

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 19th November 2022

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

Breakfast from 09:00am - prompt start at 10:15am

The meeting commenced with one minute's silence to reflect upon the recent tragic events in the field target community.

The BFTA sends its condolences to Trevor Ryan and his family.

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Shaun Shore acted as Chairman.

He was elected as Secretary at the start of the meeting.

Proposed by FFTA, seconded by WAFTA

1. Chairman's welcome and report.

Firstly, I would like to apologise for not attending this AGM.

I would like to thank you all for attending the BFTA meeting as you all do a great job in the running of the association.

I would like to say a big thank you to Dave Robinson for his service as BFTA Secretary over the years as he has now stepped down. Also, to Andy Slade who has stepped down as Treasurer but will still be shadowing our new Treasurer James Kay.

And to welcome Shaun Shore as the new BFTA Secretary and Mark Bassett as Vice Chairman

At the beginning of the season there was a lot of doubt about the number of shooters attending shoots. I think we've had a good GP series and hopefully numbers will be on the rise next season.

Well done to Jack Harris on winning the GP series and the NEFTA Classic. Mark Bassett for winning the BFTA championships, Dorian Falconer for winning the Showdown and to Conor McFlynn for winning the Euros.

I would like to thank all who helped at the Euros which I thought went very well indeed but personally I don't think we can afford to go back to Wold Farm, it was £3000 this year so I think it will be £4000 next year. As we have been invited back to Weston Park, we should take up this offer.

Lastly, I would like to thank all our sponsors: Air Arms who looks after us so well. James Head for the voucher and Dave O'Hara and Walther and anyone I've missed.

T. Ryan

BFTA Chairman

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

Officer	Name
President	Roger Moy
Acting Chairman	Shaun Shore
Secretary	Shaun Shore
Treasurer	Andrew Slade
Grading Officer	John Johnston

Regional Representatives	Name
CSFTA	Paul Whitehouse (V)
NWFTA	Not present
MFTA	Scott Pywell (V)
STS	Not present
NEFTA	Dylan Varney (V) and John Oxley
WAFTA	John Johnston (V) and Mark Bassett
SWEFTA	Chris Jones (V)
SEFTA	Phil Hudson (V)
FFTA	James Kay (V) and Liz Moy

3. Apologies for absence.

Apologies from: Phil Gee (HVP), Alan Chambers (STS), James Osborne (MFTA), Andy Barnes (FFTA) and John Mayer (NWFTA)

4. Minutes of GM from June 2022 to be read and accepted as a true record.

Proposed = WAFTA

Seconded = CSFTA

5. Matters arising from June 2022 GM

- Clarification of trophies for all BFTA Events (See later proposals)
- Location of Euros 2023 (See correspondence from Nathan White)

6. Treasurer's report (Annex A)

Early report to see the state of finances to inform the committee prior to item 7.

The Treasurer would like to share with the committee the cost of the Euros 2022 to inform the discussion about a future venue.

The Chairman thanked Andrew for his sterling work as Treasurer

7. Fees and subscriptions for 2023

- BFTA Card £5
- BFTA Championship = £12. £1000 to club plus £1 for every shooter over 100
- BFTA inter-regional = £75 per team
- BFTA Masters = £1000 to club plus £1 for every shooter over 100
- GP = £15 (Minimum £750 to the club plus £7.50 for each shooter after 100 entrants)
- The British Open = £40

Regions in favour of the new subscription: MFTA, WAFTA, NEFTA, CSFTA and FFTA

Against: SEFTA and SWEFTA

MFTA asked for clarification of how the £5 from shooters card is spent.

It is spent on the general administration of the association. This includes the twice-yearly meeting of the committee and the necessary insurances required for a decision making body.

8. Officers' reports:

Grading Officer (Annexe B).

The Chairman thanked John for his work as Grading Officer

The Grading Officer will provide clubs with forms to allow them to register their shooters in January 2023.

Clubs are required to use the form that they are sent.

If they do not use this form, then the Grading Officer will return the club's entry information and again ask it to be entered via the correct form.

Clubs are asked to support the Grading Officer in this task.

