

General Meeting 2021 – Minuets

Saturday 24th July 2021

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

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

1. Chairman's welcome and report.

Trevor Ryan Welcomed and thanked everyone for attending informed of safety precautions for the day

2. Persons and regions present

Officers Present

President	
Chairman	Trevor Ryan
Secretary	David Robinson
Treasurer	Andrew Slade
Grading Officer	
HVP	
Trade Liaison	
Development	

Regions Represented

Region	
NEFTA	
MFTA	Chris Large
NWFTA	
SWEFTA	
SEFTA	Natalie Shead
FFTA	Andy Barnes
CSFTA	Andrew Slade
STS	
WAFTA	John Johnston

3. Apologies for absence.

Roger and Liz Moy
Mark Lawrence
John Mayer
Simon Evans
Rob Farnworth
Chris Jones
Ian Taylor
Alan Chambers

4. Minutes of AGM from 2020 to be read and accepted as a true record.

Ratify decisions made at the email version (due to covid) of the AGM also following decisions made after the AGM as a result of the pandemic. We review the virtual AGM minutes on screen and also referred back to the last physical meeting from 2019 where rules and pricing was set.

Proposed John Johnston
Second Andy Slade

5. Matters arising from November 2020 AGM

Shoot fees for clubs' regions remain same not experimented with £750 for gps and current double weekends showdown etc to remain as is carry forward for 2022 season as not yet put into practice

6. Officers' reports

Secretary,

Nothing much to report not much has happened shooting wise over the last 18 months sadly I missed the inters weekend due to working commitments but I had plenty of good feedback and it was great to see on the photos people enjoying themselves back out doing FT. Behind the scenes the last 18 months have been bumpy to say the least. We had to make decisions based on govt advice of the pandemic cancel events but also had to attempt to plan events. As with most big events they need time to organise and the covid crystal ball was certainly a cloudy one. As with most other things in the world this will go down in history as the longest suspension of events in bfta history previous to that foot and mouth took its toll for one season and petrol shortages another.

We have lost some familiar faces during lockdown although I'm sure they will return in the future but I have seen many more new names appearing on the grading list and booking in to championships and latterly the Euros it's always nice to see new keen shooters entering

The euros were certainly a let-down with our countryside rocks cancelling their whole event from Weston Park this as caused an extra workload attempting to find a new ground. We had a few offers but I really feel we have fallen on our feet with the new venue myself and Trevor visited Wold farm last week and without doubt is the logical choice. Everyone is in for a well-deserved treat here. I would like to thank Phil Hollis for making this possible Firstly for giving the BFTA this contact and also for the hard work he has kindly offered to put the courses out and marshal them. Dax Miller the owner has a little gem here and is interested in airgun shooting and wants us involved. I wonder if we can secure the same price for future euro events it would be wise to move here instead of back to the game fair at Weston whatever that may be.

One thing for sure I hope next year we can get back on some kind of normal track trying to re organise 4 big shoots in quick succession is certainly entertaining for me personally and I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who puts their time into the sport to make them happen

Thanks to Berty for organising the trophies, Andy Slade for his continuous expertise with the finances without Andy's knowledge my tasks as secretary would be so much harder. Thanks to Simon Evans for stepping up to fill the grading officer role even during his illness. Thank you to martin for maintaining and updating the website and booking system. Thank you to everyone who makes an effort to make the BFTA what it is.

Treasurer,

Treasurer's Report (Nov 2020 – July 2021)

Welcome to my 12th set of BFTA interim accounts. Given that the Corona Virus pandemic has continued and a lot of shooting is still to re-commence, this is little to report as payments in and payments out have been rather limited.

As Treasurer renewed the BFTA's NSRA Affiliation (2021) and insurance, together with the additional Marsh (Bluefin) insurance (2021 NSRA affiliation and additional Marsh (Bluefin – legal cover) insurance £205.00 + £70.00). I have closed the BFTA NatWest bank account and transferred all monies into the BFTA Lloyd's Business Bank Account, that the Chairman (Trev Ryan), the Secretary (Dave Robinson) and myself as Treasurer can access via the internet or from the Lloyd's mobile banking App on a suitable mobile phone.

