

Annual General Meeting - Minutes

Saturday 19th November 2016

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

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

1. Chairman's welcome and report.

See Appendix A

2. Persons and regions present, voting reps identified, quorum established.

BFTA Officials

Roger Moy	President
Phil Gee	Chairman and Acting Secretary
Andy Slade	Treasurer
Shaun Shore	Competition Manager
Simon Evans	Grading Officer
Sam Reece	Minute Secretary
Tony Cook	HVP
Elizabeth Moy	HVP

Regions Represented

Sam Reece	MFTA voting rep
Andy Slade	CSFTA voting rep
Richard Greenwood	FFTA voting rep
Trevor Ryan	NEFTA voting rep
John Johnston	WAFTA voting rep
Simon Evans	SWEFTA voting rep
Lyndeen Calvert	CSFTA
Martin Calpin	NEFTA
Brian Samson	NEFTA

3. Apologies for absence.

Mick Woodhead	NSRA Delegate
Mark Bassett	WAFTA
Rob Farnworth	Web Admin
Carl Knapper	NWFTA
Kevin Sayers	Trade Liaison
Graham Jopson	SEFTA
David Robinson	NEFTA

4. Minutes of GM from June 2016 to be read and accepted as a true record.

Proposed by FFTA, seconded by NEFTA, accepted unanimously

5. Matters arising from June 2016 GM

- a. Trophies for 2017 - M. Calpin/B. Samson/R. Moy – see appendix B
The trophies for 2017 were presented by Martin Calpin. His design was for a badge, some design options were shown to the committee. A vote was held and WAFTA voted for the left bank, top option. The other regions present voted for the left bank, middle option.
So, the badge that will be offered for the grade winners at the 2017 GPs is highlighted in *Appendix B*.
Further discussion took place as to the worth of the end of GP presentation ceremony. With many eventual winners from the morning session leaving at lunchtime, and several of the pm session shooters leaving before the presentation ceremony, it was felt that the ceremony added extra time to an already long day, so it was agreed that for 2017 no end of GP presentation would be held.
Instead, anyone who finished 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their grade could approach the Competition Manager (Martin Calpin) and request their badge, either at the end of the GP or at a subsequent time.
- b. Renaming of European Championships – R. Moy
Roger has held discussions with the organiser of the Game Fair (Ian Harford from Countryman Fairs) regarding the renaming of the “Euros” to something that now better reflected the competition as FT spreads across the continent. Ian was receptive to the idea, and understood the reasoning behind it, and has agreed to discuss the issue with Countryman Fairs and propose a name that both reflects today’s standing of the competition and also suits the marketing objectives of Countryman Fairs.
- c. EFTA proposed committee for Worlds in England – B. Samson
It was agreed that an ad-hoc AGM of the EFTA would be held immediately after the BFTA AGM and issues surrounding the structure of the EFTA and organising committee for the World Championships would be discussed.
- d. NEFTA proposal for chrono of gun before GP booking in – D. Robinson
Trev Ryan confirmed that NEFTA had considered the proposal to insist that all guns are chrono’d before competition but had identified several issues that made the idea impractical, so had not proposed a rule change for the AGM.
- e. MFTA proposal for loading of rifle during discipline lane – K. Sayers - see proposal 12.a

f. Kneeling Roll – see proposal 12.b

6. Treasurer's report

Andy Slade gave a detailed report on the financial position of the BFTA. Due to ongoing issues, he had closed our account with BoS and had received £450 in compensation. During the audit of the finances, John Lewis had suggested that moving the money owned by the EFTA to the auspices of the BFTA would contravene item 11.2 of the Constitution, so Andy is in the process of repaying the money to the EFTA bank account.

The summary of Andy's statement is that the accounts are healthy, and the gradual losses experienced over the last few years have been balanced by the increases to competition fees introduced for 2016.

He does not believe an increase in fees for 2017 is needed.

It was requested that an effort is made to ensure the accounts tab for "comps" only includes direct income or expenditure related to BFTA competitions. This would allow an easier recognition of the profit/loss figure generated by the competitions.

