

Annual General Meeting - Minutes

Saturday 11th November 2017

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

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

1. Chairman's welcome and report.

See Appendix A

2. Persons and regions present, voting reps identified, quorum established.

BFTA Officials

Roger Moy	President
Mark Bassett	Chairman
Andy Slade	Treasurer
Shaun Shore	Secretary
Martin Calpin	Competition Manager
Simon Evans	Grading Officer
Kevin Sayers	Trade Liaison and MFTA voting rep
Sam Reece	Minute Secretary

Regions Represented

Rob Farnworth	CSFTA voting rep
Richard Greenwood	FFTA voting rep
Trevor Ryan	NEFTA voting rep
Brian Langford	WAFTA voting rep
John Farbrother	SWEFTA voting rep
Graham Jopson	SEFTA voting rep
Dave Robinson	NEFTA
Mike Seago	FFTA
Carl Knapper	NWFTA voting rep

3. Apologies for absence.

Liz Moy	FFTA
John Johnston	WAFTA

4. Minutes of GM from June 2017 to be read and accepted as a true record.

Proposed by NEFTA, seconded by SWEFTA, accepted unanimously

5. Matters arising from June 2017 GM

Administration of the BFTA Championship and Inters – Martin Calpin

Martin reminded the committee of his concerns following the BFTA Championship and Inters 2017. He will document the routine for entry to both events that must be adhered to in 2018 and share with regions.

In short:

All entrants to the BFTA Championship must pay their £10 entry fee when booking in. Some regions pay the entry fee for their Inters' team. If this is the case then the region must provide their members with the entry fee or arrange to reimburse.

Similarly, regions must pay the £75 entry fee for the Inters.

Ramifications of allowing non BFTA cardholders to shoot BFTA events, intellectual property and legal responsibility – Rob Farnworth to respond following advice sought from experts

Rob brought some interesting information to the meeting particularly regarding liability and copyright.

Of concern was that liability regarding accidents was difficult to define and would be treated as case by case. Discussion followed about the necessity that clubs organising shoots adhered to the details of their insurance. As a result of the discussion it was unanimously agreed that commencing from the BFTA Champs 2018 that entry to all BFTA events would only be open to those with a registered and valid BFTA number. This would end the availability of the extra £2 to enter BFTA events.

Regions were also reminded that at all BFTA events shooters must sign in before shooting commences. Trev Ryan informed the committee that NEFTA had been advised by the NSRA that: shooters should sign in and out and the Chief Marshal should not leave the site until he/she had confirmed all shooters had left the site. Graham Jopson, SEFTA, advised that this was most likely regarding the duties of a Range Marshal at events involving live rounds. Graham also advised that signing in was sufficient to satisfy the requirement of the usual insurance held by field target clubs.

The Secretary would like to thank Graham for sharing with the committee his expertise about the insurance industry.

The Secretary asked would Roger Moy share with the committee the practice employed by FFTA about accepting new members into their clubs. The Secretary asked this because he felt that the practice of FFTA would be a useful rubric for others to learn from and model the practice. Roger agreed and would send documentation that the Secretary will share with the regions.

Rob also informed the committee that intellectual copyright was difficult to define particularly in the digital age. He gave the example of the scores from BFTA events – that

information belonged to the BFTA because it took work creating it. But when the data was published anybody was able to download it and use it for other purposes. For example if someone decided to grade the scores against a different criteria than that used by the BFTA then that would not infringe upon the BFTA ownership. Roger suggested that the BFTA grades should be named “The BFTA Grades”.

Rob also brought to the attention of the committee that, in response to the need to change the venue of the CSFTA GP 2017, that event organisers are only liable for the cost of admission to their event should there be need to cancel the event or move the event location.

6. Treasurer’s report

Early report to see the state of finances to inform the committee prior to item 7. Also proposal B) should be read before item 7.

See Appendix B

Discussion about proposal B revealed that there was not support from the regions to increase entry costs to help fund the end of season raffle. The discussion was heated and Roger Moy was vocal in his disappointment. As consequence the BFTA will continue to fund the end of season raffle at its present level of circa £2500.

