

Saturday 14th November 2020 Concluded By Sunday 13th December

Due to exceptional circumstances of COVID 19 the scheduled meeting was held electronically by email and a cut down agenda implemented to address matters that need attention. Votes were cast by regional reps Via a unique Electronic voting form hyperlink be sent to each voting rep by email.

Questions were addressed via the group email. And are shown in *Italic*

1. Chairman's welcome and report.

Firstly, I would like to say I hope everyone is keeping safe and well during these difficult times we find ourselves in.

I'm hoping that 2021 will be a better year for everyone. I'm hoping we can have a full calendar of shooting grand prix season etc. could all regions please think about what shoots they can hold in 2021 if we get back to some kind of normality.

During this Covid 19 pandemic some difficult decisions have had to be made cancelling shoots etc. I have kept in close contact with Dave Robinson B.F.T.A secretary any decisions we have made are in line with the government guidelines Covid 19.

I would like to think when it comes to FT shooting, we are all pulling in the same direction. I understand with us all not seeing each other physically that wires get crossed but we all have the sport of FT shooting best interests at heart. On a personal note I can't believe how much I'm missing my shooting family. May you all have a great Xmas and Happy New Year see you all hopefully in 2021

Trev Ryan (Chairman)

2. Persons and regions present (emailed)

Roger Moy	President
Trevor Ryan	Chairman
David Robinson	Secretary
Mark Lawrence	Trade Liaison
Liz Moy	HVP
Andrew Slade	Treasurer
Robert Farnworth	Development Officer

Regions Represented

James Osborne	MFTA
Ian Taylor	NEFTA
John Mayer	NWFTA
Robert Farnworth	CSFTA
Chris Jones	SWEFTA
John Johnston	WAFTA
Alan Chambers	STS
Andy Barnes	FFTA
Jason Cheeseman	SEFTA

3. Minutes of AGM from November 2019 to be read and accepted as a true record

All Regions Voted that the minutes were an accurate and true record

4. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report (Nov 2019 – Oct 2020)

Welcome to my 11th set of BFTA annual accounts. This has been a very strange year with no BFTA competitions due to Covid-19 and therefore the only income has come from the BFTA card registration (although no printed wallet sized cards were produced). This income amounted to £2978.50. So ~ 595 members taking cards at £5 per card.

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 introduction of a pre-pay system for booking in at GPs, was a vast improvement on the old cash payments at the actual shoot system. As discussed, and agreed by BFTA committee in Nov 2019, I went ahead and opened a BFTA Lloyds Internet Business Account. This took some time to achieve, but has now been in operation since January 2020, with myself as BFTA Treasurer, Trev Ryan as BFTA Chairman and Dave Robinson as BFTA Secretary, all able to access the account electronically, although I am the only person with a paying-in book and a cheque book, although these remain unused, as all transactions to and from the account have been electronic! The older

NatWest account was used by me up to end of Dec 2019, with new Lloyds account being used by me after that date. Simon (as Grading Officer), used both bank accounts for payment for BFTA cards so the accounts show payments into both bank accounts.

Note, I propose that all the remaining funds in the NatWest account be transferred to the new Lloyds internet bank account. As previously noted in my treasurer's reports, we will need a change of the BFTA constitution to allow for the use of a Bank Card and electronic banking on the new Lloyd's Bank account I have set up with Trev, Dave and myself as signatories. I decided to move to Lloyds because they have an excellent branch local to me. NatWest wanted all signatories on the current bank account to agree to move to electronic banking on the BFTA Nat West account! It is difficult to establish the up to date BFTA account balance without going into the bank branch and getting a statement or ordering an up to date one by phone (this can take 2 weeks).

I must also thank John Lewis for his continued assistance in auditing the BFTA accounts. I am happy to report that all is in order and John will sign off the set of accounts, when I finally receive an up to date NatWest bank statement. I summarise both bank accounts together with an overall summary below.

The **National Westminster Bank** account holds **£18,090.75 as of 31st October 2020**. The last statement I have (to date, a more up to date one has been requested) is up to the **7th July 2020** the last time the account was used. Please note three (3) individual transfers of £5,000.00 (£15,000 in total) were made by me into the Lloyds account to activate it (assumed to be what we would normally need for the year).

The total monies paid into the NatWest account amounts to **£1,908.50**.

Total monies paid out amounts to **£16,236.75** the majority of which was the £15,000 transfer to the Lloyds account.

