

General Meeting 2019 – Minuets

Saturday 15th June 2019

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

Meeting started 10am

1. Chairman's welcome and report.

Chairman welcomed all to the meeting

2. Persons and regions present

Officers Present

President	Roger Moy (FFTA)
Chairman	Trevor Ryan (NEFTA)
Secretary	David Robinson (NEFTA)
Treasurer	Andrew Slade (CSFTA)
Grading Officer	NOT PRESENT
HVP	Elizabeth Moy (FFTA)
Trade Liaison	NOT PRESENT

Regions Represented

<i>Region</i>	<i>Names and position</i>
NEFTA	Ian Taylor (VR)
MFTA	Sam Reece (VR)
NWFTA	Carl Knapper (VR)
SWEFTA	NOT PRESENT
SEFTA	Jason Cheeseman (VR) Martyn Farrow, Harry Farrow
FFTA	Richard Greenwood (VR)
CSFTA	Rob Farnworth (VR)
STS (formally SARPA)	NOT PRESENT
WAFTA	John Johnston (VR)

3. Apologies for absence.

Mike Seago
Simon Evans
Mark Lawrence
Kev Sayers
Alan Chambers

4. Minutes of AGM from November 2018 to be read and accepted as a true record.

*Carl Knapper proposed they are a true and accurate record
Seconded by John Johnston*

5. Matters arising from November 2018 AGM

A, The BFTA Voted that the Funds from the showdown 2018 to be used for prizes for 2019 Championship and inter regional weekend

-Due to an oversight the £800 BASC sponsorship was not distributed to the winners at this event therefore the secretary recommends this now be used to purchase end of season prizes and fund a raffle for the GP series. A minimum total sum of £2000 budget to be allocated to trade liaison Mark Lawrence who will contact suppliers and sponsors to arrange. The additional £1200 based on 2018's spend on Napier products if the committee feel we could also increase this budget based on the treasurers thoughts of what would be reasonable for example a total of £3000 The qualification for the raffle draw also to be decided. Further to this the secretary recommends that we re instate the prize funds for the Masters and showdown weekend this coming September and decide on a budget.

Treasurer advised that the money be split between the showdown and the end of season prizes he will submit his recommendation to the secretary and this will be the budget allocated to mark Lawrence to arrange prizes etc

B, Set up online banking for BFTA. As reported in the Treasurer's report.

Still Ongoing Signatures need to amended It may be easier to set up a new account Barclays have not easy deal with as they want all 7 signatures to set up online banking. Constitution needs to be changed as it states that we have to have 2 signatures to transact money and due to officers changing we need these updated Andy recommends setting up a new account and transfer the money as existing signatures are not going to be able to be obtained. Andy will seek information from a local Lloyds bank branch as they seem very helpful. John Johnston suggested the use the account for Clubs charities and societies.

C, Secretary –concern that under GDPR there is still conflict in the way we publish data. Secretary asked the incoming Chairman and Secretary to support BFTA in ensuring that the way the BFTA published data is GDPR compliant. Further to this FFTA raised that one of their winter leagues had been added to grading before it was submitted. It was suggested that all regions have one point of contact to the Grading Officer and a common method of submission of data was agreed upon. This is a matter arising for the next meeting
- To Be discussed further in AOB

D, To agree on purchase of trophies for 2019 and beyond -Grading Officer. Vote not required. Committee agreed that there will be a sole person in charge of trophy purchase in 2019 and this will be Martin Calpin. Martin will be assisted by Mark Bassett and Mark Lawrence.
-Due to Martins resignation Mark Lawrence as trade liaison will oversee the purchase of trophies for all events with the assistance of Mark Bassett

No discussion needed

E, Double Header Trial

-The double header trial took place in Wales it was decided that 6 out of 9 GP scores to count for the 2019 GP season How did we feel this went and do we continue with a double header do we need to defer to items for discussion for a wider vote and return to 7 out of 9 to count for the 2020 season if this is decided now it will be easier to set the provisional dates now. If we feel a wider vote is required by regions we can defer the finalisation of dates and venues until November AGM

Defer to AGM as still undecided at the moment as we need to confirm all venues and dates

F, Rolling 16 to become at least 10 BFTA scores (in date) and 6 regional scores (when a shooter has 16 scoring shoots) –Grading Officer. Rationale: Produces a truer “BFTA” grade whilst having no or little influence on regional was requested that the Grading Officer made visible the Rolling 16. Presently only the percentage can be seen It was requested that the national and regional scores were colour coded so that shooters were aware of their 10:6 split

- Grading officer to update on progress of this as currently still only shows as before no rolling and no colour coding.