It was agreed that the Treasurer would break down his detailed accounts into sub-groups (approx 7/8) which could then be published in the AGM Minutes and regional representatives could use that information to better inform regional clubs of how the BFTA spends money.

7. Fees and subscriptions for 2018

- 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 = £12 (£6 club / £6 BFTA / BFTA pays 6x £25 bonus bunny)
- Europeans = £35

8. Officers’ reports: Officers gave précis reports to the committee. If digital copies were provided they are appendices to these Minutes. *See appendix C*

9. Election of Officers:

Proposals:

- President – Roger Moy
- Chairman – Mark Bassett
- Secretary – Shaun Shore
- Treasurer – Andrew Slade
- Minute Secretary – **VACANT**
- Competition Manager – Martin Calpin
- Grading/Registration Manager – Simon Evans
- Trade Liaison Officer – **VACANT**
- NSRA Delegate – Mick Woodhead
- Web Manager – Martin Calpin

All officers were re-elected with the exception of Minute Secretary and Trade Liaison Officer which remain vacant.

9.1 Confirmation of Honorary Vice Presidents

Existing HVPs - Elizabeth Moy, Roger Moy, Tony Cook, Beryl Noon, Mike Noon and Phil Gee. The Secretary showed the paragraph in the Bylaws that had been modified as a result of the decision in June 2017.

An Honorary Vice President (HVP) is a past servant of the BFTA who in recognition of services provided over many years has, at the Annual General Meeting, been voted into this position and has the right to attend and speak at any Committee Meeting.

The Secretary suggested that the Constitution and Bylaws needed to be updated to reflect the present practices of the Association. The Secretary volunteered to update the Constitution and share it with regions prior to the AGM 2018.

10. Correspondence

John Johnston – Update on how the 2017 worlds went.

See Appendix D

11. Shoot Dates 2018

Event	Date	Venue	Region
BFTA Championship	7 th April	Anston	NEFTA
BFTA Inter-Regional	8 th April	Anston	NEFTA
GP1	22 nd April	Redfearn	NEFTA
GP2	13 th May	Springfield	SEFTA
GP3	27 th May	Rivington	NWFTA
GP4	10 th June	Nelson	WAFTA
GP5	1 st July	TBC	CSFTA
GP6	15 th July	East Devon	SWEFTA
GP7	5 th August	Anston	NEFTA
GP8	19 th August	Thurlaston	MFTA
BFTA Masters	1 st September	Blaenau Gwent	WAFTA
BFTA Showdown	2 nd September	Blaenau Gwent	WAFTA
BFTA Europeans	15 th /16 th Sept.	Weston Park	

Whilst the BFTA endeavours to ensure that Grand Prix occur according to the schedule published on the BFTA website, in the event of a Grand Prix 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.

12. Proposed Changes for 2018

A) Change of the timing rules for BFTA Events – NEFTA (Please also read H) because regions must decide if they support one or the other or no change)

Not Carried

~~B) Increase GP entry to £15 – Chairman~~

C) BFTA trials a double header GP in 2018 – Simon Evans (suggested dates are Sunday 27th and Monday 28th May: bank holiday weekend – **this would require a change to the shoot calendar**)

Not Carried.

There was some support for the idea but it would have to be considered in advance of the AGM to allow regions to explore the possibility. There was also concern expressed that a Saturday/Sunday shoot would prevent those that work on Saturdays from attending. Simon replied by saying that a bank holiday weekend would be preferred. Regions that would like to offer this in 2019 should submit their option to the June 2018 meeting. Bank holiday dates for 2019 are: 27th May

2019 and 26th August 2019.

D) Change to grading boundaries and when grades are published – Simon Evans

Carried.

This will mean that the grade boundaries thresholds will be decided by the Grading Officer in advance of the summer release. The grading officer will adjust the boundary thresholds so that the grades AA-C of active shooters offer competitive group sizes for the coming summer season.

Grades for the summer season will not be published until 18th March 2018 at the earliest.