7. Fees and subscriptions for 2017

Current Charges:

- BFTA Championship = £8 (£7 BFTA - £1 Club) +£500 to club
- BFTA inter-regional = £75 per team
- BFTA Masters = £10 (£9 BFTA - £1 Club) +£500 to club
- GP = £12 (£6 club / £6 BFTA / BFTA pays 3x £50 bonus bunny)
- Europeans = £35

The charges for BFTA competitions were discussed by the committee.

It was noted by the President that the income from the charges includes additional expenditure over and above that stated in the agenda, for example trophies, end of season prizes and so on. The point was noted by the committee.

It was agreed to freeze all competition charges for 2017

8. Officers' reports:

Competition Manager – *See Appendix C*

Shaun confirmed that due to this year's entry of 168 shooters, and the potential for demand to be greater in 2017 due to the Worlds in Wales being a similar time, consideration has been given to ways in which the BFTA European Championship could host an increased number of competitors.

Shaun has also considered changes to the format of the Showdown due to consistent late drop outs and no-shows which can cause significant disruption due the nature of

the knock out formula. However, it is considered that the Showdown is unique because of its format and should not be changed unless absolutely necessary.

As the competition manager moves role, the whole committee joined the President in thanking Shaun for his work as Competition Manager over the last six years.

Secretary – No report as currently there is no permanent Secretary

Grading Manager – *See Appendix D*

Trade Liaison – *See Appendix E*

Kev highlighted an issue from GP2 where the sponsor of a raffle prize has since refused to supply the scope as no winners photo was provided for marketing purposes. The Competition Manager suggested that in this instance, the BFTA should provide an ex gratia payment of £150 to the individual concerned, but that this should not set a precedent for any future failure of prizes being awarded.

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NSRA Delegate – *See Appendix F*

Web Manager – No current Web Manager. Web Manager elect Martin Calpin gave an overview of the new BFTA website that will be more accessible to tablet/smartphone viewing as typically 80% of web browsing is now done via this medium.

9. Election of Officers:

Proposals:

- President – Roger Moy
- Chairman – Mark Bassett
- Secretary – Shaun Shore
- Treasurer – Andrew Slade
- Minute Secretary – Sam Reece
- Competition Manager – Martin Calpin
- Grading/Registration Manager – Simon Evans
- Trade Liaison Officer – Kevin Sayers
- NSRA Delegate – Mick Woodhead
- Web Manager – Martin Calpin

All positions were agreed unanimously by the committee

9.1 Confirmation of Honorary Vice Presidents

Existing HVPs - Elizabeth Moy, Tony Cook, Neil Long.

The President proposed that the constitution and bylaws be changed to allow the re-nomination of the following:

Neil Long

Beryl Noon

Mike Noon

The President also proposed that the following be elected as HVP:

Phil Gee

The newly elected Secretary volunteered to take on the task of reviewing the constitution and bylaws in order to allow the re-election of the named individuals and also review if there should be any other changes to accommodate the current custom and practices of the BFTA. For example, inclusion of digital communication.

10. Correspondence

Resignation of R. Farnworth from Web Admin & EFTA Chairman – *see appendix G*

M. Bassett – Chairman elect – *see appendix H*

J. Johnston – Wales 2017 update – *see appendix I*

11. Preliminary shoot dates 2017

Event	Date	Venue	Region
BFTA Championship	8 th April	ETL	
BFTA Inter-Regional	9 th April	ETL	
GP1	23 rd April	Avon Hawks	SWEFTA
GP2	14 th May	Tawd Vale	NWFTA
GP3	28 th May	Blaenau Gwent	WAFTA
GP4	11 th June	Meon Valley	CSFTA
GP5	2 nd July	Iceni	SEFTA
GP6	16 th July	Castle	MFTA
GP7	6 th August	Sywell	FFTA
GP8	20 th August	Emley Moor	NEFTA
BFTA Masters	2 nd September	Castle	
BFTA Showdown	3 rd September	Castle	
BFTA Europeans	16 th /17 th September	Weston Park	

The shoot dates for 2017 were confirmed and accepted by the committee

12. Proposed Changes for 2017

Regions should establish whether they support or reject each proposal.

