distance discipline target

Carried.

Main Shoot rule change:

There can be one kneeling and one standing 25mm hit zone target per course.

If a 25mm hit zone is used on a discipline lane then this contributes to the number of reducers allowed (25%).

GP Shoot rules changes:

There can be one kneeling and one standing 25mm hit zone target per course.

If a 25mm hit zone is used on a discipline lane then this contributes to the number of reducers allowed (25%).

The combined distance rule remains the same (60 yards standing and 70 yards kneeling)

H) Change of wording to Main Shoot Rule 18 – Grading Officer

From:

If used, there will be classes of entry per the BFTA Grading system. Competitors may elect to shoot in a higher grade.

To:

If used, there will be classes of entry per the BFTA Grading system. Competitors may elect to shoot in a higher grade **if the Grading officer is in agreement.**

Rationale: Hundreds of my unpaid hours wasted if people egos dictate their grade!

Not carried

- I) BFTA to employ and finance a person(s) to check BFTA courses prior to the event.
Suggested subsistence allowance of £80 – Grading Officer

Rationale: so that the course is checked the day prior to the event and any rule infringements are corrected.

Not carried

- J) At GPs the number of targets at 50 yards or longer is restricted to a maximum of 15
– Grading Officer.

Rationale: too many courses are becoming very long and boring to shoot, some 2018 GP had 20+ targets over 50 yards.

Not carried

- K) To change Ungraded A to Ungraded – Grading Officer

Rationale: We could be putting AA grade standard shooters in A grade.

Encourage shooters to take part in regional shoots to achieve grade before entering BFTA
Stops artificial inflation of A grade entries at GP – (my main concern)

Carried

How the Regions voted

Proposal	SARPA	FFTA	MFTA	NEFTA	NWFTA	SEFTA	SWEFTA	WAFTA	Outcome	Comments
PP	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Carried 7:1	
A										Not voted on.
B										
€										
D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Carried 6:2	NEFTA ask that can regional and National figures are colour coded.
E	A	A	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Status quo	Suggest League 2 figure is lowered.
F	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Carried 5:3	
G	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Carried 6:2	
H	N	N	A	N	N	N	N	N	Not carried 0:7	
I	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Not carried 0:8	
J	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Not carried 3:5	
K	Y	Y	A	N	Y	Y	A	Y	Carried 5:1	

13. Any other business

Secretary – concern that under GDPR there is still conflict in the way we publish data. Secretary asked the incoming Chairman and Secretary to support BFTA in ensuring that the way the BFTA published data is GDPR compliant.

Further to this FFTA raised that one of their winter leagues had been added to grading before it was submitted. It was suggested that all regions have one point of contact to the Grading Officer and a common method of submission of data was agreed upon.

This is a matter arising for the next meeting.

Secretary – clarification of whether the BFTA will move any of its non-graded events to graded events for 2019.

It was agreed that the Masters 2019 will be a graded competition with trophies for 1st – 3rd in AA, A, B, C, Piston and Open.

Secretary – BASC prize money for Masters/Showdown 2018.

BASC have been long time sponsors of this event. This year their contribution did not arrive in time for the event. It was agreed that this money would be used to sponsor the BFTA Championships in 2019.

Secretary – Set up online banking for BFTA. As reported in the Treasurer's report. Full support for this.

NEFTA recommended the Barclays Community Account.

NWFTA – feedback about "Classic FT". Carl reported that the trial was ongoing.

SEFTA – concern about 2 GP in Wales. Referred to in item 11.

NEFTA – clarification of payment for engraving. The BFTA will pay for engraving on its perpetual trophies. An invoice must be provided to the Treasurer.

NEFTA – Chop Squad on Facebook. Concern expressed that some of the "parodies" seen are highly inappropriate. No one present knew who was responsible for Chop Squad but it was asked that those present investigated with the intention of stopping inappropriate pictures being posted. Concern was also expressed that such images could result in complaint to the Police.

FFTA – Mike Seago asked would there be trophies for ungraded shooters at the Masters 2019? No.

FFTA – Liz Moy expressed her thanks to the Secretary for his service.

FFTA – Andy Barnes asked if there was an update from the EFTA regarding the worlds 2019. The Secretary gave a brief overview: the event has proved more popular internationally than expected. At present all involved in the administration are delighted with the progress being made.