E) Changes to grading to prevent regional/national bias – Simon Evans

Carried

This will ensure that shooters that compete in regional and national events will have a fair representation of national scores in their grade.

From Simon:

Where I have up to 6 BFTA scores for a shooter, these will be the last scores to drop off the rolling 16 / Not replaced until they go out of date or are preplaced by the following summers national scores.

F) Change to the arrangements for trophy purchase – Simon Evans

Carried.

Simon Evans will oversee trophy purchase.

Before purchasing: BFTA Championship, BFTA GP end of season trophies, BFTA Masters, BFTA Showdown and BFTA European Championship. Simon will share options with the regions and they will vote for the trophies preferred.

The Treasurer raised concern that the money spent on trophies should not exceed the present amount paid per annum. It is important that the Treasurer is included in the trophy email communications.

G) Increase the height of a FT seat to 6 inches – Simon Evans

Carried.

The method of measurement will remain the same.

H) ~~Withdrawn~~

I) Proposed changes to modified course shoot rules – Simon Evans

Not carried.

J) Change to rule 7 of the Silhouette Rules – SEFTA (Graham Jopson)

Not Carried.

K) Introduce grading to the Silhouette competition – SEFTA (Graham Jopson)

Carried.

With modification that there will be two leagues not graded leagues.

Initial league allocation will be decided by Simon who will use recent past silhouette scores to grade shooters. Then shooters will be graded upon their score in BFTA GP silhouettes.

L) Piston rifles can only be used in Piston Class – Grading Officer

Carried.

M) A new rule to define placement of targets within a lane – CSFTA

Not carried.

N) Kneeling pictures – Competition Manager

Carried

Martin will print, laminate and distribute with GP equipment.

How the Regions voted

Proposal	CSFTA	FFTA	MFTA	NEFTA	NWFTA	SEFTA	SWEFTA	WAFTA	Outcome	Comments
A	0	1	0	1	A	0	1	A	Not Carried	
B										Withdrawn
C	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	A	Not Carried	
D	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	Carried	
E	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	Carried	
F	1	A	A	1	1	1	1	1	Carried	
G	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	Carried	
H										Withdrawn
I	0	A	0	0	0	1	1	1	Not carried	
J	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	SQ-Not carried	
K	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	Carried	
L	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	Carried	
M	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	Not carried	
N	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Carried	

13. A.O.B.

Treasurer – confirm that the BFTA will offer piston class prizes at the 2018 BFTA Euros of 1st = £50, 2nd = £30 and 3rd = £20

Unanimously agreed. To review at AGM 2018

FFTA – Mike Seago asked that regions organising BFTA events ensure adequate signage to events. This was particularly needed for new shooters.

FFTA – Mike Seago felt that the Euros was a missed opportunity in promoting the BFTA to the public attending the Game Fair. The Secretary informed Mike that only a few people help at the Euros and that they are already very busy. Mike volunteered to help promote the Euros 2018.

This led to a discussion about BFTA banners. It was agreed that we needed new banners to incorporate the new logo. Martin said he would look into getting new banners.

Competition Manager – Martin said that he would re-word the BFTA silhouette rules to clearly incorporate timing should shooters time per rack be deemed excessive.

Euros 2018 – Martin informed the committee that the Anston team that had set the last two Euros courses has stepped down. Martin was in negotiation with other teams and would keep the Secretary informed.

Grading Officer – Simon informed the committee that he had communication from Scotland that suggested that SARPA experiencing difficult. The Secretary will contact Scottish shooters to establish the present situation.

EFTA Meeting

At the end of the AGM there was a short meeting of the English regions and the three officers of the BFTA. The EFTA worlds committee was seeking support from the English regions and the BFTA in organising the World Championship in England in 2019. There was overwhelming support from all present.

D.O.N.M.

GM – 23rd June 2018

AGM - November 17th 2018

Shaun Shore (BFTA Secretary – November 11th 2017)

Appendix A – Chairman’s 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 sessions.