It is acceptable that at the committee meeting counter proposals are offered as long as they do not differ too much from the original. It shall be at the Chairman's discretion if the counter proposal is acceptable.

a. Loading of rifle during discipline lane (MFTA)

The gun should only be loaded when the shooter is in the correct position for the specified discipline lane.

e.g. if the shooter chooses to sit to range find, they should only load the rifle when they have moved to the kneeling or standing position.

Rationale: It is unsafe to load the rifle when seated, and then move to the kneeling or standing position with a loaded rifle.

Result – Carried

b. Kneeling Roll (Chairman)

Options:

- i. Continue with 2016 procedure, i.e. allow kneeling roll or bean bag.
- ii. Introduce new requirements (to be defined).
- iii. Adopt WFTF Rule. (see below)

iv. BFTA Proposal:

To aid kneeling, a kneeling roll may be used. It may not be used for any other purpose, e.g. for additional support during seated shots.

- a. The roll must be placed between the ankle and the ground.
- b. The foot and knee must be in contact with the ground.
- c. Shooting the kneeling lane without using a kneeling roll is permitted.
- d. Competitors may additionally use a flat mat to keep their knee clean and protect it from objects in the ground.
- e. Competitors may not use a shooting bag during the kneeling shot, except to sit on whilst range finding.
- f. The kneeling roll:
 - i. Can taper from one end to the other (cone) and can be flatted, but its cross section must remain consistent in shape along its length.
 - ii. Must be a maximum diameter of 180mm (7.08").
 - iii. Can be of any length.

Result – The committee voted to accept option (iv) for a period of 1 year. The changes will be reviewed at the GM in June and the rule modified if necessary to include additions or changes deemed necessary by the committee.

It is noted that the WFTF are in the process of changing their definition of the kneeling rule and it will almost mirror the rule introduced by the BFTA.

c. GP Income split (MFTA)

The amount received by the hosting club from the proceeds of a GP to be capped at either £500 or £750 to enable more funds to go towards the end of season raffle.

Rationale: The BFTA will have to purchase more prizes next year as sponsorship is getting harder and harder each year.

Result - The MFTA withdrew this proposal.

d. Bonus Bunny (MFTA)

The Bonus bunny draw at GPs is currently 3 x £50.

Proposal is to change this to 6 x £25.

Rationale: distribute the winnings across more shooters.

Result - Carried

e. Change rule 6a of the Main Shoot Rules (Comp Manager)

From: There may be a maximum of two 15mm hit zone targets set out to a maximum distance of 25 yards.

To: There may be a maximum of two 15mm hit zone targets set out to a maximum distance of 25 yards with the following restriction: An imaginary

horizontal line is drawn from the feet of a shooter standing in the lane gate. 15mm targets must be positioned ± 1 metre vertically of this line.

Rationale: the following line is sent to all hosting clubs:

It is recommended that 15mm targets are not set in an inclined position

It is common see them set up or down and this leads to potential problems. In particular the actual hit zone is reduced below 15mm and there is potential for the pellet to pass through the hole and not strike the paddle.

Result - Carried

f. Change rule 8iii of the GP rules (Comp Manager)

From: There must be a minimum of three and a maximum of eight 25mm hit zone targets set out to a maximum range of 35 yards.

To: There must be a minimum of three and a maximum of eight 25mm hit zone targets set out to a maximum range of 35 yards of which only 2 may be in the range 30-35 yards.

Rationale: It is increasingly common to see 25mm targets at 35 yards. There is common consensus that this is unnecessary yet it continues!

Result - Carried

g. Change rule 16 of the Main Shoot Rules - Tied Scores (Comp Manager)

The current arrangements are not manageable and in many cases are not adhered to. I suggest that the format is fine but it should only be required if deciding the winner of: BFTA Championship, BFTA Inter-Regionals, BFTA Masters and BFTA Euros.

For all GP shoot-offs and minor placements in the BFTA events the shoot-off should be more flexible. The words of the rule can come from the AGM.

Rationale: The present methodology for tied scores does not work and needs to change.

Result – carried. The secretary will word a revision to the rule.

h. Change rule 4 from the Showdown Rules (Comp Manager)

From: If 2 competitors are tied at the end of a round, a 3-target eliminator lane will be shot. If they are still tied then a 'sudden death' shoot-off will take place on the eliminator lane.