Grading officer not present deferred to AOB

G, Shaun touched on it at last AGM but did no minute, it appears that with the change from SARPA to STS (Scottish Target Shooting) that it may have to change /re word the BFTA constitution to accommodate this Would be grateful if someone can clarify,

STS need to submit constitution and byelaws BFTA constitution and byelaws also need to be amended to allow for changes in governing bodies like in the case of Scotland changing name

Rob has information on this as he has recently experienced similar at wftf level

6. Officers’ reports

Secretary

Advised no report as yet but requested that as been new to the role im open to feedback

Treasurer

See attached

Grading officer

None Submitted

Trade Liaison

None Submitted

Martin Calpin (web manager)

See attached

7. Correspondences’

Secretary read out an email exchange between secretary and web manager. After which the chairman and the rest of the committee gave thanks to Martin for his previous hard work and his continuing hard work whilst still arranging the website, online booking, scores and other possible future projects

8. Progress on BFTA Europeans preparations

Secretary informed the committee he had been in touch with Nathan at countryman fairs who advised we are in the same location and advised to email Toni to request the tickets as they should be available now. This has so far resulted in no contact returned from Toni next step is to call on the phone to try and obtain the tickets.

Concern was raised over the closing date for entering the Euros as the online states 30th June. Sam who arranges sending out of tickets advised she is still happy to get all the tickets out to enterants and the latest ideal closing date would be 23rd of august to close booking in to allow time to send out tickets. Secretary to chase up the tickets again ensure piston class open class junior trophy where is it?

9. Preliminary shoot dates 2020

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

Things to consider

- Easter weekend 2020 is 12th of April
- May spring bank weekend 24th and 25th to be considered as a double header event depending on results of the trial from 2019 this would then remove a GP from August
- WFTF worlds 2020 is held in South Africa we do not know the dates as yet

Event	Date	Venue	Region
BFTA Championship	04 th April	?	NEFTA
BFTA Inter-Regional	05 th April	?	NEFTA
GP1	19 th April	?	MFTA
GP2	10 th May		
GP3	24 th May		
GP4	07 th June	B. GWENT	WAFTA
GP5	21 st June	REDFEARN'S TBC?	NEFTA
GP6	05 th July		
GP7	19 th July	EAST DEVON	SWEFTA
GP8	2 nd August	RIVINGTON TBC	NWFTA TBC
GP9	16 th August	S Buccs TBC?	CSFTA TBC
BFTA Masters	05 th September	?	MFTA
BFTA Showdown	06 th September	?	MFTA
BFTA Europeans	19 th / 20 th September TBC	Weston Park	

10. Items for information and discussion (To be voted on at the upcoming AGM)

A, Secretary

If a wider vote is required Carry on or not to carry on with double headers for GPs
if we carry on are we reverting to 7 out of 9 to count

Awaiting decision on double headers Deferred to AGM

B, From: NEFTA

To Ban the use of "powder puff" devices

Rationale: Powders used can be abrasive and cause damage to other competitor's equipment during a competition (IE if such was to coat the lens of a scope)

After discussion a Proposal to adopt the wftf rules only windicator attached to rifle or pulling of the target string no bottles of water soil grass vape's this will now be submitted to vote yes or no at the AGM

C, Secretary

All BFTA committee positions are to be nominated for the AGM as per usual. Trevor Ryan has expressed an interest to carry on as chairman and myself David Robinson as secretary. Current positions that are vacant include competition secretary, minute's secretary. Andy Slade has expressed a desire to stand down as treasurer next year. Please submit nominations to myself before the AGM. The Web manager is currently technically vacant however as Martin is still operating in a capacity the website and submitting scores and reports and managing the online booking in.

D, From: Chairman

Enable Overseas visitors to shoot as guests at BFTA events. Scores may not count as they will not have a Registered BFTA Number. We could also propose that we create another class i.e. visitors or perhaps allow membership of the BFTA and create another number sequence and allow scores to count in grades.