9. Election of Officers:

Incumbents:

- President – Roger Moy
- Chairman – Trevor Ryan
- Secretary – David Robinson – **stepping down**
- Treasurer – Andrew Slade – **stepping down**
- Minute Secretary – **VACANT**
- Competition Manager – **VACANT**
- Grading/Registration Manager – John Johnston
- Trade Liaison Officer – **VACANT**
- Web Manager – Martin Calpin

Volunteers for Election:

- Shaun Shore (MFTA) – Secretary
- Mark Bassett (WAFTA) – Vice Chairman
- James Kay (FFTA) – Treasurer
- John Oxley (NEFTA) – Trade Liaison Officer
- Scott Pywell (MFTA) – Competition Manager

For information:

BFTA Constitution 13.4

- Should nominees exceed vacancies, election shall be by vote.

Elected on mass

The new Officers:

Officer	Name
President	Roger Moy
Chairman	Trevor Ryan
Vice-Chairman	Mark Bassett
Secretary	Shaun Shore
Treasurer	James Kay
Grading Officer	John Johnston
Competition Manager	Scott Pywell
Trade Liaison Officer	John Oxley

9.1 Confirmation of Honorary Vice Presidents

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

Proposed HVP – Andrew Slade

Andrew's appointment as HVP approved unanimously

10. Correspondence

1) From Nathan White (Weston Park)

Shaun asked Nathan if the game fair would be interested in us returning in 2023. His response:

Hi Shaun,

Many thanks for your email and I hope the Euros went well.

We are happy to provide the space as previously and also any entrance tickets etc for entrants. For infrastructure, it would need to be organised by yourselves.

Think by memory you used to borrow some ladders etc which of course is fine.

If you need anything else from me then please do let me know.

Cheers Shaun.

Nathan

I have said that I will get back to him soon after this meeting is over.

2) From SEFTA

Clarity of what trophies are available at each BFTA shoot when booking in (For example a shooter could book in for the Masters in piston or in grade, but no trophies were offered for these).

Answer – there needs to be discussion about the present web provision and booking in arrangements.

Can there be descriptions of each event on the BFTA website?

Answer – Secretary will provide these.

3) From Treasurer

We need an inventory of what equipment we have and what needs to be updated. Rules need to be updated

Answer – Chairman and Comp Sec to stocktake and purchase required equipment and scorecards.

Answer – Secretary will update all rule formats well ahead of 2023 season.

4) From Alan Chambers.

Alan is happy to represent Scotland at the meeting and will endeavour to establish the status of STS.

11. Shoot dates 2023

Event	Date	Venue	Region
BFTA Championship	1 st April	Emley Moor	NEFTA
BFTA Inter-Regional	2 nd April	Emley Moor	NEFTA
GP1	16 th April	Blackbrook	MFTA
GP2	27 th May	Oaktree	WAFTA
GP3	28 th May	Tondu	WAFTA
GP4	11 th June	Meon Valley	CSFTA
GP5	8 th July	Emley Moor	NEFTA
GP6	9 th July	Anston	NEFTA
GP7	23 rd July	West Devon	SWEFTA
GP8	6 August	Springfield	SEFTA
GP9	20 th August	Sywell	FFTA
BFTA Masters	2 nd September	Nelson	WAFTA
BFTA Showdown	3 rd September	Nelson	WAFTA
The British Open	16 th / 17 th September	TBC	TBC

Whilst the BFTA endeavours to ensure that its shoots occur according to the schedule published on the BFTA website, in the event of a shoot being cancelled, for whatever reason, the liability of the BFTA extends to a refund of entry fee only minus the administration fee. 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 2023

Regions should establish whether they support or reject each proposal.

It is acceptable that, at the committee meeting, counter proposals are offered providing they do not differ too much from the original. It shall be at the Chairman's discretion if the counter proposal is acceptable.

12.1: Showdown Format

12.1a: Continue Showdown trial with 48 entrants. **CARRIED**

12.1b: Return Showdown to 64 entrants and old format. **Vote not required**

12.2 Trophies. CARRIED

The proposals were removed, and it was decided that the committee should agree on the trophies to be awarded in 2023.