To: If 2 competitors are tied at the end of a round then the shoot –off will be on any lane of the course that the shooters have just shot or on a neutral lane (if available) that is not part of the other courses.

Shoot-off will consist of 1 lane of 2 targets from the standing position and time allowed remains 1 minute. If this does not determine the winner then sudden death on 1 target (30 seconds) shall be used until a winner is found.

Rationale: The present rule has not been used for a number of years.

Shoot-offs at the Showdown are sometimes taking too long when shooters insist on kneeling and standing etc. Also, there is potential for argument if shooters cannot agree the shooting position to be used.

Result - Carried

Voting Results

Proposal	CSFTA	FFTA	MFTA	NEFTA	NWFTA	SARPA	SEFTA	SWEFTA	WAFFTA	Outcome	Comments
A	n	y	y	y	-	-	-	y	y	carried	
B	iv	iv	iv	iv	-	-	-	iv	i	carried	Accept for 1 year and review
C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	withdrawn	
D	n	y	y	y	-	-	-	y	a	carried	
E	n	y	n	y	-	-	-	y	y	carried	
F	n	y	n	y	-	-	-	y	y	carried	
G	y	y	y	y	-	-	-	y	y	carried	Sec will reword and distribute
H	y	y	y	y	-	-	-	y	y	carried	

13. A.O.B.

CSFTA - BFTA Silhouettes: Target shooting jackets (i.e. jackets designed and purchased for the sport of target shooting) should not be used on BFTA Silhouette Competitions

The regions have been asked to obtain feedback from their members in order to discuss further at the GM in June

CSFTA – Could the BFTA align their rule for the definition of a junior with the WFTF? WFTF definition of a junior is under 17 on 1st Jan.

BFTA definition is under 16 on the 1st day of competition.

It was agreed that the BFTA would adopt the WFTF definition of a junior.
In addition, it was agreed that the BFTA would also adopt the WFTF definition of a veteran to be 60 years or older on the 1st January.

WAFTA, FFTA, SWEFTA – no items for AOB

MFTA – Sam passed the remaining stock of “old design” BFTA badges to Trev Ryan to sell.

Sam confirmed that it is the intention of her and Kev to stand down from their positions at the AGM in 2017.

NEFTA – request that the BFTA align its timing to that of the WFTF, i.e. 3 minutes from arrival at the lane.

Shaun explained that it is more difficult to organise when the GP equipment has to be transferred around the country from GP to GP.

However, NEFTA were encouraged to bring a detailed proposal to the GM in June for further discussion with a view to approving a proposal at the 2017 AGM.

Andy Slade requested that the BFTA ratify its ongoing support for the Paul James Springer competition held in Paul’s memory which raises funds for charity.

The committee wholeheartedly agreed to continue its sponsorship of £250 on a yearly basis until further notice.

D.O.N.M.

GM – Saturday 17th June 2017

AGM - Saturday 11th November 2017

Appendix A – Chairman’s Report

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

A couple of points of health and safety to start today’s meeting are:

Please be aware of loose power cables trailing on the floor,

Please make yourselves aware of the fire exit, & for the smokers, please locate the approved smoking location.

We will break for lunch at around 12.30pm and we will have short comfort breaks as required during the morning and afternoon sessions.

I’d like to take the opportunity to congratulate all the BFTA members who were winners this year (and I hope I’ve remembered everyone):

Justin Wood for his win at the BFTA Champs,

WAFta for their win in the Inter-Regionals,

The English teams for their wins in the PCP and Springer World team competitions, Andy Calpin and Mark Bassett for their 3rd and 4th respectively in the Individual World Championship,

Dorian “Doz” Falconer for winning the Masters in terrible conditions,

Mark Bassett for winning the showdown plate,

and Neil Hague who had an excellent finish to the season, winning both the Showdown and the Euros.

However, I think special mention should go yet again to Jack Harris.

Little Jack pretty much dominated the GP season again, winning back to back titles, and this year he managed a very rare clearance at the MFTA GP at Far Coley.

Also, this time he went one better than his second at the worlds last year by lifting the trophy in Portugal. A fantastic year, and fantastic shooting Jack, congratulations.