After discussion it was decided this is not possible as individuals cannot be members as it is the regions who are the members. Visitors must be allocated to a club by membership to shoot BFTA GPS. This is then Business as usual. Overseas shooters will be directed to a club who is accepting membership who will allow them to join to obtain a BFTA number to allow robot Shaun to understand who they are and what grade to be allocated. The exception to this is the Europeans however this may now get more difficult to manage as the Europeans are now a graded shoot.

E, WAFTA

Given our experience at GP3 with the standard BFTA score cards in wet conditions, I think that it would be wise for the BFTA to change to waterproof score cards either fully or as a back up to be used if wet weather is forecast. A large % of cards at GP3 were illegible and we had to rely on shooters' verbal confirmation of their scores - not a very satisfactory situation!

Potentially a slight more cost and as the cards are a polymer there was also a disposal (recycling environmental concern raised) we do however need a solution. Martin had already done some research on the possibility of having waterproof score cards. Costs to be put on the agenda for voting at the AGM also we were advised by Rob F that for them to be effective in the wet a high pressure biro pen is required which cost £1.50 each.

F, WAFTA

BFTA Shooter Cards : Rob Farnsworth recently proposed in an e-mail exchange that we cease issuing pre-printed cards with shooter details. Instead the BFTA would have blank cards printed. These would be issued to Clubs/Regions, who would be responsible for completing the shooters' details - Name, Club and BFTA number on the card.

Clubs/Regions would still have to annually send a list of shooters who require cards to the Grading Officer, who would then issue a list of allocated BFTA numbers and blank cards. This proposal has the following advantages:

- a) The cost would be significantly lower than the present system, so low that the BFTA should fund it, rather than shooters/Clubs/Regions
- b) It would remove the requirement for the Grading Officer to manage card payments and significantly reduce the time/effort required to complete this process.

The cost savings were discussed at length last year. Cards cost £599. We will approach Chris Large who organises the printing and ask the costs of having them blank and the proposal was formed for voting at the AGM.

Blank Cards distributed to regions to manually write on them once the shooter has been allocated their number.

G, SEFTA

Adoption of WFTF regs with regards to timing.

Rationale: Sets an absolute limit on the time a competitor can occupy a lane, resulting in shorter duration's for competitions. Also removes the human error element of a 'buddy marshal', which can result in missed time calls, wrong time calls etc and lead to controversy.

***As an addendum to the above, should the proposal not be accepted, please can you ask for clarity regarding the rules surrounding time calls and specifically whether a shooter has the right to take more than two minutes to shoot a lane and have their hits count, even if the shots are taken outside of the two minute period, if they do not receive a time-call from their buddy-marshall(?)*

Proposal for AGM Follow to the word WFTF Timing at BFTA Events with the exception that the buddy marshal can start the clock for you this is excluding the showdown which due to the nature of the shoot will carry on current.

H, SEFTA

The 'Rounding up' of timers to the nearest minute, following a stoppage (this could be proposed either for all lanes but is especially pertinent for discipline lanes).

Rationale: it is unfair for a shooter to potentially be left with just a few seconds to carry out his/her entire shot plan, following a stoppage event, out of their control, elsewhere on the line.

If the proposal is accepted for G this is irrelevant as the clock would go back to 1 min if 1 target is remaining or 2 min s if 2 remaining.

I, SEFTA

Shoot-off rules

Propose for tied competitors to shoot two targets on a designated lane, timed, sitting. If still tied they then shoot the same two targets kneeling. If still tied they then shoot the same two targets again standing. If still tied they continue to shoot the targets in order, standing, on a sudden-death basis. Rationale: current rules mean shoot-offs take far too long to complete and delay results and presentations unnecessarily. The above process would mean shoot-offs could potentially be concluded after each competitor has taken just 2 shots, whereas the present system means each competitor will have a minimum of 6 shots.

Or Do away with shoot-offs for tied, placing scores at GPs in favour of the count-back rule (which needs to be formally adopted).

I would also suggest that tied score cards be made available at the following GP for public scrutiny).

Rationale: it is unreasonable to expect a shooter to hang around just to see IF another shooter in a later session has tied with their score and unfair to penalise them for not doing so.

After lengthy discussion a Proposal for AGM was formed that is fair to everyone and minimal cost to the BFTA

Remove shoot offs and count backs for all individual GPS and that Badges to be award to top 3 scores in each grade and sillies IE if 2 tied scores both get gold 3 people are tied for second place 3 silver and so on and if 5 people are tied on 3rd all 5 get a bronze badge. For showdown qualification count back still to be used.