Competition Manager – asked for clarification if a target on a course is found to be illegal. This is the advice, it is not a rule: the illegal target(s) is removed from the score card and the maximum total is reduced. For example if a course had 40 targets and 1 was found to be illegal then:

The target would be shot as part of the course.

The target would be voided on the scorecard when handed in to stats.

The maximum score will be 39

The voiding and subsequent adjustment of scores will be undertaken by stats not by shooters.

GM – 15th June 2019.

AGM – 16th November 2019.

Shaun Shore (17th November 2018)

Appendices:

A – Chairman's report

I'd like to welcome you all to today's Annual General Meeting.

Firstly I'd like to take the opportunity to congratulate the winners from this year's BFTA events:

- Mark Henson BFTA Champion
- MFTA Inter regional Champions
- Grand Prix series winners
- Jack Harris AA class for the 4th year in a row (unbelievable consistency well done)
- Yoeri Busse A class
- David Robinson B class
- John Oldroyd C class
- John Farbrother Piston class
- Ian Challis Open class
- Neil Hague Silhouettes league 1
- Ian Challis Silhouettes league 2
- Air Arms A Team League 1 team winners
- Air Arms D Team League 2 team winners
- Jack Harris BFTA Masters
- James Osbourne Showdown Champion
- Jack Harris Plate Champion
- Mark Bassett BFTA European Champion.
- John Farbrother BFTA European spring gun Champion
- Richard Lawrence BFTA European Open class Champion
- Andras Fekete-Moro European FT Association Champion

Well done to all the winners on a successful 2018.

During the season we had this year's World Championships that were held in Poland. Due to extreme weather conditions, this year's competition was held over 2 days instead of 3. I would describe the event as one of the most challenging competitions due to the terrain and how the courses were built. They certainly know how to define the words "uphill shots". This made the event more of a challenge for everyone involved. I also feel that the WFTF learned a lot from the event and will improve events in future.

Competitors to note from the World Championships:

- John Farbrother spring gun World Champion (superb second day score)
- Dan Horrocks Veteran Spring gun Champion
- Mark Bassett 2nd Open PCP class (after the longest shoot off I've ever had)
- Andrew Gillot 4th Open PCP Class (another great shoot off)
- Simon Evans 9th Open PCP Class (shoot off was ok)
- Paula Schofield 4th Ladies PCP class
- Richard Beaugie 3rd Veterans PCP class
- Team England PCP 2nd
- Team England Spring gun 3rd

As ever, the results show the BFTA members still take a lot of places at the WFTF events. It also shows that European countries have pushed forward and progressed.

I for one am looking forward to the World Championships in England in 2019. For one it will be far easier to travel too. I also like to say, that if England need any assistance in any way for the event then I am sure Wales will help you with this event.

This is my chance to say a massive thank you to all the BFTA Officers that are here today. The jobs you fulfil within your roles is priceless and keeps the BFTA going every year. I can't thank you all enough as Chairman and also as a member of the BFTA.

There are changes afoot within the BFTA Committee, Shaun Shore and myself are standing down from our roles. I for one as a member of the BFTA will be saddened to see Shaun stand down from his role within the BFTA. I can honestly say Shaun for some time has been a massive part of the BFTA in the various roles he has taken on. For me you have been the man to go to on many occasions and in my eyes you have done the sport proud, I for one cannot thank you enough and the sport itself has to say a massive thank you for all your time and effort that you have given to field target.

For myself I'd like to thank everyone who has assisted me in my short time as chairman and if required in any way, I will assist the new chairman if required.

In closing, 2018 on a personal note was a great year, after nearly 28 years within the sport I can finally say I'm not a bridesmaid anymore. I have finally got my name on a major trophy in field target. Overall though I feel the sport was successful. The results from events show how high the standards are now, which shows how strong the competition is within the BFTA, its regions and its members. I look forward to catching up with you all in 2019.

Yours sincerely
Mark Bassett
BFTA Chairman

B – Secretary's Report

Dear regions and shooters of the BFTA.

I have enjoyed ten years of serving the BFTA in different roles and now I have decided to concentrate my efforts on helping England host the 2019 World Championships.

I thank all those that I have worked with and that have helped and guided me and I wish the new officers a successful future.

