

Annual General Meeting 2021 – Minuets

Saturday 13th November 2021

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

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

1. Chairman's welcome and report.

I'd like to welcome you all to today's Annual General Meeting. A couple of points on health and safety to start today's meeting. Please be aware of loose power cables trailing on the floor. Please make yourselves aware of the fire exit. Smokers, please locate the approved smoking location. We will break for lunch at around 12:30pm and we will have comfort breaks as required during the morning and afternoon session

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

James Osbourne for winning the BFTA champs with a clear round.

The MFTA for winning the BFTA interregional.

Dylan Varney for winning the BFTA masters

Nick Murphy for winning not the showdown

Justin Wood for winning NEFTA classic

Dylan Varney for winning the BFTA euros

There are a lot of people to thank for the euros especially Phil Hollis and Andrew Barnes and all their crew for all their hard work and effort they put in to let this shoot happen. Shaun Shore and Phil Gee and Andy Slade. for booking in thanks to the sponsors Anschutz Ruag Ammotec and Air Arms it is amazing what Air Arms does for our sport. Also, to Dax at Wold Farm which is a brilliant venue.

I would just like to say thank you to Mark Lawrence who has stepped down as trade liaison officer.

So, we will need a new trade liaison officer also a treasurer as Andy is wanting to step down. Andy is willing to shadow the new treasurer teach them how it all is run. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all the BFTA officers that are here today. You all do an incredible job in the running of the Association.... I THANK YOU ALL...

2. Persons and regions present

Trevor Ryan	Chairman
David Robinson	Secretary
Andrew Slade	Treasurer

Regions Represented

James Osborne	MFTA
Dylan Varney	NEFTA
NA	NWFTA
Andy Slade	CSFTA
NA	SWEFTA
John Johnston	WAFTA
NA	STS
Andy Barnes (VR), Phil Hollis	FFTA
Natalie Shead	SEFTA

3. Apologies for absence.

Roger Moy
 Liz Moy
 Rob Farnsworth
 Simon Evans

4. Minutes of GM from July 2021 to be read and accepted as a true record.

Proposed Andy Slade
 Second Andy Barnes
 No objections

5. Matters arising from July 2021 GM

5.1 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

5.2 Covid guidance at shoots recommended to follow common sense and most recent NSRA general guidance however subject to change as government advice changes

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.

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

As Our countryside rocks are no longer trading and there seems to be no phoenix replacement so far it looks like the proposal to vote has been taken out of our hands and due to the overwhelming success of Wold farm it looks like this is the only sensible logical option. Secretary has already been and met with Dax miller since the euros and will be travelling down again on the 17th of October to finalise the proposed plan to hold it there again and discuss the double header weekend for Wold farm and sywell.

6. Treasurer's report

Treasurer's Report (1st November 2020 – 30th October 2021)

Welcome to my 12th set of BFTA full accounts. Given that the Corona Virus pandemic has continued and a lot of shooting is still to re-commence, this is only a little to report as payments in and payments out have been rather limited, with no GP series run in 2021.

As Treasurer, I 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, Masters, 'Not the Showdown' and Euros entries.

I would like to thank John Lewis for his continued efforts in formally auditing the BFTA accounts. I should also like to personally thank both Emley and Anston FTCs for their generosity in taking a smaller amount of money for set up and running the two-day events than would be the norm to allow for extra monies to be available to host the Euros at a new commercial venue, when we were unsure of the uptake and number of shooters who would be registering to take part. Anston stepped in at the last moment when we were unable to come to a suitable financial arrangement with Blackbrook for hosting the Masters weekend. Credit should also go to both Ruag (Kev Sayers and Matt Hurst) for securing an Anschutz Rifle for the Euros and also a big shout out and personal thanks to Clare West at Air-Arms for their continued support in providing goody bags, Note books and pens for all competitors at the Euros.

I would also like to thank Mark (Berty) Bassett for organising and securing additional class trophies for the Euros at short notice and Merion at Everson Trophies for providing some admirable glass trophies.

When it was announced that the European Championships would go ahead at a completely new venue (Wold Farm), the committee took the view that we would attempt to put back to the shooters all monies received from booking in after the £2,00.00 was paid to Wold Farm for holding the event. Personal thanks to Phil Hollis for organising and setting up the courses and Andy Barnes for his tireless efforts in Marshalling the weekend. It is very disappointing that many of those selected for an hour of marshalling duty failed to turn up! As monies were down from that we would have had at Weston Park, a revised cash prize fund was delivered, with added support to Juniors at both Euros and Masters weekends.