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

- Neil Hague for the BFTA Champs
- NEFTA in the inter-regionals

In the GP series

- Jack Harris AA class champion 3rd year in a row
 - Kevin Sayers A class
 - Gary Keogh B class
 - Phillip Green C class
 - John Amos Piston class
 - Ian Challis Open class
 - Ian Taylor Silhouette champion
 - Die Meister Men A league 1 team champions
 - Air Arms England C league 2 champions
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- Neil Hague BFTA masters champion
 - Nathan Reeve Showdown champion
 - Mark Henson Plate Champion
 - Andrew Gillott European champion
 - John Farbrother European spring gun champion

Then came this year’s world field target championships held in Glanusk in umm sunny Wales..

What a week of competition it was. The largest held field target competition ever with competitors coming from all over the globe. It was one of the most stressful times I’ve

ever had with being involved in the organisation side of the event but the most rewarding as well. I thoroughly enjoyed being involved and competing in the event.

As usual members of the BFTA were there to assist Wales with the event and if it wasn't for these volunteers the event wouldn't have run so smoothly and efficiently and Wales as the host could not thank these people enough. Volunteers such as Sam Reece, Paula Higgins, Kev Sayers, Simon Higgins and Andrew Slade, there are so many more but I could write for ages on this point. You all did a brilliant job and thank you.

I feel from the comments I received from overseas shooters and British shooters that the world championships were a huge success.

To the winners:

What can I say but Jack Harris winning back to back world titles, which in this day and age is something I find hard to believe. It is testament to his shooting ability!

Further congratulations go to:

- Dorian Falconer 2nd open class
- John Costello 3rd
- Myself 7th
- Andrew Gillott 10th

- John Farbrother after a shoot-off for tied first 2nd place piston class
- Steve Privett 3rd
- Johnathan Willingham 5th
- Nick Murphy 7th
- Rob Long 9th
- Brian Samson 10th
- Paula Schofield 3rd ladies
- Dylan Varney junior champion
- Josh Vaughan 3rd
- Dan Horrocks Veteran spring
- Barry Warren 3rd veteran PCP

In the team events:

- Team Wales winning PCP
- Team England 3rd PCP

- Team England winning Springer team

As results show, BFTA members still dominate in all classes.

I have to make a mention as well for Redvers (Reg) Gallagher.. on the final day clearing the Black course. Nominated as the toughest course of the world championships this year. It is a rare feat and how he did it is beyond me. Incredible shooting from a future champion I'm sure. Well done Red!

The sponsorship for the world championships this year was overwhelming and I personally would like to thank each and every one of the sponsors who was involved in putting on one of the greatest competition events I've ever been involved in.

It is one of the toughest roles you can take on being involved with sponsors. You want to ensure that all the sponsors are fully involved in the event and that they are proud to be part of our events and do them proud by advertising them to the world with social media for the prizes they provide us.

I for one will be saddened to see Kevin Sayers stand down as the BFTA Trade Liaison Officer role. Kevin has held this role for several years and took the role on from myself. It will be a shame that I don't work with Kevin in this role in an assisting capacity each year. He has carried the role out brilliantly during a tough time for sponsors in the current financial market. I hope Kevin sees we have all fully appreciated the work he has done within this role and I personally cannot thank him enough. Make sure you don't walk away completely Kev.

I'd also like to take his 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...

In closing, 2017 was a fantastic year for field target and I for one am looking forward to the 2018 season already..

Many thanks
Mark Bassett
BFTA Chairman

Appendix B – Treasurer Report

BFTA Treasurer's Report (Nov 2016 – Oct 2017)

I did some checking and I was somewhat surprised to find this is the eighth set of accounts I have prepared and that have been audited by John Lewis. Although John has audited the accounts for far longer than my 8 years in the role as BFTA Treasurer!

I would like to thank John for his continued auditing of the accounts and I have heard back from him to state that the accounts are fine and there are no queries, which is a first, so I must finally be getting it right! ☺

The Bank of Scotland Current account and Deposit account were both been closed and the monies transferred to the NatWest Current account in June 2016. BFTA at the moment, operate with only a NatWest Current Account.