Items paid for from **NatWest account** include:

1. Officers expenses to attend AGM, accounts auditing etc. - £201.02 (£149.91 + £51.11)
2. Two rechargeable battery packs for Chronographs - £45.98
3. Leaflets to promote the BFTA, at Target Shooting Show - £465.00
4. AGM room hire and food - £259.75
5. 2020 NSRA affiliation and additional Marsh (Bluefin – legal cover) insurance £205.00 + £60.00.

The **Lloyds Internet Business Bank** account holds **£10,593.72 as of 31st October 2020**.

The total monies paid into the **Lloyds account** amounts to **£16,615.04**. This includes BFTA card purchase payments, Inter-Regional Entry fees (subsequently returned).

Please note we also pay a Stripe admin fee on payments via BFTA pre-booking system.

Total monies paid out amounts to **£6,021.32**

Items paid for from **Lloyds account** include:

1. New BFTA Score cards - £115.56
2. Donation to Paul James (PJBRC) shoot - £250.00
3. BFTA Banner (Simply Signs) - £172.00
4. New BFTA Pin badges (GP 1st, 2nd & 3rd place for all grades) – £1350.00
5. Donation in memory of Paula Higgins - £100.00
6. Trophies from Everson (seasons worth – engraving on hold!) - £3,450.00
7. Gift(s) for Simon Evans - £333.84 (note donations of £325.00 received!)
8. Refunds for to SEFTA, FFTA and SARPA for Inter-Regionals entry fees received. - £249.92 (£225 + Stripe fees of £24.92).

Martin Calpin has provided excellent feedback and notification of monies taken in and transferred from BFTA pre-booking system.

Overall, the BFTA holds **£28,684.47** made up of (**£18,090.75 NatWest** + **£10,593.72 Lloyds**). This is down on last year's total of **£32,419.00** as of 31st October 2019, which can be largely accounted for in expenditure on NSRA affiliation and insurance, the large purchase of end of season trophies, new score card and pin badges, which we have available for when we eventually get re-started with GPs and other competitions in 2021?

I had set up in advance a means of paying all clubs/regions hosting a GP or other BFTA event their share of entry monies, which meant I could have easily transferred the monies to their accounts via Lloyds banking phone app.

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 both BFTA accounts is **£28,684.47**.
2. The income received from BFTA shooter memberships in 2020 is £2,978.50.
If we decide to effectively not charge for those taking a 2021 BFTA card (assuming they had a 2020 card,) is therefore almost a £3k hit on the BFTA money reserves. This needs careful consideration before it is voted on, approved and implemented!
3. The BFTA Constitution will need 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 be 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.
6. I am prepared to continue as BFTA Treasurer for 2021, but all Regions to canvas membership for potential volunteers to be BFTA Treasurer from Nov 2021.

Andrew Slade

BFTA Treasurer –11th November 2020

The treasurer presented a balance sheet as part of the meeting and no queries were raised

5. Fees and subscriptions for 2021 To Be left the same as previous as none of last year's changes have taken effect

- BFTA Card £5.00 (Small amend due to Covid see proposal P1)
- 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 = £15 (£7.50 club / £7.50 BFTA / BFTA pays 6x £25 bonus bunny) With a view to add extra sponsor prizes to the raffle
- Europeans = £36.50

6. Officers' Reports:

6.1 Secretary's Report

This will hopefully be the only secretary report that is this short normally I can fill pages however this year as been what you might call a little different. It certainly been a sad year I haven't picked up my rifle for nearly a year now mostly due to Covid and lockdowns but as some of you will know I've had some personal life changing issues too. Rest assured I cannot wait to pick up my rifle and try n work out which ends which again.

I would normally congratulate and thank many people from over the competitive year so instead I would like to thank everyone for their support and kind words sent over email social media etc. In understanding the BFTA has done everything to protect its regional members and made rational decisions yet hard decisions although not a lot has been happening on the face of things, we have been busy

behind the scene's ensuring the BFTA is still in good order when we can commence national competitive shooting again. I'm sure there's more work to do to get us up and running with new COVID-19 legislation and as usual we will be there to undertake it.

Recently there have been some individuals who have made accusations and comments that we have done or doing nothing they have painted the BFTA in a bad and negative light on social media this has upset me greatly on top of everything that has happened this year and made me feel like throwing the towel in. However Due to seeing the responses from other people far and wide seeing the support and appreciation from other people who were quick to contradict those pushing their own agendas I say thankyou you it reminded me that there are good reasons we dedicate our time to the sport.

The BFTA is still in a very good position GP Prizes are stock piled trophies are stock piled equipment is stockpiled we are ready for the 2021 season and ready to adapt to any new legislation we need to meet. So, let's all pull together and make it a great season do away with the negativity and focus on getting back underway in 2021.