BFTA Championship

1st – 10th

1st – 3rd in AA, A, B, C, Piston and Open

BFTA Inter-Regionals

Medals for teams, 1st – 3rd, 15 medals per team

BFTA GP Series

Badges for 1st – 3rd in AA, A, B, C, Piston, Open and Silhouettes

End of season:

1st – 5th in AA, C, Piston, Open and Silhouettes

1st – 10th in A and B

Teams, medals for teams in 1st and 2nd place (5 shooters per team)

BFTA Masters

1st – 10th

1st – 3rd in AA, A, B, C, Piston and Open

BFTA Showdown

Showdown, 8 trophies, quarter-finalists (4), semi-finalists (2), runner-up and winner

Plate, 4 trophies, semi-finalists (2), runner-up and winner

Shield, 2 trophies, runner-up and winner.

The British Open

1st – 10th

1st – 3rd in AA, A, B, C, Piston and Open

The Secretary will document all trophies that the BFTA provides to assist the purchasing of trophies.

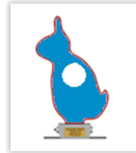
12.3: Location of BFTA Euros in 2023

12.3a: Weston Park. **CARRIED**

Support for the name change to, The British Open

12.4: Target Colours. CARRIED

From WAFTA: Allow the use in BFTA events of blue face plates and white target zones as per the WFTF rules.



12.5: Grade boundaries proposal from Grading Officer

12.5a. **CARRIED**

The current 2022 grade bands are: AA Grade greater than 91%, A Grade less than 91% but higher than 81%, B Grade less than 81% but higher than 71%, C Grade less than 71%. The grade bands are currently determined annually in October from the rolling results by allocating individuals results into the following Grade bands: AA Class – top 15%, A Class next 35%, B Class next 35% and C Class remaining 15%. Applying this principle to the 2022 results we will arrive at the following grade band %'s:

Grade	%	Numbers per Grade	Grade Band %'s
AA	15%	46	≥87%
A	35%	108	≥76
B	35%	108	≥60%
C	15%	46	<60%
U/G		38	
Total		346	

This is based upon the current shooters in graded bands - 308, excluding those 38 ungraded shooters who had 1 or 2 results but are yet to be graded after 3 shoots.

These grade bands are significantly different to those that applied this year. I believe that this is primarily because there were a very limited number of shoots/results in 2020 and 2021 because of Covid restrictions.

I have looked at different ways of determining the grade % bands but have concluded that the current system seems to give a fair distribution of grades.

I am therefore proposing that these bands are used for the 2023 season and that they are used for the next two years and then subsequently reviewed annually at the AGM.

Piston Class

12.5b. **CARRIED**

If a Piston Class shooter decides that they wish to shoot PCP in future, then they will be placed in a grade above the one that their current (Piston) %'s would have been allocated to them.

12.6: Clarification of the definition of Open in BFTA Open Class. **CARRIED**

In the BFTA Open Class is open to anyone that holds a BFTA shooters card.

12.7: Action in the event of a target being inadvertently set outside of the shoot rules.

CARRIED

At BFTA events if a target (or targets) is set outside of the shoot rules then, providing that the target is safe, the target is still to be included within the course of fire.

The infraction should be brought to the attention of the BFTA Competition Manager who will document the details and bring the information to the next AGM for discussion and any necessary action.

Voting decision of regions

Item	CSFTA	MFTA	NEFTA	WAFTA	SWEFTA	SEFTA	FFTA	Outcome
12.1a	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Carried
12.2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Carried
12.3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Carried
12.4	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Carried
12.5a	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Carried
12.5b	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Carried
12.6	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Carried
12.7	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Carried

13. AOB

i) Secretary: Shoot-offs at BFTA events. Shoot-offs are defined in the rules, but these rules are not being consistently applied. Do we want rules defining shoot-offs or leave it to the discretion of the CM?

There was unanimous support for shoot-offs to be at the discretion of the CM.

The Competition Manager will include this guidance, and shoot rules will be modified, when he contacts the clubs hosting events in 2023.

ii) The Secretary was contacted by Kieron Turner on behalf of the WHFTA. He asked if we were interested in some ways creating a combined (although keeping each discipline separate) event at Weston Park in 2023. This was widely supported. The Secretary will link Kieron and Scott to discuss what this may look like. A pressing question raised by the Vice

Chairman was the location of the shoot. The area usually associated with FT would be far too small for a larger gathering.

iii) The Secretary asked for clubs to volunteer to build the FT course for The British Open. The BFTA will pay the club £1500.

iv) The Secretary informed the committee of the present “limbo state” of STS and NWFTA. It was agreed that we would support the return of both regions to the association and whilst their position develops, they would remain as non-voting members. As a result of this, any future meeting will require 4 of 7 regions present to form quorum.

v) Treasurer: ensure your NSRA digital affiliation is done before the 1st of December 2022.

vi) Access to the BFTA bank account access needs to be updated. James and Andrew to have access to digital banking.