Shaun Shore

C – Treasurer's Report

BFTA Treasurer's Report (Nov 2017 – Oct 2018)

Welcome to my 9th set of BFTA annual accounts. Although I stand for re-election as Treasurer this year, it will be my last. I think 10 years in office is enough for any one person and it is high time we had some new blood within the BFTA committee.

The changing face of banking also means the traditional methods of banking, via cheque and paying in slips is becoming increasingly rare amongst bank users. The plans to introduce a pre-pay system for booking at GPs, I warmly welcome, as I can see it will make Martin's and my job far easier. I believe that we will need a change of the BFTA constitution to allow for the use of a Bank Card on the BFTA Nat West account and see if we can move to electronic banking as I do for my own personal bank account. It is difficult to establish the up to date BFTA account balance without going into the bank branch and the local branch of NatWest is now 9 miles from my home. (The local branch has closed as have so many other bank local branches) so it means a round trip of 16 miles and a minimum of £2 in the car park to deal with every banking transaction.

I propose and am looking for support to introduce electronic banking to the BFTA account, which means the requirement to have two signatures on every cheque (as required by the Constitution) will need amending. I propose that the Treasurer and Competition Secretary both apply for Bank Cards on the BFTA NatWest account, or we move the account to a more convenient bank e.g. Lloyds or other suitable alternative.

On speaking with John Lewis, he has indicated that when I retire from the role of Treasurer, he may also give up the voluntary role of account auditor, he will make this decision nearer the time that I step down. So this is another area the BFTA will need to decide what it wants to do in this regard. Luckily we have until the end of Oct 2019 to decide what is best. John has audited the accounts for far longer than my 9 years in the role as BFTA Treasurer!

I would like to thank John for his continued professional auditing of the accounts *and I have heard back from him to state that the accounts are fine and there are no queries! ☺*

The National Westminster Bank account holds **£32,436.88 as of 31st October 2018**. This is almost exactly the same as last year's balance.

The EFTA have repaid the £1,500 loaned to them to secure the English team members registration places for WFTF Poland 2018. This was hanging over from last year's accounts. They have also paid the £4,000 loaned to them to secure the Heart of England venue for the 2019 Worlds in England.

The total monies paid into the NatWest account by Simon, Sam, electronic transfer and myself amounts to **£19,836.00**.

Total monies paid out amounts to **£19,809.65** and this includes the following items worthy of mention both income and expenditure related:

1. 3 years' worth of medals for Inter-regional competitions and three power packs and transformer leads for 3 chronographs - £706
2. Purchase of a Laser Range finder and Air Chronograph - £234 + £240
3. Additional Web site coding work - £900
4. Napier end of season prizes - £1,251.16
5. Design and printing of BFTA membership cards - £711.00
6. 2018 NSRA affiliation and additional Bluefin insurance £205.00 + £60.00 + £20 Child Protection DBS renewal.
7. Donation to Paul James shoot - £250
8. BASC sponsorship of £800 which was received very late in the day and not used as prize money for the Masters and Showdown as in previous years.

The expenses of the competition secretary along with equipment purchases have increased, against the lack of a pre-payment of a suitable advance, is why no income is shown for GP1 and GP3. The income from the Masters was used to pay Blaenau Gwent the agreed fee for running the Masters and Showdown weekend shoot. Martin has provided receipts for all his transactions on behalf of BFTA. I would like to personally thank him for the tireless and I believe undervalued work he does for BFTA, my task is to make his role easier, whilst providing an auditable log on the income and expenditure of the BFTA account.

As agreed by the BFTA committee, we continued with a **£250.00** contribution towards the Paul James Memorial Shoot. This contribution meant that a greater sum of money was donated, on behalf of the memorial shoot, to the hospice which assisted Paul.

Without pre-empting Martin's Competition Secretary Report, we have had a successful and profitable BFTA Championships and Inter-Regionals, 2018 GP series and a very much larger than normal entry for the 2018 European Championships.

In summary, most of the money paid into the BFTA accounts has been generated by the Competitions and most of the money paid out is Competition related expenses, such as:

- Competition Trophies
- Prizes
- End of season draw prizes, (which have been scaled back to help balance the books and avoid increasing the shoot fees paid by shooters, this was a conscientious decision made by Committee).