Income received for the period includes the sale of some new BFTA shooters cards, where these were not cards that were revalidated cards from the year before and monies received for entries to 2021 BFTA Championships (86 people paid on-line!) and Inter-Regionals Competition. Please note at this time I still have to receive and bank the WAFTA Inter-Regionals cheque and sort out monies and pay Emley for running the 2021 BFTA Championships and Inter-Regionals Competition.

The **Lloyds Internet Business Bank** account holds **£29,444.91 as of 19th July 2021**.

The total monies paid into the **Lloyds account** amounts to **£1,291.38**. This includes BFTA shooters card purchase payments, Inter-Regional and BFTA Championships Entry fees. Please note we also pay a Stripe admin fee (deduction) on payments via BFTA pre-booking system.

Total monies paid out amounts to **£530.94**

Items paid for from **Lloyd's account** include:

1. NSRA Affiliation and additional Marsh (Bluefin) Insurance (£205 + £70) = £275.00
2. Printed blank BFTA shooters cards - £104.40
3. Reimbursement for Engraving of BFTA Master Trophy (Neil Hague) - £18.00
4. Expenses, accounts audit postage (two ways) and gift to Auditor - £133.54

Martin Calpin has provided excellent feedback and apparently 86 persons booked in on-line for BFTA Championships using the BFTA pre-booking system. Monies also taken for Inter-Regionals on-line were also transferred to BFTA account, although some paid on-line some transferred monies directly after contacting me and Martin received two PayPal payments, which he transferred to me and I paid into BFTA account.

Overall, the BFTA holds **£29,444.91**. This is down on the approximate usual amount of **£32k** which is approximately 2years running costs that I have suggested is needed in reserve. We also have in stock the purchase of end of season trophies, new score cards and pin badges, which we have available for when we eventually get re-started with GPs and other competitions in 2022, all being well and no further Covid-19 restrictions. It is worth re-iterating most of BFTA monies comes from competitions.

I have set up, in advance of actual GPs etc, means of paying all clubs/regions hosting a GP or other BFTA event, their share of entry monies, which means I can easily transfer the monies to their accounts via Lloyd's Banking Phone App. This does require the hosting club/region to provide me with details of their Bank Account (Sort Code and Account No.)

I would like to see an electronic system for paying for and registering for BFTA cards and perhaps we can decide if we are going to no longer have printed BFTA cards, similar to the loss of car tax discs.

In Summary

1. Total monies combined in BFTA account is **£29,444.91**. (This excludes WAFTA Inter-Regional entry fee and payment of monies to Emley for running Champs/Inters weekend). I have a printed copy of the Lloyds Bank account statements for viewing if anyone is interested (They will not be published!).

2. The income received from BFTA shooter membership cards for 2021 is only **£60.00** down from last full card membership of £2,978.50. We took the decision not to charge for those taking a 2021 BFTA card (assuming they had a 2020 card.) This was therefore almost a £3k hit on BFTA monies.
3. The BFTA Constitution still needs to be amended to remove requirement to have two signatures per BFTA cheque in line with the change to the BFTA Lloyds on-line banking account.
4. All the remaining funds in the NatWest account have been transferred to the new Lloyds internet bank account.
5. Consider doing away with printed BFTA cards and adopting an electronic BFTA shooter/membership card system.

Andrew Slade

BFTA Treasurer –19th July 2021

***Secretary additional note:** WAFTA Inters entry fee now received. Money now sent to Emley moor for the inters weekend and cash 190.00 Received from Emley more for on the day bookings paid into bank account.*

Grading officer,

1000 cards ordered locally at cost of approx. £105. That compares to £700 - £1000 plus we have been paying so a substantial saving. Took me about a leisurely 10 hours to write out around 500 cards so far and hand most out at inters. Csfta I will post to csfta sec. Grades - all up to date sent out last week.

Trade Liaison

Nothing Submitted

Development

Nothing Submitted

7. Correspondences'

7.1 Dave O'Hara NIFTA (Northern Ireland Field Target Association) Has emailed secretary with a view to NIFTA Affiliating to the BFTA this is to be discussed and a proposal formed to be added to item number 11

After viewing the correspondence, the General consensus of present regions is to allow inclusion under some form of part of the BFTA however as Northern Ireland is not part of Great Britain but United Kingdom there will be constitutional changes to take into consideration and checked with Insurers... Take back to regions form proposals for AGM In other disciplines Northern is included with British shooting at Olympic level. Correspondence from NIFTA to be circulated.