James will investigate the cost of the BFTA having its own card reader for pay on the day.

vii) Grading Officer: suggested that those shooters that move from Open to Graded should start in the grade below that indicated by their open percentage. Where their percentage is calculated from the top graded score not the top open score.

John will run some shadow data in 2023 and update the committee and submit any proposals at the AGM 2023.

viii) WAFTA: Update on lead ban. John Johnston attended a Zoom meeting hosted by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). It was attended by representatives of several shooting disciplines. All parties attending the consultation expressed concern that non-lead ammunition is not accurate enough. The consultation period is now closed. The HSE will provide a summary report and proposals to DEFRA by August 2023. DEFRA will review the HSE report and its recommendations and draft legislation to put before parliament during 2024. Parliament will then review and possibly change the legislation, before passing it into law. For airguns of .22 and below calibre the HSE proposal if passed into law would give us 5 years to either switch to lead free ammunition or find means of recovering at least 90% of the pellets used.

ix) SEFTA: asked was it possible to allow shooters that don't have a BFTA number to enter our events.

The Secretary asked for SEFTA to provide a proposal of how this would be administered.

There was strong support for:

Shooters with BFTA cards belong to BFTA affiliated clubs and therefore have passed the necessary criteria to be a part of a shooting club.

That shooters wishing to experience FT should begin their FT journey at club/regional level not at the national level.

x) SEFTA: suggested that the BFTA consider using patches rather than trophies for its event. The committee was asked to vote on this, and majority support remained with trophies.

xi) BFTA Website: there was discussion about the present service offered by the website and how things might improve.

Secretary will contact Martin to learn more about how the website works and if other people could have access.

Chris Jones will explore the option of a website provided by an IT professional. This would include continued ability to pay for events online and for selected people to upload information to the website.

The Vice Chairman will set up a working group to look at how better coverage of our events could be uploaded to the website. The Trade Liaison Officer will be part of this group.

xii) Merchandise: The Secretary suggested that we asked Graham Jopson of Elite Designs to offer BFTA merchandise through their website.

Secretary can confirm that Graham has agreed to this.

xiii) HVP: Liz suggested that the BFTA could run its meeting via an online platform. This was widely agreed and as a trial the GM in June 2023 will be via an online platform. The Secretary will set up the meeting and have a dummy trial in the weeks before the meeting to ensure that all is working okay.

xiv) President: Roger shared with the committee that in the FFTA they had introduced "Supported Class", this was an extension of the Open Class that allowed shooters to use various supports (SWEFTA also run at Open Plus Class that allows the use of shooting sticks for support). He asked the regions to discuss such a class at their regional meeting and the committee would discuss this at next year's AGM.

Equipment: It was agreed that for next season the BFTA will provide each region with an equipment box. The Competition Manager will purchase the required equipment and inform regions of how they can collect their box.

Meetings in 2023

GM – Wednesday 21st 2023 via an online platform

AGM – Saturday 18th November 2023 at Meadow Farm

Shaun Shore (November 2022)

Annexe A – Treasurer’s Report

Welcome to my 14th set of BFTA accounts report.

As you will all know I have decided to step down from the role of BFTA Treasurer after more years than I care to remember and wish my successor James Kay well in the role. I make a commitment to the Committee/James Kay to provide continued support, in the background, if it is needed (you can’t get rid of me that easily).

It is good to report that we had a successful 2022 BFTA Competition season. At the beginning of the season, I was concerned that, with the much-decreased numbers participating, the BFTA accounts would be badly affected. However, I was very pleasantly surprised that all of the 8 regional GPs/Championships had sufficient numbers to at least break even from a financial point of view (see below).

As I have stated many times in my time as Treasurer, I believe the BFTA needs reserves of ~ £32k which equates to 2yrs running costs to remain viable. At this time last year BFTA held **£30,198.54** in the Lloyd’s account. I am pleased to report the balance this year at the end of season is **£34,348.90**.