If vote is no status quo applies but ensure rules are updated to state that at individual GPS shoot offs that if all parties are there a shoot off will take place if only one or some of the party remain then anyone who has left automatically gets the lower place any remaining will continue to shoot off, In the event all parties have left count back to be used from target one

11. EGM

The general meeting was broken briefly to hold an EGM with a select committee. The remainder of the committee and persons present were asked to leave until the EGM had been conducted.

12. AOB

SEFTA

Grading boundaries have moved c grade is very low quantity is putting people off needs a better balance refer to grading officer.

CSFTA

£750 minimum for hosting a BFTA shoot rational clubs need encouraging to hosts shoots ROB F will send a more detailed proposal for AGM for voting

Also EFTA Relevant People who want to shoot the worlds check the list on STB 24 hours is the entry deadline if not replying you may loose it shirts will be offered to helpers at the WFTF exclusive for helpers only

FFTA

Where are the EFTA Mins? Rob advised as the EFTA was adopted as a sub committee that was formed 2 to 3 years ago so the world Championships is now run by the world championship committee and a outline set of accounts will be produced after the event is complete and if anyone has any further questions they can be raised and discussed in private at a meeting.

MFTA

Letter of thanks

Sam Reece Read a letter out from Chris Large MFTA see attached

NWFTA

NONE

NEFTA

Ask Martin if any merchandise left to be used for a raffle etc DR will ask

WAFTA

Transparency of grades as outline in 5 F refer to grading officer

Secretary

Secretary advised regarding data protection that he would contact the information commissioners office as a recent information brought to the attention of the secretary concerning photos at BFTA events and as per chop squad at previous meeting it would be best advised for people to refrain from editing photos as banter.

13. Next Meeting Date Saturday 16th November (AGM) and Closure of meeting

BFTA Treasurer's Report (Nov 2018 – June 2019)

Apologies for missing last November's AGM. I can now report that the Annual BFTA Accounts were finally audited by John Lewis and the missing trophy invoice recovered and outstanding monies repaid ~£60.

This will be my last set of interim accounts before the final accounts at the end of October, when I hang up my accounts book and spreadsheet after being BFTA Treasurer for 10 years!

The introduction of an on-line payment scheme has made my job a lot easier, especially as the nearest NatWest Branch is now 8 miles from my home and banks are closing their smaller branches every day.

This together with a BFTA on-line banking account will greatly simplify things. I have not had a lot of luck in trying to get an on-line bank account for the BFTA. Barclays wanted all signatories that BFTA wanted on the account to all meet in the same branch, not very feasible when every signatory is spread around the country and the name of officials have changed a lot in recent years. NatWest also wanted all signatories to the current NatWest bank account to give their blessing to move over to an on-line account.

There are 7 signatories to the BFTA account can you guess who they all are?

Roger Moy, Shaun Shore, Tony Cook, Andrew Slade, Jonathan Noon Phil Gee and Derek Winslow.

I have previously proposed and am looking for support to introduce electronic banking to the BFTA account, which means the requirement to have two signatures on every cheque (as required by the Constitution) will need amending. This is an ESSENTIAL requirement!

I propose that the Treasurer and Competition Secretary or Secretary/Chairman both apply for Bank Cards on the BFTA NatWest account or we move the account to a more convenient bank e.g. Lloyds.

Also on speaking with John Lewis, he has indicated that when I retire from the role of Treasurer, he may also give up the voluntary role of account auditor, so this is another area the BFTA will need to decide what it wants to do in this regard. Luckily we have until the end of Oct 2019 to decide what is best. John has audited the accounts for far longer than my 10 years in the role as BFTA Treasurer!

I would like to thank John for his continued auditing of the accounts.

The National Westminster Bank account holds **£34,059.97 as of 10th June 2019**. This is without the transfer of monies from the on-line banking for the ETL GP (although they have been paid, the incoming payment is in progress and also I have already £150 cash ready for the Bonus Bunny raffle at GP6 Southampton Buccaneers. We have also advanced £1000 towards costs of organising the 2019 European Championship sat Weston Park.

I renewed the BFTA's NSRA organisation insurance and also the March Insurance (previously BlueFin) Additional Legal Expenses Cover). £205.00 + £60.00

The BFTA have taken in £3,522.50, but there is the off-set cost of £599.00 for the printing of the cards.