However, I am a little concerned by the voted for position of awarding trophies for all classes at what were traditionally non graded shoots. The additional costs of providing substantial trophies for these classes, is expensive, £250 for additional trophies at the Euros.

The **Lloyds Internet Business Bank** account holds **£30,198.54 as of 31st October 2021**.

The total monies paid into the **Lloyds account** amounts to **£25,623.13**, but it must be pointed out that **£18,090.75** was a transfer in from NatWest BFTA account which is now closed, therefore a net amount of **£7,532.38**. This includes minimal BFTA shooters card purchase payments, Inter-Regional and BFTA Championship, Masters, 'Not the Showdown' and European 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 **£6,018.31**

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 and Euros Trophy (Neil Hague) - £18.00 + £10.00
4. Expenses, accounts audit postage (two ways) and gift to Auditor (2020) - £133.54
5. Additional class trophies for Euros - £250.00
6. CASH prizes at Masters, 'Not the Showdown' and European Championship - £915.00 + an additional £375.00 from taking on the day at Masters/'Not the Showdown' = £1,290
7. I have a separate sheet detailing monies received and paid out at the Master/'Not the Showdown' and Euros weekends, as utilised monies received on the days of competition and not using pre-booking system.

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. Please note when more than one BFTA competition is open for booking and payment on the BFTA Web-site it is not easily possible to assign the Stripe payments from the Website to which Competition without a lot of work, so we tend to go by the physical number of entries. So overall a net increase of **£1,514.07** (income minus expenditure).

Overall, the BFTA holds **£30,198.54** in the Lloyds Internet Bank Account. This is down on the approximate usual amount of **£32k** which is approximately 2 years

running costs that I have suggested is needed in reserve. We also have some stock of the end of season trophies, purchased in 2020, 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 had 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.).**

The electronic banking system has made job as Treasurer a whole lot easier than before, but has needed additional measures as effectively there are no cheques and paying in slips.

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 **£30,198.54**. 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**. This is considerably 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 –31st October 2021

7. Fees and subscriptions for 2022

Revised Fees were discussed and recorded as

- BFTA Card £5.00
- BFTA Championship = £12 (£11 BFTA - £1 Club) +£600 to club
- BFTA inter-regional = £75 per team
- BFTA Masters = £12 (£11 BFTA - £1Club) +£600 to club
- GP = £15, Minimum 750 to club then 7.50 per shooter thereafter the minimum (7.50 to BFTA 7.50 to club) bonus raffles £20.00 * 5 per GP
- Europeans = £40.00

Increasing fees is to cover increasing costs we have calculated basic amounts of running the season and concluded this is the minimum we can charge for events.

**Proposer Andy Barnes,
second Dylan Varney,
no objections**

8. Officers' reports:

Secretary

It's been a quiet yet interesting year and nice to be able to get back to field target shooting although there was no gp series this year ending lock down allowed us to get a few double header comps in over a short summer period. This did present some challenges with changing venues at short notice for the masters and not the showdown weekend and euros but its testament to how adaptable we are as an association and that we have a great bunch of people involved with the spirit of the sport at their heart were we able to achieve what I believe was a successful few events without damaging the bank account too badly.

This achievement is mainly due to the hard work of many people but a shortlist of few I think deserve a special mention

Andy Slade for keeping an eye on the purse strings making recommendations and keeping us on track

Emely moor FTC for taking a reduced amount for the inters weekend

Anston FTC for hosting the showdown weekend at such short notice and taking a reduced fee

Dax Miller of Wold Farm for hosting the European event at short Notice

Phil Hollis for putting out an amazing course at Wold Farm, Andy Barnes for all he put into the weekend and any of the crew who assisted from Sywell.

I'd like to thank all of the BFTA committee who give up their time and special thanks to Simon Evans who stepped up to fill in as grading officer over the pandemic who has now finally stepped down and to Mark Lawrence who has now stepped down as trade liaison who has arranged some fantastic prizes in readiness for the next gp season. Mark Basset for arranging all the seasons trophies. Martin Calpin for handling the on-line booking system Shaun Shore for his marvellous work on the stats.