David Robinson (Secretary)

6.2 Development Officer's Report

Rather than jump to a conclusion on 'what is wrong with FT' or 'why people don't want to do it' I thought I'd spend a season with my eyes and ears open and come to conclusions from that experience. To that end I attended and worked on two national trade shows over 5 days and attended local, regional and national shoots before Covid took its toll, and another couple after the first wave outside of my home region.

This is too big of a subject given the limits we have on communication time to go into detail. But I will sum my opinion up for the board as simply as possible.

We have had considerable time and effort donated by several volunteers and that, combined with some new approaches, showed positive results on developing the sport. From my experiences over the year I am assured that FT is still a sport of interest to shooters of any experience (even none) and its attraction is certainly not limited to the demographic of just middle-aged men.

However, Covid has stolen some of the momentum and opportunity we were starting to build up. I feel that in order not to miss the opportunities we still have, and not have them taken by other disciplines, we still need to work on how we develop the sport's future and the sport's hiatus affords us that opportunity.

I can expand on this subject considerably, but as I feel it involves a number of parallel approaches, I think the first step is to form a small team of active volunteers with specific skills and resources, assess where we are, agree where we want to be,

and make a plan to bridge that gap. This plan can be then presented back to the BFTA management committee to be agreed upon before being actioned. In this way I think we could be well prepared as and when the pandemic situation develops.

I hope that suggested approach finds favour with the committee and I'm ready to work to that goal.

Kind regards,
Rob Farnworth
Development Officer

6.3 Trade Liaison Report

For the 2020 GP series we have managed to get sponsorship for all events culminating in GP8. There will be some high spec rifles for some of the class winners. Each GP will have a draw with many prizes from the particular sponsor of that event –

ANY SHOOTER IS AUTOMATICALLY ELIGIBLE with their entry fee.

There are many prizes to be won at EACH event, including pellets from 2 manufacturers, jackets, hoodies, vouchers, caps, etc. Of course, the cash draw will also still take place, so don't miss out this year lots to win just by being there

Banner



2 X Completed and received, one was taken by Neil Thornescraft for first shoot, still with him or at Far Coley, other is stored in my loft.

Of course, the prizes will be carried forwards to the 2021 season and allocated accordingly with the venues.

Mark Lawrence
Trade Liaison Officer

Trade Liaison officer presented a break down of prize allocation and advised that not all of the prizes may be available for 2021 and will contact the sponsors early next year this may result in some changes to the prizes offered and allocation

Andy Barnes raised a question on behalf of FFTA about how the prizes are allocated trade liaison advised In the fairest possible way in the spirit of competition and

advised there was no set pattern other than what had been devised based on the number of GP's willing sponsors at the time. The trade liaison role is such to approach, discuss and organise some prizes for the events
As per most roles this cannot be a situation of organising things with sponsors then going backwards and forwards for individual opinions the role would be far too arduous. Furthermore, it has never been a requirement for any prizes we are gifted by sponsors to be discussed how they are allocated.

7. Election of Officers:

- President – Roger Moy
- Chairman – Trevor Ryan
- Secretary – David Robinson
- Treasurer – Andrew Slade
- Minute Secretary – VACANT
- Competition Manager – VACANT
- Grading/Registration Manager - Position Vacant (Nominations received)
- Trade Liaison Officer – Mark Lawrence
- NSRA Delegate – Mick Woodhead
- Web Manager – Martin Calpin (acting)
- Development Officer – Rob Farnworth

No nominations or notices of standing down by any other current positions have been received hence as per normal all current positions are re-elected.

7.1 Nominations

- Grading/Registration Officer: Lyndeen Calvert / Simon Evans

Lyndeen Calvert submitted her interest in Grading Officer
Lyndeen's application read:

"Hi Trevor

After speaking to you via Facebook here is my nomination for the bfta grading officer by email so that it is in writing.

Lyndeen "

Simon Evans has also due to better news he has received expressed his interest in taking back up the position in the interest of the BFTA due to the current climate
Simon's application read:

"I would like to be considered for the role of grading officer again while I can if it helps out, I'm fairly fit and able most of the time and my oncology team expect me to be here for at least 2 years, which is good news. Not something I could have dreamt of in May!

I can sort 2021 cards as before so everyone has some continuity whilst we have limited opportunity to meet and thus make life easier for the BFTA during these unprecedented times, I have the list of paid up 2020 shooters (I believe Dave has a list

with a few changes /additions Phil made??) So, I would suggest we just “credit” each club with what they paid.

i.e. say Anston paid for 20 cards in 2020, they have credit for 20 x 2021 cards.