We have purchased three years' worth of Inter-Regional medals 1st, 2nd and 3rd X 15 at a cost of £801.37.

We paid for the 2018 Euro Banner (late invoice £213.60)

2 new Chronographs and a tripod (£345.59 + £11.99)

We donated £250 to the Paul James Recoiling Championship

There was a cost of £919.19 for BFTA web-site maintenance and upgrade to pay for introduction of the pre-payment system.

The total monies paid into the NatWest account by Simon, electronic transfer and myself amounts to **£10,440.24**.

Total monies paid out amounts to **£9,537.15**

Martin has provided receipts for all transactions and purchases made on behalf of BFTA.

Without pre-empting Martin's Competition Secretary Report, we have had a successful and profitable BFTA Championships and Inter-Regionals, 2019 GP series so far and not incurred the losses from people entering and not turning up with no penalty we once had. I am not sure how the pre-payment booking for the Europeans is going as yet and have no idea of the entry level at this point in time.

In summary, most of the money paid into the BFTA accounts has been generated by the Competitions and most of the money paid out is Competition related expenses (Competition Trophies and prizes, anticipated end of season draw prizes have been scaled back to help balance the books and avoid increasing the shoot fees paid by shooters, this was a conscientious decision made by Committee). The shoot fee of £12.00 for the each GP, with £6.00 going to the club/region holding the event and slightly less than £6.00 going to BFTA, (noting the BFTA provides both the trophies and 6 X £25 (£150) raffle prize draw monies at each GP round and takes the financial hit on the on-line banking system and admin costs, whilst ensuring clubs still receive £6 per GP entry), is keeping BFTA funds healthy and stopping the gradual bleed from the reserves that was occurring.

The amounts paid in and amounts paid out are roughly in balance and BFTA holdings of ~£34k equates to approximately 2 years running costs, which I always judge to be about the right sum to keep the BFTA financially healthy.

In Summary

1. Constitution to be amended to remove requirement to have two signatures per BFTA cheque to ease change to BFTA on-line banking account.
2. Consider doing away with printed BFTA cards and adopting an electronic BFTA shooter/membership card system.
3. Regions to canvas membership for potential volunteers to be BFTA Treasurer.
4. What arrangements should be made to audit the 2019-2020 accounts, if John Lewis gives up this role? What do the regions do?

Andrew Slade
BFTA Treasurer – 11th June 2019

Hi Everyone,

Sorry this report isn't longer but I'm really pushed with work and family at the moment.

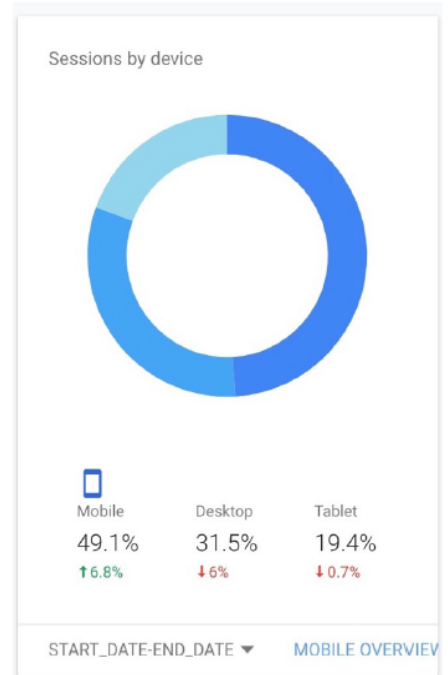
Website

The website is still doing good numbers, we have 6,000 regular users and we're hitting 120,000 page impressions, which pretty good for a small site like ours. The average visit lasts 3 minutes and 25 seconds.