Next year the coming 2022 season sees us return to some normality and will allow us to see how the changes implemented at 2019 agm will run. Including the new £750 minimum payment to the hosting club. As I mentioned in my 2019 report I would like to see clubs capitalise on this and achieve more than the minimum this can be achieved easily if the club and region put the extra effort in by ensuring they are really promoting their event to attract as many people as they can to their round and thus help pay them more i.e. if they want more they need to help themselves achieve it. We need as many people as possible shooting gps to generate the funds that will be needed to host the other events. And again, I reflect back to my 2019 report we still need to stamp out the negativity towards the BFTA this seems to be doing the rounds on forums and also whispers on the grape vine.

Our ethos always has been and will maintain to be if we all work together all do our share turn no one away really encourage people in. Everything else falls in place behind this easily as mentioned before let's get the numbers back up and get everyone been positive and promoting the sport this is where the future of the BFTA lies but everyone needs to play their part in that.

Looking forwards to the coming season.

Trade Liaison

Mark Lawrence stepped down but sent an excel spreadsheet to be forwarded to the new officer.

Grading Manager - NA

Development Officer - NA

Web Manager - NA

9. Election of Officers:

- President – Roger Moy
- Chairman – Trevor Ryan
- Secretary – David Robinson
- Treasurer – Andrew Slade
- Minute Secretary – VACANT
- Competition Manager – VACANT
- Grading/Registration Manager – Nominated John Johnston
- Trade Liaison Officer – VACANT
- Development officer – Rob Farnworth
- NSRA Delegate – VACANT
- Web Manager – Martin Calpin (acting)

Proposed Andy Barnes

Second James Osborne

No objections

9.1 Nominations

Grading / Registration Manager – John Johnston

Upon election John has proposed changes to how the grading role is undertaken as outlined below

Proposed Amendments to the Current BFTA Grading System

The Grading Officers role in its current format is very bureaucratic, labour intensive and open to criticism and miss interpretation. What I am proposing is that the following amendments to the current system should simplify it greatly and lead to a system that is more transparent and accessible to all members.

1. BFTA grades will **only** be calculated on BFTA competitions i.e., the GP series, Masters, BFTA Championships and the BFTA Euros, giving a total of 12 shoots per year.
2. The rolling 16 will be changed to a rolling 12, capturing all the scores from the season's BFTA shoot calendar.
3. Regional shoot results will not be included in the BFTA grade calculation, as including these greatly over complicates the grading process.
4. I will create a new grading spreadsheet in Excel, like the one that I use for WAFTA grading.
5. Shooters will be graded after the last BFTA competition (Euros) and that is the grade that they will start with for the following year.

6. Each Shooters final grading % for 2021 will be included in the 2022 grading calculation, but only as one entry (out of 12), as to transfer all the historical data (potentially over 2000 scores) to the new system would be a huge task. Once a shooter has completed 12 BFTA shoots then the 2021 % will be deleted.
7. If a Shooter has not attended a BFTA shoot in the past two years, their name will be removed from the grading list (starting at the end of 2022 to allow for covid restrictions)
8. All scoring %'s older than 2 years will be deleted at the end of each season to more accurately reflect a shooters current competence.
9. The grading spreadsheet will be posted after each shoot on the BFTA website, and shooters will be able to see all their results and current grading %
10. Results/grading% will not be posted on social media, instead a link to the spreadsheet on the BFTA website will be posted on social media which will hopefully attract more visitors to the website.
11. New Shooters will initially be graded as C Class (ungraded), and after three shoots will be graded into the appropriate class.
12. Shooters who wish to have a BFTA number, or are required to by their region to, but do not wish to participate in BFTA competitions will be classed as ungraded.
13. Shooters can elect to shoot in a higher grade, but not a lower one, but must inform the Grading Office of their decision before the first BFTA shoot of the season.
14. The Grading Officer will have no discretionary authority to amend the grading rules, which can only be amended at a BFTA AGM.
15. The current grading % bands, will remain unaltered for the 2022 season and reviewed at the end of the season.

BFTA Cards

The current system for verifying club insurance and the allocation of BFTA numbers, production and issuing of BFTA cards is extremely labour intensive, and quite an onerous task if only one person is having to do this. So, I am proposing that the Regions assist with this process to share the workload.

1. Currently all BFTA Clubs must send proof of their current insurance to the Grading Officer before BFTA numbers/Cards are issued to shooters. This results in the GO having to chase nearly 50 BFTA Clubs for their insurance documents. Instead, it is proposed that the Regions should ensure (as they are liable to) that all their Clubs have current insurance. So, all that would be required in future is an e-mail from each region confirming this to the GO, who can then proceed with issuing BFTA membership numbers.
2. Requests for BFTA numbers from Clubs should initially be sent to the Region, which will in turn collate their regional requirement and forward it to the GO. This avoids the GO having to communicate directly with almost 50 Clubs.