They want more, its £5 per card.

They want less say 10 cards, Andy perhaps can send them a refund cheque for £100 etc.”

Lyndeen Calvert withdrew her application After the agenda had been sent out and the voting forms created hence Simon Evans is now grading officer

7.2 Confirmation of Honorary Vice Presidents

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

8. Confirmation of 2021 Event Dates

As discussed in previous email communications it would be nice to get a calendar of events arranged in the hope we can pick up and continue shooting events we will of course have to play this very much by ear depending on the pandemic situation as we draw into the new year. We will of course have to adopt and adapt a little to allow the shoots to go ahead with the legislation in place at that time. The accepted calendar for the coming year pretty much mirrors this year's, please discuss with your region and the club that was previously nominated to ensure the date and venue are still suitable.

This year's 2020 calendar was as follows:

BFTA Championship	04 th April	Emley Moor	NEFTA
BFTA Inter-Regional	05 th April	Emley Moor	NEFTA
GP1	19 th April	Far Coley	MFTA
GP2	10 th May	ICENI	SEFTA
GP3	07 th June	B. GWENT	WAFTA
GP4	20 th June	Emley Moor	NEFTA
GP5	21 st June	REDFEARNES	NEFTA
GP6	05 th July	S Buccs	CSFTA
GP7	19 th July	EAST DEVON	SWEFTA
GP8	2 nd August	RIVINGTON	NWFTA
BFTA Masters	05 th September	Blackbrook	MFTA
BFTA Showdown	06 th September	Blackbrook	MFTA
BFTA Europeans	19 th / 20 th September	Weston Park	

Take into account 2021 events also published:

1. WFTF 2021 S. Africa 18 – 22 August 2021
2. EFTF 2021 Belgium 11 – 15 May 2021
3. NEFTA Classic 1 – 2 May 2021
4. Double Header in NEFTA 19th and 20th of June

The suggested new calendar for next year **2021** is as follows:

Event	Date	Venue	Region
BFTA Championship	10 th April	Emley Moor	NEFTA CONF
BFTA Inter-Regional	11 th April	Emley Moor	NEFTA CONF
GP1	25 th April	Far Coley	MFTA CONF
GP2	23 rd May	ICENI	SEFTA TBC
GP3	06 th June	B. GWENT	WAFTA CONF
GP4	19 th June	Emley Moor	NEFTA CONF
GP5	20 th June	REDFEARNES	NEFTA CONF
GP6	04 th July	S Buccs	CSFTA CONF
GP7	18 th July	EAST DEVON	SWEFTA CONF
GP8	1 st August	RIVINGTON	NWFTA CONF
BFTA Masters	04 th September	Blackbrook	MFTA CONF
BFTA Showdown	05 th September	Blackbrook	MFTA CONF
BFTA Europeans	18 th / 19 th September TBC	Weston Park	TBC

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.

The BFTA strongly advises that competitors that book accommodation for BFTA events take out cancellation insurance. Especially in light of the Covid 19 Pandemic

All calendar dates as listed above were accepted with exception of SEFTA who advised Unsure at the moment due to current restrictions at venue and date. We will need to know by the EGM as a deadline which will hopefully be early part of 2021 so we can re arrange things to suit.

Andy Barnes on behalf of FFTA submitted an interest in holding a GP round at Sywell we said we would see what happens with the current calendar for now and if possible, try and insert it somewhere if at all possible. If SEFTA are unable to host FFTA could perhaps stand in on this date (discuss further at EGM)

8.1 Europeans Date to be confirmed by Our Countryside Rocks

We of course will need a team to build the courses please indicate if your region will be able to undertake. NEFTA and MFTA have undertaken this task in previous years so any other region fancies showing us a new take on the course and event.

No Regions have offered to support the build and running of the Europeans event at our countryside rocks. Solution required if the event is to go ahead.

9. Proposed Changes for 2021

Rules and fees to remain the same as previous year meeting as these have not been tried in practice. Special measures may have to be discussed and decided on to accommodate legislation for Covid 19 and we will need to have some flexibility to adapt as and when.

Rob Farnworth queried rule changes made at 2019 AGM as the rules on the BFTA website had not been updated for 2020, Secretary advised will chase up with Martin Calpin to make the changes that were sent last year and ask for them to be updated with year changed to 2021. Members of CSFTA were struggling to adapt the changes to the shoots and Rob will pick them up from 2019 AGM minutes and advise them of the changes.