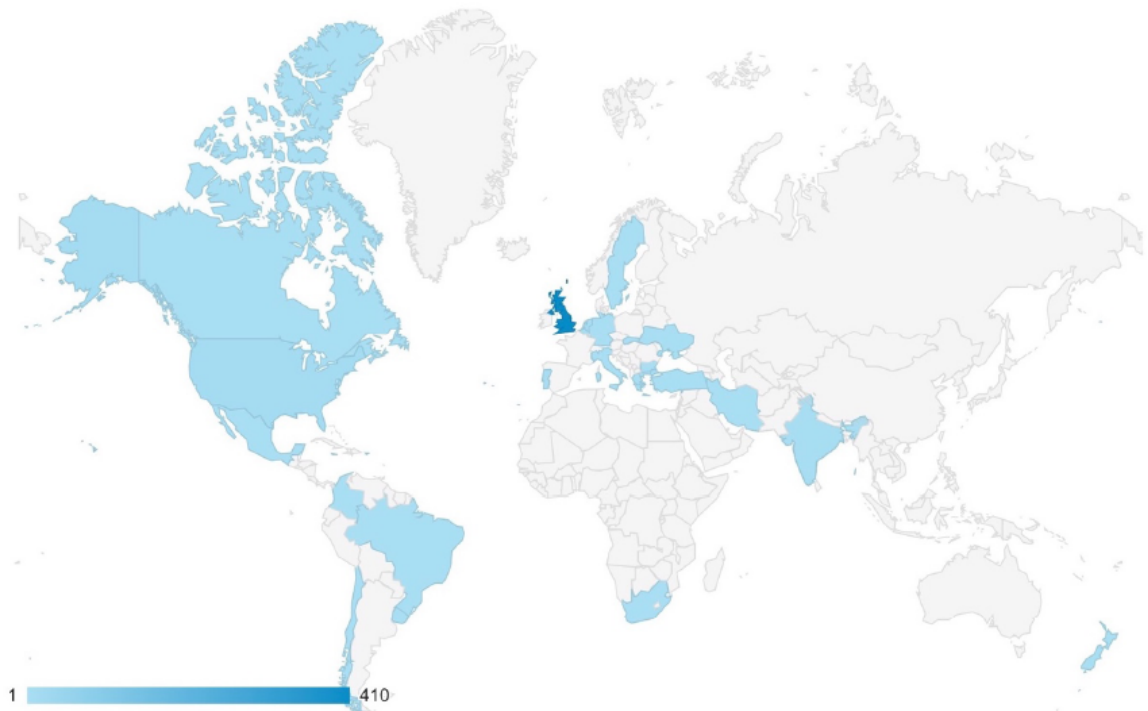
I'm pleased with the progress and I will present some ideas later in the year to grow this audience but it does involve work and other people doing something, I can't do everything.

We did have a problem a couple of weeks ago with the mobile version of the site, luckily we (DVA) had a couple of freelancers in who helped find the problem and fix it, this wasn't helped by it being on a Friday night but it got fixed and we are looking building a better version as we go.

The importance of the mobile version can't be underestimated as just about everyone starts to move over to just mobile use. Pretty soon the site will be up to the industry standard of 80% mobile. This graphic (left) shows you the current breakdown, mobile use is nearly at 70% and it's something we'll need to keep on top of and keep investing in.



This map shows where the current users of the site reside.



Payment System

I think it's worth mentioning why we installed the pre-payment system, it was to stop people gaming the system (grabbing spots) and people taking spots without paying or showing up. 5 clubs last year complained about this, so we all agreed on the fix.

I can say with 100% certainty that the system has cured the problem, we are now seeing more open spots for longer, the AM session no longer disappears within the first 45 minutes of it opening. What we are now seeing are the true figures and that enables us to act accordingly.

The system has already taken 785 successful payments and only a few people have had a problem with the system. In all cases this has been because they have a lack of signal, the security on the site shuts down the app when it detects a drop because this is what hackers do to try and break payment systems, or they've been running blocking systems like Norton or Ad Blockers. I can see this happening and have been working and talking to users to correct this, in 99.99% of case the problem has been fixed. There's not much we can do about this because we can't control what people use or purchase but the number is so small it's really insignificant.

The payments from the system have been going out without a problem and Andy has reported no problems with the way the system is work.

I plan to rewrite the instructions on how to use the system and update the help files.

But I'll leave you with the hard facts, I'm chuffed to bits and so should you be.



Medals

I've ordered 3yrs worth of medals for the Inter-Regionals, they are being made now and as soon as they arrive I'll pass them on.





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To the BFTA Committee.

On behalf of the MFTA I would like to take the opportunity to say how proud we are to have the forthcoming World Championships based within our region.

I know the EFTA has worked extremely hard on the organisation, and I understand that the BFTA has stepped in to assist financially through loans in order to facilitate the booking of the venue etc, which I have no doubt has played a vital role in the staging and success of this world class event.

I would also like to offer my gratitude to all of the BFTA members from the Midland's and a number of other regions for their dedication and continued support for the event, and wish the organisation all the best over the course of the Championships.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Large
MFTA Secretary

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