3. BFTA numbers for next season will be posted on the BFTA website, with a link posted on social media.
4. It is not a requirement to have a BFTA card but is to have a BFTA number to participate in BFTA competitions, so those shooters that wish to have a card will be issued with one by their region/Club.
5. Blank cards will be sent to all regions so that these can be filled in by Clubs, as required.
6. Ideally payment for cards should be managed by the regions, and payment made by BACS to the BFTAS bank account.

In addition, the secretary would like to propose that if it is centralised to the region that the club section and field on the card is no longer required this means that rather than having a grading officer per region and per club is simplified and is just dealt with at regional level ensuring insurance held control.

All points John has raised were discussed and the below was agreed by all regions. This will form the new definition of the grading officer's role,

Final Decisions

Each region to manage all applications and cards payments from one central contact John develops spreadsheet whereby regions can fill in winter leagues securely to add to rolling 16. The new system in place for summer 2022 made up of a block average. from previous bfta system and 1 block average winter leagues, Regions must submit average for all shooter winter leagues 1st of March direct to John, regions will be able to submit scores for grading from regional shoots themselves for regional shoots ie 2022/2023 winter leagues.

Returning shooters will be assessed new shooters we will take the 3 shoots including winter leagues, Use current grade boundaries has set now but this will be reviewed

after 2022 season for 2023 season to ensure the boundaries are set long term or until the committee feel an adjustment is needed.

Firstly each region needs to have contact with John Johnston who there nominated grading person will be.

John Accepted the Role Of Grading officer.

John will send a more detailed write up for the minutes on this subject. And insert below

BFTA Grading System – Changes agreed at the 2021 AGM

1. 2022. These will be reviewed at the next OGM and AGM with the objective to select the best % bands The current grading % bands for each class will remain unaltered for that we can use on a long-term basis.
2. Regions agreed that Regional results be retained as part of the grading calculation. Six regional and 10 BFTA results will be used, both will 'roll'

separately and the combined average of all results will be used to determine shooters grades.

3. For the 2022 season grades will be based upon the 2021 rolling 16 results as determined by the previous Grading Officer.
4. In the new grading system from the end of March 2022 the average of Winter league regional results for 2021-22 will be entered as one result in the regional rolling six and the average of the 2021 BFTA results entered as one result in the BFTA rolling 10. From April 2022 both regional and BFTA results will be entered in the appropriate sections of the grading spreadsheet.
5. Scores that have been on the system for more than 2 years will be deleted, to ensure that grades more accurately reflect shooters current performance.
6. If a member has not had a score recorded for more than 2 years, they will be reclassified as ungraded.
7. Shooters returning to our sport after an absence of more than 2 years can retain the grade that they previously had rather than starting again as ungraded.
8. Grading for 2023 will be determined in January 2023, post the BFTA AGM, with the agreed grading %'s used.
9. Shooters grades will be posted on the BFTA website, as will be grading spreadsheet after each shoot, with links to these documents posted on the BFTA Facebook site.
10. Only results from shooters with BFTA numbers will be included in the grading system.
11. Regions will be responsible for supplying the Grading Officer with the average %'s obtained for the 2021-22 Winter leagues and going forward all regional results from April 2022 onwards. These to be completed in a spreadsheet template supplied to Regions by the Grading Officer.
12. Regions should inform the GO who they have nominated to manage the BFTA grading requirements for their region.

BFTA Membership Numbers and Cards

1. Regions will be responsible for submitting their members requirements for a BFTA number/card to the Grading Officer.
2. BFTA membership is valid for one year and those that wish to renew their membership, or become a new member need to inform their BFTA Club, which in turn will inform their region.
3. Regions will complete their membership requirement list in a format supplied by the GO and forward to the GO by the end of January each year.
4. If membership numbers are required post January, Clubs can contact the GO directly, who will issue new numbers.
5. Club Insurance: the GO will not require proof of insurance, instead the Regions will be responsible for ensuring that all their Clubs have valid insurance in place.