The shoot fee of £12.00 for the each GP, with £6.00 going to the club/region holding the event and £6.00 going to BFTA, (noting the BFTA provides both the trophies and 6 X £25 (£150) raffle prize draw monies at each GP round), is keeping BFTA funds healthy and stopping the gradual bleed from the reserves that was occurring. The amounts paid in and amounts paid out are roughly in balance and BFTA holdings of ~£32.5k equates to approximately 2 years running costs, which I always judge to be about the right sum to keep the BFTA financially healthy.

Andrew Slade

BFTA Treasurer – 17th November 2018

Appendix D

Grading Officer

BFTA Membership / BFTA Trophies (left hand) / BFTA Grading officer.

BFTA cards

BFTA membership / card holders as of 12/9/2018 is:

CSFTA 186, NWFTA 39, MFTA 161, NEFTA 191, WAFTA 160, SWEFTA 45, SEFTA 61, FFTA 132, total 975.

There are an additional 20 “active” (3 or more shoots per season) shooters on my “non-members list,” mainly spread between SWEFTA & NWFTA

544 of the 975 are UA, mostly non-competition shooters that have cards via a regions or clubs instructions of membership.

I believe regions are now heading towards only applying for cards for the “Active” Ft shooters, thus the BFTA must decide on what steps to take if card numbers drop year on year and current income (£2,200) from BFTA cards is to be maintained?

2019/20 BFTA “Cards” must be applied for by Friday 1st March.

Clubs must send Payment (Amount TBC @ AGM) via cheque made out to B.F.T.A with current 2019 Insurance stamped by NSRA, plus a list of shooters names, BFTA number (existing member) and Club!

To:

Simon Evans (BFTA)

15 Jubilee Crescent,

Skewen,

Sa10 6tp.

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Trophies

I think this year has been a case of the Left hand not quite sure what the Right hand was doing, a bit like my first year as Grading officer (seems like 20 years ago now!)

Running around and sorting deals for the best prices did indeed take up a lot more time than I anticipated, but luckily I have now found an excellent supplier of trophies locally, though that actually is a 70 mile round trip!

I believe the BFTSA Champs trophies were well enough received. Given the lower income from the shoot, trophies of around £15 value were chosen.

The GP trophies, given the higher income to the BFTA were chosen from a higher price bracket.

Masters trophies there was a bit of a cock up with as I did not realise Open class needed trophies, my apologies. However I believe Cash was given in place of a trophy?

Euros trophies has been a bit of a last minute affair, as I am not attending the shoot and did not realise I was getting the trophies! The matter is / was in hand.

Grading

This of course is my main interest and something I put a huge number of hours into each year looking at what works and what does not as well as updating rolling 16 and membership list. My focus over the last 3 years has been using BFTA “only” Results for the BFTA grade as against the established “all scores” method.

Of course there was the initial Key board warrior response (on Shooting the Breeze) to the 2018 changes, however in most cases this was just a reaction to how it affected them personally and not one of looking at the whole picture. A little selfish in my opinion. Only one person actually took the trouble to email me with their concerns. Just 2 replies

explaining how the new system works and highlighting their own situation resulted in a very flattering response.

What I think some fail to realise is that I am the “BFTA” Grading officer, not the MFTA, SEFTA, WAFTA etc. grading officer. As such, I look at my role as one of getting the highest number of shooters possible in the correct grade at the BFTA “GP” series. Nothing more. I am perfectly happy to help regions organise their own regional grade boundaries and I believe this is what should happen in “all” regions.

i.e., take AA grade where for example in WAFTA 80% is what the region has decided is high enough for AA, this of course is quite different from the BFTA 87%.

If a region requires a set of their “regional” grades, I can supply these as either combined BFTA and regional, or regional only results. I personally believe they should use regional only results for regional events.

WAFTA, SWEFTA, NWFTA and MFTA already use their own regional only grades and boundaries for Regional shoots in their winter and / or summer leagues. As such, what we decide as the BFTA has no input to these regions at regional level.

Regional grading combined with BFTA (old system prior to 2018)

The majority of shooters score higher at regional than they do BFTA events.