The majority of the income of the BFTA is generated by the competitions we hold. In addition, the BFTA registration cards that cost £5 each, generated a gross income of £3,338 with associated printing and postal costs of £73.87. A net income of **£3,264.13**.

The BFTA Euros, held for the last two (2) years at Wold Farm, required a payment of £3,000 to secure the venue this year to host the event. I understand the owner is looking for a substantial increase if we return in 2023. This level of payment is probably sustainable, if we can guarantee enough entries. Although if we were to return to Weston Park, all the competitors entry fees of £40 (100 entries?) ~£3,500 has been returned to the top 15 shooters as prize money, in addition to trophies the BFTA awards.

We had the benefit of end-of-season prizes provided by sponsors such as Air-Arms and others held over from when Mark Lawrence was trade liaison officer to use this season.

A decision was made to split the prizes into 2 roughly equal quantities with half being used to supplement the Euros trophies and the other half being used for GP8 Sywell end of season raffle where tickets were sold for £5 each. Trev made an excellent job of selling the tickets which generated £1,400 including the GP8 Sywell entries on the day, - I could not easily split the wad of cash I had to bank, into raffle/entries on day.

In terms of **Trophies**, this year BFTA spent **£2,843.00**. This includes BFTA Championship, Inter-Regionals, Masters, Show-Down (Trophies and Embroidered Patches) and Euros.

I again re-iterate that the use of electronic banking has made the job as BFTA Treasurer a lot easier. I can't remember the last time I used the BFTA cheque book. I can access the BFTA accounts from my phone and iPad easily via the Lloyd's mobile banking app and transfer monies and even pay in cheques at home.

As Treasurer, I renewed the **BFTA's NSRA Affiliation (2022)** and insurance, together with the additional Marsh (Bluefin) insurance (2022 NSRA affiliation and additional Marsh (Bluefin – legal cover) insurance £205.00 + £70.00).

Since the audit of this year's accounts, I have:

- renewed the **BFTA's NSRA Affiliation for (2023)** and insurance to take advantage of the discount being offered by NSRA of avoiding the 10% increase they will be applying after 1st December 2022 for 2023 renewals.
- I have e-mailed Owen Brimicombe of Marsh/Blue Fin Insurance to enquire what the premium will be for 2023 - Additional Cover Option – Legal Expenses which was £70 last year. I have yet to receive a response from them.

I would like to thank:

- Mark (Berty) Bassett for organising and securing additional class trophies at short notice and Merion at Everson Trophies for providing some admirable glass trophies.
- John Lewis for his continued work in auditing the BFTA accounts and
- John Johnston for his excellent work in administering the BFTA cards and grading system, I believe it has gone very well.

I remain concerned by the decision to award trophies for all grades/classes at what were traditionally non graded shoots. The additional costs of providing substantial trophies for these classes, is expensive. e.g. £500 for additional trophies at the Champs.

I would like to see trophies only being awarded 1st to 10th overall in Competition, with only 1 trophy per grade/class (AA, A, B, C Junior, Piston and Open Class) per non-GP competition. This effects, BFTA Championships, Masters, Euros, not the GP and Silhouette series where metal Pin badges are awarded.

I have done a small bit of analysis regarding the 2022 season:

GP1 Icenit total entries 79, including 4 entries on the day

GP2 Redferns total entries 81, including 15 entries on the day

GP3 Anston total entries 92, including 19 entries on the day

GP4 Blaenau Gwent total entries 85, including 28 entries on the day

GP5 Southampton Buccaneers total entries 75, including 11 entries on the day.

GP6 East Devon total entries 83, including 16 entries on the day

GP7 Castle total entries 97, including 33 entries on the day

GP8 Sywell 77 entries via website (not got a note of entries on day, income combined with raffle income)

Masters total entries via web-site 46.

Championship total entries 90, including 6 entries on the day

Euros total entries 115, 111 booked in via website

Basically, BFTA pay the hosting club £750 and also fund 6 X £25 = £150.00 Bonus Bunny Raffle prizes on the day, so excluding Pin badges, scores cards and cloakroom tickets for raffle it costs BFTA £750 + £150 = £900 to fund each GP.

So, with an entry fee for each GP equal to £15, we need at least 60 entries to balance books.

As has been aired on Shooting the Breeze and other Facebook forums these entry numbers are well down on pre Covid levels.