7.2 Phil Lawrence who now resides in France has emailed with an offer of using his chateau as a BFTA Venue this will feed into agenda item 8. The email received has already been forwarded to all reps but will also be projected.

Phil's email photos and video were displayed General consensus logistics manpower and covid restrictions for travel import export of equipment this is not going to be viable for the European 2021 championships. As the location is in France then surely the French FTA should be setting up an event or supporting fully... then open up for visitors from UK. Insurance cover is in question as BFTA event in a French country. The legality of taking air rifles across since Brexit needs more clarification, we applaud Phil lawrence for his efforts and proposals but the option opens too many questions. Especially British attendance and costs of entry and travel. We would support if the French were to hold an event.

8. BFTA Europeans 2021

Due to our Countryside rocks cancelling the event the Europeans needs a venue for this year. I emailed out to all regions advising we needed a new venue to date I have had no responses other than an offer to host the event in France at a chateau However nice this would be I do worry about a few practicalities for example bfta committee representation I as secretary would not be able to attend and the numbers of UK shooters who will face the same issues with working commitments, the costs of travel may mean it is not well attended especially if you factor in any travel restrictions due to corona virus that may be in place. However I think a well organised shoot at this venue in the future would be a fantastic opportunity for the BFTA .

Therefore, we will be open to any region taking the two-day competition so if your region can hold it please bring it to the table.

Decisions made.

As emails sent between agenda and meeting the four proposals received nelson, redferns, charly chateau, and Wold farm, it was accepted that wold farm would be the best venue and a great new venture for the BFTA We discussed the costings and forecast entries we have currently 61 entries which has now covered the £2000 entry fee the cost of a port aloo and some paint for Phil Hollis, trophies for the euros came in at a cost of 613.50 hence if we have 100 entries we will have 700 prize fund budget this will break down into Open 1st to 10th 1st place 100, 2nd 75.00, 3rd n 4th 50, 5th to 7th 25.00 and 8 to 10 20.00. Open and piston 1st 50 2nd 25 and third 20 this gives a total of £600 prize leaving 100 pounds which to involve more people in prizes we decided to split this into 10 £10 raffle prizes. Clare will also support us as usual with pellets for grade positions and also if entries are into the close 100 an air arms rifle will be sponsored. Simon Evans has arranged a 4 page 16 photo article in airgun world Daz Ford will be present to take photos Simon Evans will do write up to cover the bfta and wold farm.

Proposal to make for the AGM is that if the weekend is successful that this become a new permeant venue for the euros providing, we can arrange a secure price that is workable for the future with Dax Miller which Dave R and Trev will discuss with Dax before AGM.

Chris large will contact Dax to do a magazine article inside edge about Wold farm and FT Monki will sponsor a couple of raffle prizes.

9. Showdown 2021 4th n 5th September

After much consideration and a suggestion by Shaun Shore who would have been running the showdown weekend. The qualification processes this year is going to be near on impossible and unfair. Therefore, a proposal has been formed regarding the showdown event from the MFTA and has the backing of secretary and the chairman

Proposal: Substitute the Showdown with a 2x30 target event To mirror the format of the Masters (same entry fee as Masters) with prizes/trophies as deemed fit by the BFTA (an award could be made for the top scores over the weekend)

Should the proposal be accepted, we will then need to have a quick discussion regarding entry fees prizes budget etc. I also believe Blackbrook have a time restriction on the Sunday so also to be discussed the format ie last cut off for booking in and feeding on etc.

Should the proposal not be accepted please be prepared to brainstorm an alternative solution to be accepted.

Every represented region agreed that the showdown won't go ahead and to accept the proposal however due to exceptional circumstances we should have a competition to provide prizes to keep the courses simple for each day they adopt the same format as

Saturday for the Sunday shoot but as they are 60 shots and prizes are required the entry fee for both days needs to be 15.00 prizes for masters to be top overall adopting same pay out as euros mentioned earlier 1st to 10th 1st place 100, 2nd 75.00, 3rd n 4th 50, 5th to 7th 25.00 and 8 to 10 20.00. Open and piston 1st 50 2nd 25 and third 20. Sunday shoot to be trophies as purchased. And if enough entries allow some raffle prizes cash in envelope if budget allows tbc depending on entries numbers and cost of venue.