6. To compete in a BFTA competition shooters are required to have a BFTA number, a BFTA card is not required to compete, however those members that require a card will be issued with one by their Club/Region.
7. Regions should state how many cards are required when they submit their membership requirements in January. The GO will issue blank cards to the Regions to be completed by Clubs for their members.
8. The Membership fee for 2022 remains unchanged at £5
9. Regions will be responsible for collecting membership fees from their Clubs and paying this to the BFTA by BACS. BFTA numbers will not be allocated if payment is not received by the end of January.
10. Shooters from Northern Ireland and overseas, who wish to compete in UK regional and BFTA competitions but are not members of a BFTA Club, will be allocated a BFTA number designated 9, provided they pay the membership fee. The Grading Office will manage requests for membership from these shooters.

Queries from members regarding grading and membership numbers should initially be referred to the regional officer responsible for these matters, they will in turn refer the issue to the BFTA Grading officer who will deal with this.

Grading officer e-mail address: john@fieldtarget.wales

9.2 Confirmation of Honorary Vice Presidents

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

Vote on block proposer Andy Slade

Second James Osborne

No objectins

10. Confirmation of 2022 Shoot Dates

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
- EFTA open 18th – 19th June
- 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

NWFTA Reported they are unable to host a GP round due to loss of suitable clubs no other region can take up that date so the date is removed and gp rounds reduced to 8. With 6 shoots to count

Below is the final calendar for the 2022 season

Event	Date	Venue	Region
BFTA Championship	2 nd April	NELSON	WAFTA
BFTA Inter-Regional	3 rd April	NELSON	WAFTA
GP1	15 th May	Iceni	SEFTA
GP2	28 th May	Redfern FTC	NEFTA
GP3	29 th May	Anston FTC	NEFTA
GP4	12 th June	B Gwent	WAFTA
GP5	26 th June	Soton Buccs	CSFTA
GP6	10 th July	EAST DEVON	SWEFTA
GP7	24 th July	Castle	MFTA
GP8	28 th August	Sywell	FFTA
BFTA Masters	3 rd September	Emley Moor FTC	NEFTA
BFTA Showdown	4 th September	Emley Moor FTC	NEFTA
BFTA Europeans	17 th / 18 th September	Wold Farm	Wellingborough

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.

11. Euros Planning.

Sec advised of what had been discussed with wold farm, And that we had approached WHFTA to see if they could come with the bfta to host their event on the same weekend this would mean more attending a centralised large event meaning more exclusivity for wold farm and more funds split between BFTA and whfta we proposed 2k each 4k in total to wold farm plus cost of toilets. split 30 / 70 costs as there would be approx. 300 shooters for whfta and 100 ish BFTA. Sec and Kieran turner met with Dax and looked around Dax proposed an area of woodland that he would rent for the event. Dax advised that the costs of more people would involve speaking to his insurance and also cost of renting the land for shooting purposes and parking. Dax came back to sec Yesterday 12/11/21 and advised that everything was in place and the cost could be no less than 6k this this would be 3k from bfta and 3k from WHFTA. Sec advised Kieran Of this who advised they cannot afford it and would have to pull out as they have the option to go back to Weston park under a new game fair run by previous employers of our countryside rocks and would like to include us, it would be under the same basis as before were the costs to host the event are 0. Hence, we would then need a crew to go and take targets etc,

After discussion we decided that the wold farm venue was still preferable as it offers a lot however it was agreed that Phil and sywell crew would not be able to put in the same effort of work as this year and would need additional help and a small crew of perhaps six people would need to be funded to go down in the week leading up and hotels to be covered. Advantage would be that all targets are currently at wold farm and only requires a small attendance of people. Sec will speak with Dax again and advised of WHFTA withdrawal and offer £3k for us to go just as the BFTA the whole committee were made aware of additional costs ie trophies toilet cash prizes and advised this event would then cost in the region of 4.5k potentially by the time we have done. We discussed that the entry fee would increase to £40 which is equivalent of £20 per day which still represents excellent value.

12. Proposed Lead Ban Discussion

We discussed that we have submitted in accordance with the brief that was sent out formulated in conjunction with whfta and Claire from air arms and theres nothing further at the moment we can action we will have to see what direction this subject takes as a whole and adapt as and if needed.

13. Proposals for voting

P1.Roger Moy FFTA – Change of wording on The rule about setting any target 20 yards or less to 'perpendicular to the firing line' from 'Parallel to the firing line'

Rationale The current wording can be open to interpretation and targets (20 yards or less) can be set over to either side with no restrictions other than parallel to firing line

CSFTA : ABSTAIN,

WAFTA, YES,

SEFTA, ABSTAIN,

FFTA YES,

MFTA YES,

NEFTA YES

Proposal Carried

P2 To vote on which proposal to vote upon as outlined in resolve affiliation of NIFTA to the BFTA

CSFTA 2.2,

WAFTA 2.1,

SEFTA 2.1,

FFTA 2.2,

MFTA 2.2,

NEFTA 2.2

Proposal 2.2 carried to be voted on

P2.1 To allow NIFTA To join the BFTA under the same affiliation as current member bodies

P2.2

Proposal for overseas visitors to be included in BFTA shoots, solution to the NIFTA request.