As we now look to 2017, I’d like to wish the very best to Wales for the World Championships next year, I’m sure it will be one to remember.

And finally, as I step down from the role of Chairman, I’d like to thank all of you here today, the Officers, regional representatives and other co-opted and press ganged individuals who make sure the BFTA continues to function, and I’d like to wish you all the very best for the future, particularly the new Chairman Mark, Secretary – Shaun and web admin/comp manager – Martin.

Phil Gee

BFTA Chairman

Appendix B – 2017 Trophies

For 2017, the top 3 in each grade will be awarded a badge, gold, silver or bronze. The design will be middle left, highlighted in the red box:



Notes:

- The date has been removed and the colour of the metal is used to dictate the position (Gold/Nickel/Brass Finishes). This means they can be used for more than 1 season with no waste.
- 25mm for the circular ones or 30mm for the shield ones.
- Batches of 100 across the 6 grades, manufacturer has agreed on an even split across the finishes per batch.
- No presentation box.
- Estimated price of £900 covers 3 years' worth of GP trophies.

Appendix C – Competition Manager's Report

GP Series 2016

Thanks to Far Coley, East Devon and Anston for hosting the last 3 GPs of the season. Congratulations to Jack Harris in retaining the title of GP Champion and to the grade winners: Dave Mitchell, Josh Vaughan, Darron Hillier, Brian Samson, Iain Challis and Ian Taylor. Congratulations also to the Air Arms teams for winning the league titles. Thanks to all those that have contributed to organising the GPs 2016 with particular thanks to Brian Samson for his Robot Shaun

World Championships

A massive well done to Jack Harris the World Champion 2016 and to the English PCP and Springer teams

Also, I extend thanks from the BFTA shooters to Portugal and particularly to Sergio Rita who oversaw a first class event.

And good luck for Wales 2017!

Masters and Showdown

Thanks to Emley Moor FTC, and particularly to Trevor Ryan, for hosting this year's Masters and Showdown. The Masters is my favourite event of the year and Trevor and his team provided two testing courses for all to enjoy. Top shot was Dorian Falconer who scored 58 out of 60 to win by two targets; well done Dorian.

The Showdown courses were fantastic and having 4 made for the earliest finish in memory. If other venues could offer 4 courses then this could skim another hour off the finish time.

Unfortunately, the event again suffered from late withdrawals and no-shows.

The Showdown final pitched Neil Hague against Andras Fekete-Moro with Neil winning by a single target. Similarly Mark Bassett beat Dave Robinson by 1 target to claim the Plate.

The weekend's events were sponsored by BASC and allowed us to give £500 in prize money.

European Championship

This year was the 25th Championship and we enjoyed our highest attendance since I have administered the event; quite why I've no idea. We had visitors from: Belgium,

Germany, Italy, Portugal and Spain. To mark the event each competitor received a BFTA/Air Arms cap and key staff wore bright fleeces; thanks to Air Arms for their sponsorship.

A great deal of thanks to Andy Calpin and the Anston team for building and maintaining the courses, to the stats team of Sam, Paula, Debbie and Linda and to the marshals led by Simon and Phil.

The event proved to once again be a most tense affair with shooting of the highest standard. Top of the field was Neil Hague who's Sunday score of 47 was outstanding; well done Neil.

Next year the Euros will fall the week before the World Championship in Wales and I have already received interest from Bulgaria and South Africa. I suggest that, unusually, we set a cut-off date for the Euros so that we can respond to the field size. This year we accommodated 2 feed on lanes per session and could perhaps extend this but we need to be in control of the format.

Air Arms Roadshow

The BFTA supported the Air Arms roadshow at Weston Park. Air Arms reported it as a successful event and we received £180 for our help. Because we were also running the Euros it proved difficult to give consistent help to the Roadshow. I have informed Claire West that I think that it is best that she uses the members of the Air Arms team to support future event. I also thought that liaising with Claire could be a role for someone from the committee?

Equipment

The chronos performed well all year although it was necessary to change the batteries midway through the day but this is likely due to me using cheap batteries. Thanks to Simon Francis who made some Perspex tubes to help prevent shooting the chronos.