The National Westminster Bank account holds £32,410.53 as of 31st October 2017. Please note the EFTA have yet to present/cash the cheque for the sum of £1,162.25 as shown in last year's accounts correcting the overall balance to £31,248.28. The amount repaid to EFTA is the amount shown is last year's accounts shown as a credit of £1,285.00 minus the WFTC 2017 PayPal fees of £122.75. Now this has been repaid, it will allow a renewal of the mechanism for the BFTA to continue funding 50p per BFTA card back to the National regions (SARPA, WAFTA and EFTA).

So there are still the monies to be refunded to WAFTA (133 cards £66.50), SARPA (39 cards £19.50) and EFTA (969 cards £484.50) still to be agreed and paid for 2015/2016 season retrospectively and the amounts 2016/2017 season when finalised.

The total monies paid into the NatWest account by Simon, Sam and I, amounts to £15,749.50.

Total monies paid out amounts to £15,833.75 and this includes the following items worthy of mention:

1. 3 years' worth of GP Competition badges in lieu of trophies (the new Gold, Silver and Bronze Badges) - £1,307.16
2. 2017 BFTA Championships and Inter-Regionals trophies - £366.41
3. Fee to ETL for hosting 2017 BFTA Championships and Inter-Regional - £602.00
4. 6 off Kneeling Rolls and Kneeling Pads embroidered with BFTA logo - £448.78
5. Design and printing of BFTA membership cards - £814.00
6. 2017 NSRA affiliation and additional Bluefin insurance £205.00 + £60.00
7. Donation to Paul James shoot - £250
8. Refund of EFTA monies - £1,162.25

£400 was paid to Martin Calpin (Competition Secretary), as an advance on his expenses in the role.

Martin Calpin has provided financial updates wrt Merchandising and has now re-paid ALL of the original £739.20 spent on BFTA merchandise stock. The BFTA Shop continues to make a profit. Keep up the good work!

As agreed by the BFTA committee, we continued with a £250.00 contribution towards the Paul James Memorial Shoot on 2nd April 2017. This contribution meant that a greater sum of money was donated on behalf of the memorial shoot, to the hospice which assisted Paul. Without pre-empting Martin's Competition Secretary Report, we have had a successful and profitable BFTA Championships and Inter-Regionals, 2017 GP series and a very much larger than normal entry for the 2017 European Championships, boosted by foreign competitors as a result of them attending the 2017 World Championship, Glanusk, Wales the weekend after the Euros.

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 and the anticipated end of season draw prizes). The increased the shoot fee to £12.00 for this year's GP series last year, with £6.00 going to the club/region holding the event and £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), is keeping BFTA funds healthy and stopping the gradual bleed from the reserves that was taking place. The amounts paid in and amounts paid out are roughly in balance and BFTA holdings of ~£31.25k equates to approximately 2 years running costs, which I judge to be about the right sum to keep the BFTA financially healthy.

Andrew Slade

BFTA Treasurer – 10th November 2017

Appendix C – other reports

Secretary – Shaun Shore

I offer my thanks to all those volunteers that contributed to the 2017 season and congratulations to all winners.

Particular congratulations to Jack Harris on retaining the World Title and to team Wales for winning on home soil.

Well done to WAFTA for their excellent organisation of the World Championship.

When I stood down from the role of Competition Manager I took upon the Secretary's role to assist Martin. This proved to be unnecessary as he had done an outstanding job; well done Martin!

Shaun Shore (BFTA Secretary)

NSRA Delegate – Mick Woodhead

A bit of a short report this year,

Each year the NSRA coaching and development committee meet three times.

This year dates were set, and a week before each meeting they were cancelled, the chairman stating that there was not enough on the agenda to make the meeting worthwhile.

I do not know if the committee is going to be wound up but will be happy to stay in the role for another year and see what next year brings.

If the committee is disbanded, then the roll of delegate will also end.

Mick Woodhead

Grading Officer – Simon Evans

2017/18 BFTA Membership/ Cardholders

Yet again Chris Large produced an excellent BFTA card, this year with a hint of Welsh influence and the WFTF Dragon!