At the moment we have another country from outside Britain asking for membership, which has been rejected before because of the problems of rewording the Constitution, the need for that to be approved by the insurance, and the complexities of having a 10th region with potential officers from a region which not many have experience of, and because by their own admission in previous correspondence (**From:** Dave O'Hara <daveohara13@gmail.com> **Sent:** Wednesday, 28 July 2021, 10:47 **To:** David Robinson), their region is in fact only a single club. We have rejected single clubs joining before because of the issues they raise, namely a region controlling access to a vote by only their club, not other clubs in the area/region.

Britain is England Scotland and Wales. The United Kingdom is England Scotland Wales and Northern Ireland. The term GB causes confusion because it's not often not realised it's Team GB & NI, it's just that NI is dropped from the team's logo. There is no team from British Shooting, shooters who qualify for the team are under the banner of Team GB (+NI) like any other athlete and are treated equally, like those from British Cycling, British Athletics etc.

To address the desire to host an event, the suggestion is that an event is hosted by NIFTA beforehand to establish there is demand for such. We already struggle at grounds on the edge of the Association and a 10th Grand Prix that doesn't break even could add that issue. With the requirement for licenses and secure overnight storage in Northern Ireland, this might not be as easy as many may think, but it's worth reminding the committee that the BFTA already hosted at non regional grounds such as the Midland Game Fair without that ground being part of a region, so it's not beyond the possibility to do likewise at another venue. Indeed the BFTA have been approached to look at hosting an event in France as well. This could perhaps be a solution to the BFTA Europeans if we are looking for other venues.

To address the desire to shoot BFTA events and be counted a suggesting is that the BFTA Grading Officer opens up the prefix of 9 (the other regions use 0-8) for BFTA numbers that would allow any member of a club from a recognised WFTF regional governing body, to shoot BFTA events as an equal competitor. As insurance is covered by the host club, rather than the visitor, this would be no different to a visitor shooting from another country in the first place, like has been done at many BFTA events. This would open up BFTA competitions to more international visitors to more than just one, it would be easy to administer and not require an amount of work to the constitution to be completed and approved beforehand.

CSFTA – YES,
WAFTA - YES,
SEFTA - YES,
FFTA - YES,
MFTA - YES
NEFTA - YES.
Proposal 2.2 Carried

John Johnston will deal with individual registrations under this number but would need to registered with a recognised WFTF affiliated association every year of application

14. Any other business

Andy Slade - constitution needs updating to allow for digital banking

Constitution to be updated to

11. 1 needs to add

The associations bank accounts will be accessible to officers including Treasurer sec and chair.

Delete the two signatures required as the new bank account only requires one signature.

Proposed John Johnston,

Natalie shead second

No Objections

Andy Slade wanted to know where the definition of positional reducers checked main shoot rules and ensured they were up to date

Open class

Rules need updating to read “11 i and ii” currently reads 10, slight error in rules never been picked up Sec will approach Martin Calpin to change

Andy Slade advised that NSRA affiliation is now online and advised to look at this in advance and may involve speaking to the nsra as the system is new and may not fit the BFTA / Regional / Club arrangements and is very firearms based. So ensure clubs are not leaving this till last min.

WAFTA, ran a NSRA FT coaching course which was very successful ran by Rob Farnworth designed Dave Froggatt everyone who attended 12 in total who found it very informative this links to a scheme run in Wales designed to attract new people into shooting especially youngsters, would other regions like to have a course like this with a view of expanding recruitment into shooting? Contact Rob Farnworth for more details.

SEFTA Nothing

FFTA Nothing

MFTA Nothing

NEFTA Nothing

CHAIR Nothing

SEC - We need more people to help with the administration of the bfta we need trade liaison, comp sec, min sec, web manager, treasurer NSRA delegate, Please spread the word and get some people applying

Juniors can we have an indicator who is a junior maybe a J on the grading and therefore the entry system this will indicate and make it easier when planning rewards. Junior is by definition anyone under 18 at the start of the BFTA Season (1st of April)

15. Close