10. Proposals to Vote upon

P1 WAFTA

Concerning BFTA cards – will the 2020 cards be carried over and valid for 2021 at no extra cost? Rationale clubs paid for cards for 2020 season and have had no benefit nor were the cards ever printed.

Proposal credit each club the amount paid for 2020 offset against the required number of cards for 2021 any remaining credit carry forward to 2022. (Please consider this proposal with the comments made by the Treasurer in his report).

Carried

P2 MFTA

That all BFTA communications to the member regions are circulated to at least two points of contact within each region:

1 - Regions BFTA representative

2 - Regions Secretary (or another nominated person as each region feels appropriate)

Rationale:

To reduce the likelihood that communications are not picked up by a region through the reliance on one individual contact. And that the views of the region are expressed, not just those of the individual representing the region.

Secretary would like to add to this, that if this proposal be voted in, I will happily forward on the agenda. Minutes as always will be published on the public domain on the BFTA website. However, I will only accept emails from the nominated reps for votes, proposals and any other matter. as my inbox has recently been inundated with emails causing confusion at my end which lead to me having to ask one region who is the voting rep for that region. Furthermore, I have had more emails from individuals demanding action that is not in line with the constitution and accusations that the BFTA are not fulfilling its duties this cannot be allowed to continue. The system we have of communication has not changed club members go via clubs, Clubs via regions and regions via the rep to the BFTA.

Carried

P3 EFTA

To separate the EFTA as a subcommittee of the BFTA to be its own separate body

Rationale for EFTA proposal

Firstly, I'll cover why I asked for the EFTA to be subcommittee of the BFTA after being a separate body.

At that time, we didn't have any major business to conduct, the Worlds were meant to be many years away. We were only members of the WFTF. The EFTA committee wasn't effective in decision making because often significant amounts of the committee didn't respond, or didn't respond in a timely manner. This may be because not everyone on the committee had experience of WFTF matters. The EFTA had very little in the way of revenue raising, and what it did have was absorbed by insurance and team clothing.

Secondly what then happened:

It was never fully understood or reflected by some regions that the EFTA operated as a subcommittee of the BFTA. At least one region continued to appoint a different representative to EFTA matters than the BFTA.

WAFTA raised objections to monies being controlled by the BFTA meaning the committee had to appoint a treasurer. We expected the Worlds would be many years away but we jumped more than several years up the rota in less than a year. Before we could even establish how much time the EFTA required at BFTA meetings to conduct its normal business it was clear we needed to start working the WFTC project. The EFTA was given a mandate from another committee and carry out its duties without any decision making from the BFTA, which it did successfully, to the credit of all the volunteers involved in the project.

Now, what we need to do:

We have more work to do now than we did before the worlds. We have a significant sum of money to manage. We are members of more than one federation. We will be sending more competitors to more competitions. The pressures that Covid places on us means we need to be adaptive to how we respond as the situation abroad changes. But we now have more people who are experienced in WFTF matters and who have an active opinion on EFTA matters. I think we should utilise this experience.

I feel that having an agreement on making the EFTA separate again would be to the benefit of how the EFTA is run, it would probably be a clearer structure for people to understand, it would solve the financial issue, and would not mean the BFTA has to be concerned about making room for the EFTA to discuss it's matters within the time the BFTA has.

To that end I am making the suggestion that the EFTA adopt a simple structure to start working with:

Chairman: Shaun Shore
Secretary: Rob Farnworth
Treasurer: John Gray

The above have agreed to those positions.

Up to 1 voting rep from each English region (subject to the WFTF eligibility rules)

To conduct its business by electronic means (i.e. email) or where necessary in person.
AGM once a year
No financial assistance from BFTA

If that is approved then I would suggest a first order of business is to prepare and agree a constitution.

I hope that helps the regions in their decision making but if there's any questions beforehand then please let me know.

Roger Moy President asked (England becomes a single entity) will there only be three members of the BFTA from then onward? Robert Farnsworth advised no the BFTA will remain the same with the 9 regions.

Carried

11. Close of meeting

Minutes will be documented using the agenda, how regions voted and any emailed questions from committee members. The minutes will be emailed out to the committee and then uploaded to the BFTA website

An EGM will be called when we can all arrange to meet to ratify this virtual AGM and further meeting dates will also be advised.

How The regions Voted

Item	NEFTA	MFTA	WAFTA	CSFTA	SEFTA	SWEFTA	FFTA	STS	NWFTA	Result
3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
7.1	SE	SE	SE	A	SE	Y	SE	LC	A	SE
8	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	
8.1	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	
P1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C
P2	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	C
P3	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C