I bought some extra clocks that were cheap but not really up to the job required at our big events. I strongly recommend that we purchase 50 good quality bright waterproof stopwatches.

I bought 8 target checkers and although only used occasionally they worked very well.

Rules

I continue to observe and intervene with BFTA shooters that infringe the kneeling rule. I hope that today the introduction of the ankle roll will eradicate this.

I have proposed some rule changes based upon conversations I have had with shooters this year. I accept that the wording of some may need refinement but believe the sentiment of each of the rules makes them worthy of change

Standing down

I have enjoyed 6 years of being Competition Manager and in that time I have received help and guidance from many people. I'd like to thanks all those that have assisted me but will mention no names for fear I'd miss someone out.

I wish Martin great success in the role and will be available to help him in any way that I can.

Shaun Shore (November 2016)

Appendix D – Grading Officer

Read this - ***I shall set a card application deadline for March 19th 2017***
Winter Grades will finish on Sunday March 19th. 2017.

Waffle

BFTA Photographer

Most of my 2016 Photos have been placed on the BFTA Facebook page. I believe Martin Calpin is re designing the BFTA Website to make uploading photos easier and then I shall switch the majority of my Ft photos to that.

I have this year taken over from James Osbourne in writing the “F.T.Blog” article in shooting sports, so Ft continues to be covered in printed magazines.

2016/17 BFTA Membership/ Cardholders

Yet again Chris Large produced an excellent 2016/17 BFTA card and I am sure the same will be the same in 2017/18, perhaps with a WFTF theme?

I shall set a card application deadline for March 19th 2017 and once again allow clubs to forward on any late insurance documents prior to Gp 1.

2017/18 Cards will be handed out at Gp1, all being well.

For 2016/17, (as of 18/11/15) there are (approx.) 1.128, which is roughly on par with the previous year

The 2016 /17 Split is;

Sarpa	25	Wafta	145	EFTA	958
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Grading

The current Grade boundaries are working well and need no adjustment for 2017 in my opinion. As of 18th Nov. 2017, there are:

AA 145, A 164, B 143, C140, with 94 active Ungraded “A” and rest ungraded but not active, i.e. No scores. These are mainly shooters in regions that make all members take out a card. Thus, it is fair to say there are approximately 684 active FT shooters in the UK.

The change to rolling 16 has helped I believe give a better average for the majority. The only ones slipping through the net are generally new shooters who improve after 7 shoots, but this is only a very small number of shooters. I have continued to update each shooter’s current rolling % as regions results have come to me, all updates are on the [BFTA forum](http://www.thebfta.net/forum/index.php/board,44.0.html).

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Those shooters that have requested their individual rolling 16 have been sent it via Email. I now only record Open results from BFTA events while “Spring/piston” continue to be recorded for reference on the BFTA forum. I believe Martin again will be making changes and removing the forum, but I admire his optimism in that he can teach me how to use the website and keep the updates regular!

The only change for 2017 is ***that winter Grades will finish on Sunday March 19th. 2017.*** Summer grades will then be published and the BFTA Inters & Champs will like all other BFTA events, be used for “summer” grading. This will allow Robot Shaun to be fully up to date prior to GP1 booking in.

I’m Awesime at this!

Appendix E – Trade Liaison

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Appendix F – NSRA Delegate

There have been two meetings of the Coaching and Development Committee this year, with one to come.

Topics discussed included the proposed ban on lead in ammunition (this has now been rejected), the changes in airgun law in Scotland, changes to the selection and training of young shooters in GB Talent squads (this is for 0.22 rimfire shooters), which helps top young talent to make it in international events.

One thing that is more connected with field target is the long discussed course for FT marshals, this has taken a big step with Dave Frogget (NSRA coaching and development manager) and Brian Sampson who have done some work on a course. Brian has put together a course, and presented it to a group of shooters from many countries at the world field target champs this year in Portugal. This was well received, and forms a firm base for future work.

As I have said before, a lot of the meetings are not connected with FT but it is good to have direct contact with other shooting sports to help fly the flag for FT.

Mick Woodhead

Appendix G – Resignation of Web Manager

2nd September 2016

Hi Phil,

Sorry to leave you and the committee with more work to do but I am resigning my position from the EFTA subcommittee and web admin with immediate effect.