I commend Shaun Shore's work in trying to see if alternatives are preferred. I believe the high fuel costs and increasing hotel costs are having a major effect on entry levels. It will be interesting to see if double headers are the way forward or a hybrid system using both current single GP and double-headers.

The **Lloyds Internet Business Bank** account holds **£34,348.90 as of 31st October 2022**. This money includes entries for the Euros, East Devon GP and Castle GP. All monies to clubs for hosting GPs have been paid.

The **total monies paid into the Lloyds account amounts to £21,087.35**.

This includes BFTA shooters card purchase payments, Inter-Regional and BFTA Championship, 8 Grand Prix 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 £16,936.99.

I have paid Martin Calpin £150 for his work on the BFTA web-site as well as payment for 5-year registration of BFTA web site domain name.

Please note that the income generated by adverts is no longer paying for hosting the website and have been switched off. In 2019 we had 7K users and 80K page views, this has dropped drastically by over 50%. We now have 5K users but with results and unofficial stats being posted elsewhere (STB/Facebook) there is not the traffic there once was. People are also electing to pay on the day, rather than book in advance using BFTA website. This results in a lot of work on the morning of competitions to allocate lanes and shooting partners, which can be eliminated by the pre-booking system. Normally booking opens one calendar month before the event and closes on the Thursday before the Competition.

- Please note when more than one BFTA competition is open for booking and payment is via the BFTA Web-site it is not easy to assign the Stripe payments to which Competition without a lot of work, so we tend to go by the physical number of entries.
- What I have done is look at the incoming Stripe payments and done an estimated split between:
 - (GPs, Championship & Inter-Regional and Masters) and
 - (European Championship), this was to ascertain that we were not making a loss on the Euros.

Overall, the BFTA holds **£34,348.90** in the Lloyds Internet Bank Account. This is roughly aligned with the £32k which accounts for approximately 2 years running costs that I have suggested is needed in reserve. We also had some stock of the end of season trophies (need to check), purchased in 2020, new score cards and pin badges, which we have available. **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 BFTA 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. This year I have paid for everything electronically and not used a single cheque. I would like to see an electronic system for paying and registering for BFTA cards. 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 **£34,348.90** (noting that NSRA Affiliation fee of £205.00 for 2023 comes off this amount). 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 2022 is £3,338 minus expenses (printing and postage) of £73.87. This is relatively healthy although it appears that a lot of members who have cards no longer actively shoot the competitions or are very selective in which they shoot.
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. Consider doing away with printed BFTA cards and adopting an electronic BFTA shooter/membership card system.
5. Carefully consider position with respect to trophies allocated across class/grades at non-GP events or consider other metal Pin badges or embroidered patches?

Andrew Slade

BFTA Treasurer –12th November 2022

[Annexe B – Grading Officer’s Report](#)

BFTA Membership/Cards

Thanks to the Regions for their assistance in collating the requests from their clubs for BFTA membership and for completing the card details for members.

We currently have 664 members for 2022, with the bulk of these issued by March 2022. We continue to have new members joining.

The payment system of bank transfer to the BFTA Bank account for cards was used by most regions, and this task was completed without any major issues. Thanks to Andy Slade for his prompt communication of payments received.

I will email the regions in January 2023 for the lists of shooters that require a BFTA Number/Card, applying the same procedure as last year.

BFTA Grading System

Thanks to everyone for supporting the changes that were made to the grading system this year, and for sending me the average %’s for the Winter and Summer leagues, which were incorporated into the grading spreadsheet.

I received very few queries this year about grading – so the system must be working!

I would have liked to have published the grading spreadsheet on the BFTA website, however without an active Web Master this was not possible. I did however email regions with the spreadsheet to circulate to their members.

We will discuss my proposal on the grading % bands for 2023 later in the meeting. Once we have agreed these, I will draft a new BFTA Membership/Grading document, incorporating the changes that were agreed this year. I will circulate this to regions for their approval at the next meeting, after which it can be published on the BFTA website.

Stats From this year’s Grading Results

Total Paid Membership: 664

Members with no scores recorded: 298

Number of Members with 1 or more BFTA and Regional scores recorded: 366

Members that attended at least one BFTA competition: 225

Finally, thanks again to everyone for their assistance with Membership/Grading, your input has certainly made my job easier.

John Johnston