In all bar NEFTA, the ratio of shooters scores dropping at BFTA events is much higher. NEFTA is only about 2-1 however. I believe this could be due to the 30 shot winter league where for example being 4 targets off the top score of 29, give 86% compared with nearly 90% for being 4 targets off a top score of 39 as found in most other regions scores. The problem with the old system arises where (for example) an A grade “regional” shooter goes to a GP and achieves only B grade scores, they think those above them are in the wrong class when in fact it’s usually a case of the higher placed shooters probably have more “BFTA” results in their rolling 16 then the “regional” shooter, thus they are probably in the correct lower grade!

In the older system the ratio of regional scores could and did throw too many grades out when at a GP

2018 Grades maintaining a constant 6 BFTA results in the rolling 16

I think in the vast majority of cases this has proved a better system and will be further improved with a slight tweak in 2019 to extending the number of BFTA scores (in date) from the current 6 to a max of 10, from 16.

What is in date? Current and previous years shoots.

Keeping records of older scores in most cases does not give a true reflection of a shooters current ability.

2019 Grade boundaries

Although the coming weekends Euro results are to be added, not a huge amount will change, as such:

Option 1

BFTA only Results (the ultimate goal?)

We have approx. 227 shooters active at BFTA events with 3 or more BFTA results in their current rolling 16.

Continuing with the split of AA 15%, A 35%, B 35% and C grade @ 15 %, this would have set BFTA boundaries for 2019 at

AA = 86% +, A = 76 – 85.9%, B 63 – 75.9% and C = Below 62.9%.

While the above is something I would like to try, at least for 1 year, I believe to get there will take some more small steps?

Setting the above should have no effect on non-active BFTA shooters, as they should be concerned with their own regional grades. Setting the above would allow the following summers grades to be set post Euro shoot. This would then take out the lower winter leagues scores that are the main culprit for accusations of incorrect summer grades.

Shooter would be able to experiment in the winter (or indeed summer series shoots) and have no influence, intentional or not, of lowering their Summer BFTA grade!

Option 2

Combined Regional and BFTA results (extended to 10 BFTA on rolling 16)

We now have 439 active shooters (200 + only do regional shoots with perhaps the local GP once a year)

To achieve the 15/35/35/15% ratio

AA = 85% +, A = 75 -85%, B 59 – 74.9%, C = lower than 58.9%

Silhouette Grades

Sadly, there was not the increase in number I was hoping for with the introduction of league 2. Various reasons have been given for why shooters don't take part ranging from its standing to not enough time post or prior to a shoot.

I must admit that I personally enjoyed the shooting in League 2 and the challenge of trying to win a Badge, if we reverted to 1 league I would not bother shooting the event in most cases.

While I was initially against the idea of a 3rd league, it does seem we have three sets of shooters taking part.

League 1 who generally always shoot well averages 80% or more.

League 2 we have two different sets, one such as myself who generally don't hit that many but occasionally have a good day, and we have some shooters that do not hit many on a regular occurrence!

Appendix E

Competition Managers report

Season Review

I think we've had a great season and I'd like to thanks all the regions and clubs that have put on an event, your hard work and commitment to the sport is outstanding and brings great joy to many who travel 100's of miles to compete.

Well done this year's winners!

Booking In-System

With the new tuned system we've seen only one problem and that was due to the user, I'm happy with the way everything is working and will continue to fine tune the system as we go.

Through the booking in system we've seen many book in successfully. The only downside of the current system is that it is easy to take a place and not show up or for it and have no consequences. This season we've seen 190 people cancel and sadly we've seen 90 people not show up and not give anyone notice. The cost of both these figures together is £3320, this is a large number/cost to be losing and sure most of the 4 clubs that complained to me about the no show would have benefited from recouping some of that cost.

Equipment

It's been a bad year for our equipment, we lost 30 clocks, 2 chronos, a tripod and 3 target checkers

Website

The website continues to slowly grow with over 11K users and over 38K sessions with the average session lasting over 3 minutes. While the UK makes up for most of the visits we do get visited by 22 other countries on a regular basis.

As I've mentioned over the last two years the mobile market continues to grow and over 60% of our users read our website on a mobile devices. I've been working on the site constantly to ensure everything we do is readable on a mobile device because it won't be long before 80% of our audience will be viewing the site on a mobile device. This is important for us and while you may feel that it doesn't affect you, it does affect how we present ourselves to the outside world and we should keep up with the latest trends and users if we are to look professional rather than some free hobby site.

BFTA Shop

The shop is doing OK and I'll have some new products read for the next season.

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