I shall set a card application deadline for March 1st 2018 and once again allow clubs to forward on any late insurance documents prior to Gp 1. Can I remind Regions they must also send me a copy of the regional insurance!

2018/19 Cards will be handed out at the Bfta Inters and / or Gp1, all being well.

For 2017/18, (as of 11/11/15) there are (appx) 1,092 card holders, which is slightly down on previous years

The 2017/18 Split is;

Sarpa = 23 Wafta = 157 EFTA = 912

A Scottish Club (Sarpa no longer exists, it is now STS air,) has enquired about starting anew "Scottish" region of the BFTA. This perhaps needs to be discussed at the AGM ?

Grading

With ref to my proposals, after much data collecting and monitoring of results I hope the regions support me once again in my proposed changes, two of which appear on the agenda. These I believe will yet further improve the grading lists.

However, since the Agenda deadline I have now also come to the conclusion that any shoot where there is a AM & Pm session and the results are clearly marked "AM" and "PM", can be graded separately. At present this will only effect the GP results and in truth make little difference, but enough of one to keep a few more shooters happy.

Thus I propose a third change in that (for example) in a GP shoot, there will be at least two 100% grade "Winners", one (or more) for Am and same for Pm, but only for the Graded classes.

The rational is that occasionally conditions can be very different between sessions, so grading Am & Pm will be a truer reflection of the day's results.

Grading AM & Pm separately has no bearing on overall championship results as regards trophies etc.

Only Mfta and Nefta operate a regional split session series, but neither currently provides AM / Pm split.

As of 11th Nov. 2017, there are:

AA 82 (60 down from 2016/17), A 157, B 136, C132, UA 580

However, a truer picture of Active shooters with more than 3 results since April 2017 is;

AA 63 A 100 B 68 C49 plus 20 Open / Spring = 300 Active FT shooters

For Ref, to balance the classes better, grade boundaries would be split as follows under current rules:

AA (84% +) Approx. 64 A (77- 83.9%) 77 B (68 0- 76.9%) 74 C (under 67.9%) 65

Updates are on STB which has proved very popular and keeps shooters up to date

<http://www.thebfta.net/forum/index.php/board,44.0.html>

I`m Awesime at this!

Web Manager and Competition Manager – Martin Calpin

Website

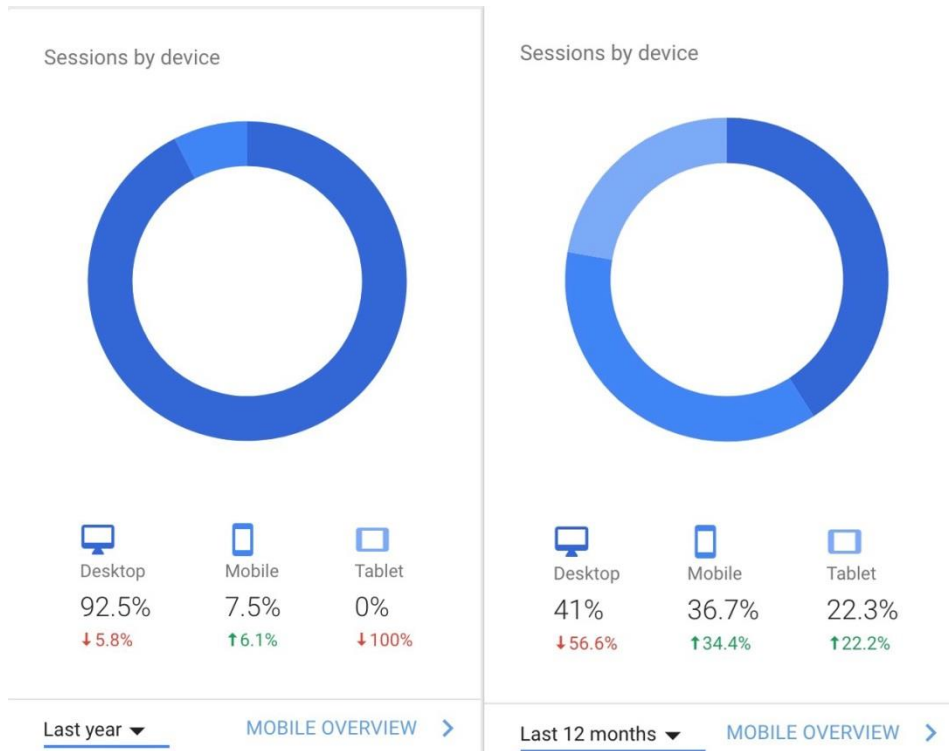
The BFTA website continues to grow in numbers, this year we've had over 150K views with the average session time lasting 3 minutes.