Also we are unsure of the commitment of Blackbrook Andy Barnes to ask Chris McVery if he will hold for £750 if not re arrange to another ground or venue committee to make last minute decision. Normally we would pay £650 as an example. Berty will need to organise some trophies for the Sunday event budget £600. We agreed a name for this one-off event "not the showdown"

Please note there has been no cash sponsorship previously BASC have sponsored £600 for this double weekend event

10. Preliminary shoot dates 2022

Please can regions propose which dates and the venues they require and then the dates and venues can be 100% finalized in Novembers AGM

Things to consider

- Easter weekend 2022 is 17th of April
- NEFTA Classic 30th of April and 1st of May 2022
- Spring bank holiday is not a Monday this year Thurs 2nd / Fri 3rd of June Platinum Jubilee
- Double Header if region is offering could be held June and free up Aug Bank Hol
- WFTF worlds 2022 is held in Italy 4th 5th 6th August
- Summer bank Holiday Monday 29th Aug

Event	Date	Venue	Region
BFTA Championship	2 nd April	NELSON	WAFTA
BFTA Inter-Regional	3 rd April	NELSON	WAFTA
GP1	17 th April	TBC	NWFTA TBC
GP2	15 th May	TBC	SEFTA
GP3	29 th May	TBC	NEFTA TBC
GP4	12 th June	TBC	SWEFTA TBC
GP5	26 th June	Buccs TBC	CSFTA
GP6	10 th July	TBC	WAFTA
GP7	24 th July	Castle	MFTA
GP8	27 th August	Wold Farm TBC	FFT
GP9	28 th August	Sywell	FFTA
BFTA Masters	3 rd September	TBC	NEFTA
BFTA Showdown	4 th September	TBC	NEFTA
BFTA Europeans	17 th / 18 th September TBC	TBC	TBC

11. Proposals formed from discussions (To be voted on at the upcoming AGM)

Wold Farm / Go back to Weston Park for the euros? We will see how the euros performs and what individuals thoughts are via regional feedback

NIFTA please form Proposals of how we incorporate NIFTA proposal will be more formally outlined for the AGM in November

Secretary advised that the email inbox for counter proposals or additional proposals is open now and for regions not to wait until the 11th hour before it closes.

12. BFTA Officers

At the next meeting (AGM) we will be seeking new officers particularly Grading Officer Simon kindly offered to do the role during the pandemic to ensure continuity, Also Andy keeps losing the battle to retire from Treasurer although I do hope he continues the reality is he would like someone to shadow him and take over. Competition secretary is still vacant been currently shared by the chairman and secretary. Web manager is still been covered by Martin but still effectively vacant. I noticed lots of new names as well as old ones in the grading list so come on, we need people to put something in and help out if you know anyone, please.

John Johnston will prep proposals for taking over as grading officer in November. He is happy to do the role so long as the platform is slightly tweaked. Everyone will ask around to encourage people to take a more active part.

13. AOB

Secretary Covid guidance at shoots recommended to follow common sense and most recent NSRA general guidance however subject to change as government advice changes for the Euros Masters and Not the showdown. Therefore, everyone agreed the following is to apply at BFTA shoots until further notice

All persons attending MUST Provide: -

- Your Own Hi-Viz for Marshalling those required to marshal.
- Some disposable Face Masks – for use as required.
- A Bottle of Hand Sanitiser – for use as required.

Masks Are NOT a legal requirement. But They may well be a requirement of the Venue or the Club and it is entirely possible there will be areas within the venue that will still require their use. If you are Asked to wear a mask by the Venue or the Club – Wear It or Don't Attend. Venues or Clubs are entirely within the Law to require you to wear a mask to attend If you want to wear a Mask – Do So If you are feeling unwell, in any way, Do Not Attend.

Respect the choices of others, if somebody chooses to wear a mask Respect their choice, they would probably also appreciate more personal space.

Chairman Wanted to ensure email list was up to date and some names weren't on that didn't need to be on checked in the moment all necessary names present and up to date none on that don't need to be on

FFTA Nothing

SEFTA Nothing

MFTA Nothing

CSFTA Nothing

WAFTA Nothing

NEFTA Nothing

14. Next Meeting Dates and close

AGM 13th November 2021

Meeting close 15.39