My intention is to continue to chair Central Southern, but I will be reviewing the role of being its BFTA rep. My hope is that I am able to continue in that role but I do need to take some time to assess that.

The reason for this decision is that I no longer feel the time spent in these two roles is now worthwhile or productive. So I'd rather concentrate on enjoying the sport itself.

I wish you and Shaun all the best in your new roles in November.

I shall be away all weekend, but will pass on the website details via email on my return. I also have some invoices and monies to forward which I'll pass onto Andy Slade directly at our winter league shoot in October.

Kind regards
Rob Farnworth

Appendix H – Mark Bassett – Incoming Chairman

Firstly, I would like to apologise for my absence from the AGM.

I have put myself forward for the role as Chairman for the BFTA and am looking forward to carry on the role where Phil left off and push our sport on further.. I know it's odd that I have stood for the role and I'm not actually at the meeting, but I know the meeting is in safe hands with Phil there...

I have been lucky enough to have been involved in field target for just over 26 years and have seen many changes within the sport.. Good and bad..

I feel the sport is starting to grow incredibly fast and we need to be at the fore front of the sport. With the inclusion of so many countries over the last decade, field target is on the rise which is great to see..

This is a new role for myself but one I won't take lightly and as ever I will be there to assist anyone, as dare I say I'll be looking for assistance and guidance myself. So Roger that means I'll be on the phone now and then for advice.. Oh and you Phil...

I am looking forward to taking on the role and working with the committee that has been proposed. It's a strong team of people who have always had my respect in everything that they do and always give 100% to the sport..

I just hope I don't make any mistakes and look forward to the times ahead..

See you all soon
Mark Bassett

Appendix I – Worlds 2017 Update – John Johnston

1. Thanks to the BFTA for their financial support at the start of our preparations for Wales 2017. We have now repaid this loan.
2. Wales 2017 is fully booked with 375 competitors either registered as individuals or have places reserved in RGB Teams.
3. Wales 2017 we believe will be the highest attended FT event in the history of the sport
4. Individual registration was fully booked in just 3 hours, which shows how popular our event is going to be.
5. Summary of Registrations:
 - 24 Countries have entered teams
 - 27 Countries will be represented
 - 23 PCP Teams
 - 12 Springer Teams
 - 228 non-UK Competitors
6. Places on the reserve list are being allocated on a first come first served basis. We expect that some Teams will add individuals who have registered as individuals to their teams thus freeing up places and some teams will not fill all the places that they have reserved. Names are being added on an almost daily basis to the reserve list. We have already allocated 20 places off this list, with 29 currently on the list.
7. There are nearly 200 competitors who have yet to complete registration – these are mostly team members who have either not yet been selected for their teams, or those that have registered but not fully completed registration or payment.
8. Holland and England are the only two countries to have fully registered their teams
9. Spain and Russia failed to register Teams, requesting registration after we had completed Individual registration.
10. Facebook for WFTC 2017 has proved to be a very useful communication tool with almost 1,300 ‘friends’ following us.
11. Richard Beaugie and I are currently looking at the welcome and awards dinner venues. We are expecting to have to cater for 500+ people at the Awards dinner.
12. Mark Bassett is working on getting sponsors on board. Once Sponsors have confirmed their contribution to Wales 2017 details will be posted on our Website.

13. We have carried out a preliminary plan of the layout of the courses. We are proposing to have three separate courses that are not integrated. Approval for this change is expected to be granted by the WFTF.
14. Marshalling for Wales 2017 remains one of our big concerns. All Marshalls must be trained to WFTC standards, and I hope to be able to run a marshalling course with Brian Sampson on the Saturday before the Welsh Open GP and on the Tuesday or Wednesday before the start of Wales 2017. Anyone from other BFTA regions will be more than welcome to attend either of these courses, food and refreshments will be available.
15. WAFTA will be more than happy to offer assistance, support and share our experiences with planning a WFTC with EFTA when they host their WFTC.
16. Some non-UK competitors have expressed an interest in attending the BFTA Euros, however I cannot give you a final number until registration is completed at the end of April 2017.