B.O.B and Robot Shaun 3000 aren't seeing any problems and everything on the booking in side seem to be working well.

I've purchased the gallery software and the pictures are very popular which in the future is something I plan to build on.

I've also purchased a plug-in to help with the displaying of the stats. I don't have time to write much code so purchasing the plug-in has enabled me to make changes and get the stats and results looking really good and working on all platforms.

The reason for this work is we are seeing a massive change in how the audience is viewing our site. These graphics show the difference between two years. In 1 years' time, I expect 80% of sites views to come from mobile. I'll continue working with Brian to ensure all the stats going forward will be displayed using the new software to ensure they can be viewed on any platform.



I'm also looking at an advertising model for the site and newsletter software to help our work with the trade, our site has some real value that we can offer them and we should use that to our advantage.

I'll continue updating and fine-tuning the website when I have time spare but I'm really pleased with the progress so far.

Merchandise

This continues to sell well and everything has been well received. I'm still holding a small amount of stock and £500 in profit. I'll be putting that money into producing new items for sale. I don't think it will ever have a massive turn over but it has been designed to do that and I'm more than happy to keep producing items in small batches that helps promote the sport and The BFTA.

Competition Manager

It's been an interesting year and I'd like to thank everyone who's supported me throughout the all competitions, I've been very grateful for all the help and advice, at times without Shaun and Sam I think I may have been completely lost but after 1 year I'm now in a better position to understand fully what's need and where we need to go to help make things run better.

I'd like to thank all the regions for their hard work and ensuring all our events all happened, I'm sure that I stand with everyone when I say we really appreciate all your hard work.

I think the only thing I was disappointed with this year was the turn out for B and C grades in this year's Grand Prix, I'm not sure what the answer is to get more people involved but I'd like to ask the table what they feel and what we could possibly do to get more people from those grades involved.

The GP badges have been well received by almost everyone and we have seen a collection rate of 81% so I think we can call that a success.

We are still seeing a few problems with courses but there haven't been that many problems and I think the problems I've seen could be ironed out with a well-written help document.

I lost 41 clocks this year a BFTA events, I'm planning on buying a labeller to ensure this is cut down next year.

The BFTA Championship.

As discussed and agreed at the last 2 BFTA meetings regard The BFTA Championships 2018. All shooters must pay the entry fee of £10 to receive a card. If the region had previously paid this fee then it will be up to the region to sort this out with their shooters before the event.

The BFTA Inter-Regionals.

I'll work with the regions and team captains to ensure the teams data is entered and available before the event starts. I'm aware that there can and will be last minute changes and I'm fine with this.

Martin Calpin

The Welsh Airgun and Field Target Association would like to thank all the members of the BFTA regions for their support during Wales 2017.

In particular, Andrew Slade and Simon Higgins for volunteering to Marshal full time for us, and to Sam Reece and Paula Higgins for so efficiently managing Stats for us, and to all other BFTA members who assisted with marshalling part time, target repainting and other tasks. Brian Samson for running the WFTF Marshalling course earlier this year in Wales, which greatly assisted us in reaching the high standards of Marshalling that we achieved during our event.

WAFTA greatly appreciates these very valuable contributions to the success of Wales 2017 and we will reciprocate when EFTA hosts the Worlds in the future. If in the meantime you require any assistance with planning the Worlds, or require any information, we will be more than happy to share our experiences with you.

John Johnston.

Chairman of WAFTA