



Minutes of General Meeting of the BFTA via Teams on Wednesday 21st June 2023

Persons Present

Name	Region/Officer
Shaun Shore	Acting Chairman and Secretary
Mark Bassett	Vice Chairman
John Johnston	Grading Officer and WAFTA
Roger Moy	President, FFTA and HVP
Liz Moy	HVP
Phil Gee	HVP
Andrew Slade	HVP
Paul Whitehouse	CSFTA
Phil Hudson	SEFTA
Alan Chambers	STA
James Osborne	MFTA

Apologies

Name	Region/Officer
James Kay	Treasurer
Scott Pywell	Competition Manager
John Oxley	Trade Liaison
Dylan Varney	NEFTA

1. BFTA Grading and Membership

John had previously shared the document for regions to view.

All regions happy with the content of the document and it will be uploaded to the BFTA website.

2. Finance

The Treasurer had sent a precis of the account. Andrew Slade was able to update the meeting with recent transactions. The Treasurer will provide a full breakdown of the account at the AGM.

3. BFTA Calendar

The Secretary asked that regions encourage their clubs to host BFTA weekend events:

- BFTA Champs and Inters
- BFTA Masters and Showdown
- BFTA British Open

The Secretary informed regions that at the AGM the Calendar for these 3 events will cover the next 3 years, 2024-2026.

This will allow regions/clubs time to prepare for hosting the events.

The GP Calendar will continue as normal in being only for the next year.

If there are alternative proposals about the Calendar than please submit them to the Secretary for consideration at the AGM.



It was discussed why clubs were not coming forward to host.

Was it about the money offered? Unanimous no.

Enough people to do the necessary work was cited. It was suggested that events should be considered “regional” and perhaps several clubs within a region could join forces to help host the event.

4. British Open venue and entry cost

Secretary confirmed that the venue for the British Open is Brook Valley.

The Secretary informed the Committee that some extra costs had been incurred above the £1500 offered.

- £200 to contribute to Portaloos.
- Subsistence for 3 people to stay over for 1 night to assist Brook Valley

These were requested by the Competition Manager and agreed by the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

It was confirmed that the entry would be £40.

It was agreed that £1000 would be spent to provide raffle prizes for the event.

The Secretary outlined that at the AGM the Committee needs to fully define the cost of BFTA events. For example, does the BFTA offer a cover-all payment for the whole event or does it offer a payment and the BFTA meet additional costs such as provision of adequate toilets.

5. BFTA Champs – proposed format change

The Champs 2023 proved very popular with over 120 entrants.

As a result, the day proved very long, particularly for those tending the course and administering the event.

Consequently, the Secretary will propose that the format moves from feed-on to shotgun start.

The AM session with maximum 63 shooters (20 x 3 and one feed-on)

PM session with pairs/threes as required.

The Secretary asked for other proposed format changes ahead of the AGM.

6. Amalgamation of Scotland and Northern Ireland as a team for the Inter-Regionals.

The amalgamation was only for the Inters, thereby allowing shooters that travel for Scotland and from Northern Ireland to play a full part in the event.

All regions supported the idea.

Alan Chambers was asked to liaise with Northern Ireland shooters and propose the amalgamation for the AGM.



7. Requirements for hosting BFTA events.

The Secretary asked for any proposed changes to the document be submitted for the AGM.

The document will be published on the BFTA website. All regions are in possession of the document and should ensure that BFTA events in their regions satisfy these requirement.

8. Inclusion of Supported Class within Open Class for BFTA events 2024 (except for the Inters and Showdown).

There was unanimous support for inclusion of shooters using support within the Open Class for BFTA events 2024.

Paul Whitehouse asked: would this be a separate class from the present Open Class?

The consensus was no. Let's see what develops in 2024 and adjust accordingly for later years.

Roger Moy, Mark Bassett, and Phil Hudson agreed to draft some rules for supported shooting, and they will submit these to the Secretary in advance of the AGM.

9. AOB

Phil Gee – At a recent event a target was repeatedly called. The marshals followed the correct procedure but whatever was causing the fault was intermittent. Phil suggested that we need to modify the rules to accommodate such as situation. Phil volunteered to write this rule and submit it in advance of the AGM.

Mark Bassett – Mark suggested that for the following events:

Champs, Masters and British Open

We could supply a generic medal or trophy for any junior competitors (Junior was defined (AGM 2016) as: under the age of 17 on the 1st of January).

This was supported and Mark will try to start this at the Masters in September.

Andrew Slade – Asked if there was any further clarity about the invoice received from Napier that we didn't know what it was for. No one present at the meeting could answer.

Mark Bassett responded and said that he had a good relationship with staff at Napier and was the committee happy for him to contact them about future sponsorship (and to clear up the invoice).

It was agreed that Mark would liaise with Trevor Ryan and John Oxley about sponsorship.

It was agreed that we would release the following to provide raffle prizes:

£1000 for the British Open (previously mentioned in point number 4).

£1000 for prize bags and raffle prizes for the end of season.

AGM at Meadow Farm on Saturday 18th November 2023.

Shaun Shore (BFTA Secretary)

23rd June 2023