

# BFTA GENERAL MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

**MEETING DATE** 3 JUNE 2026; 19:00 hrs

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**VENUE** ONLINE VIA TEAMS

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## **PERSONS PRESENT**

<b>OFFICER</b>	<b>NAME</b>
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President	Roger Moy
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Chairman	Shaun Shore
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Secretary	Chris Large
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Grading Office	John Johnston
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Trade Liaison	Mark Bassett
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Alan Chambers (Scot), Phil Gee (MFTA), Andrew Slade (CSFTA), Liz Moy (FFTA), James Osborne (MFTA), Natalie Shead (SEFTA), Phil Foulds (SWEFTA).

## **APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Becky Bassett-Jenkins, James Kay and Scott Pywell.

## **1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

S Shore opened the meeting and thanked all those for taking the time to attend. A quick review of the season so far highlighted that even though we have only had two major events plus a GP, the season was looking competitive. He thanked Millride for staging the BFTA Championships and the Inter-Regionals, and congratulated Dave O'Hara for taking the Championship title and SEFTA for the winning the Inter-Regionals.

S Shore stated that interest has been shown with regard to the equipment stats used at BFTA events. He was open to looking into this further if the interest was there.

Finally, he reminded those present that Roger Moy had recently celebrated his 80th birthday, and hoped he enjoyed the Champagne. Roger expressed his thanks to all who helped make his day very memorable, and especially to the BFTA for their kind thoughts.

## 2. BFTA GP STICK CLASS PIN BADGE

C Large provided an update on the new pin badges for the BFTA Stick Class at Grand Prix events. They have been delivered and J Kay is due to award them at the forthcoming GP2. We have 300 (100 x gold, silver and bronze) which should keep us going for some time.



## 3. BFTA MEDIA

**3.1 General Promotion of BFTA Events:** S Shore thanked C Large for the recent work put into the online promoting of the BFTA and the BFTA events, though short promotional films and ad campaigns. He also thanked Nick at Falcon Optical Systems for his considerable investment into the BFTA GP Series this season.

C Large highlighted he is working closely with Falcon to give them as much back as possible in return for their sponsorship, but also stated Falcon are fair and keen not to be seen as 'hogging the limelight' and are aware there are other sponsors too.

C Large highlighted one area that he felt could generally be improved on, that being the capturing of the winners of each event, and representing them better in subsequent online posts etc. He suggested a large banner with an appropriate image could be used to give a more prestigious look to the event photography. This backdrop could also feature sponsor logos to again better serve those who are working with us. It may be, to give the banner some longevity past this season, the sponsor logos could be added later digitally. S Shore agreed but suggested it was not always possible to get such images at all events, especially if those people had already left the venue. It was suggested the BFTA would have a greater control of this at the larger BFTA run events such as the Masters, British Open etc. than at regional GP's. However, it was agreed that C Large would look into sourcing this banner and organising the photography of event winners whenever possible.

M Bassett said he would also like to see better representation, and suggested that those people who won each grade in the AM session had their photo taken, together with those in the PM session. This way, we could potentially capture the right people, and also post stats and images of both AM and PM session winners as well as overall winners. This was seen to be a great idea and could feed into the point made earlier about posting result and equipment stats online.

M Bassett also indicated he is, if possible, keen to resurrect the 'Shooters Profiles' videos, as he felt these added a lot of interest and could help promote all classes in our events, as well as individuals.

S Shore said that B Bassett-Jenkins had asked if some of the load could be shared between others with regard to online promos, as she felt this would mean an increase to what's produced. M Basset said if he and C Large could work closer together this would help facilitate this. C Large and B Bassett-Jenkins have arranged to discuss access to the various BFTA accounts at the forthcoming BFTA GP.

**3.2 Film promotion of BFTA Events:** S Shore stated that we had a contact who would be a good move to professionally capture the BFTA events. It was suggested that the British Open would be a sensible event to work towards, as this would give us time to plan and action it properly. C Large

stated his contact would be prepared to film the two day event, and provide a finished short film. M Bassett highlighted the BFTA had looked into this in previous years but the production costs of multiple thousands made it out of reach for the BFTA at that time. C Large stated that the costs for the British Open film would be far less than that and should be a manageable cost. It was agreed C Large would ask for production costs and it can be decided from there.

#### 4. BFTA MERCHANDISE

- 4.1 S Shore stated that the BFTA has a severe lack of branded merchandise available, and this is an area that could be improved upon for more general awareness.

S Shore confirmed 120 branded caps are in production, a number of which should be available for the GPs 2 & 3 on 13 and 14 June. These will be touted around by a few of the Committee members at all future events.

- 4.2 **BFTA Branded Clothing:** S Shore stated that C Large was able to produce high quality, branded clothing for the Association, such as T-Shirts, Polos, Hoodies and Soft Shell Jackets. However, in order to facilitate this a new printing machine would ideally need to be purchased, as his current facilities are not geared up for larger runs and it has hit a bit of a bottle-neck. S Shore asked what the costs involved were, to which circa £ 285 + VAT plus a printing pillow (approx £50) were confirmed which was agreed unanimously would be a good investment for the BFTA. C Large did highlight his concerns of being perceived to be using BFTA equipment for other non-BFTA work, but it was agreed this is not an issue as it means the BFTA would see new, long overdue branded merchandise produced and on sale. It was agreed by the Committee C Large would source the appropriate machine and begin the production.

#### 5. AOB

- 5.1 S Shore introduced Phil Foulds to the Committee. Phil was speaking on behalf of SWEFTA and for clarity he outlined the way they run their region. He stated that numbers in SWEFTA were low, and that it was their view wish to see the inclusion of any form of Sticks to be included in the BFTA Stick Class (ie. standing or seated). S Shore confirmed that currently under the BFTA rules if a shooter is seated using Sticks, this is deemed to be Open Class. Phil also highlighted the issue of costs of trophies if too many classes were introduced. S Shore reminded everyone that outside of the BFTA, each Region has its own powers to adjust its allocation of Winter or Summer League trophies how they see fit.

J Osborne stated it may take a few years for the new classes to settle down on a national level, and we see what equipment people are using with regard to Sticks etc. J Osborne agreed with S Shore that it is up to the Regions to determine how they run their respective regional events and adjust their rules to the numbers accordingly, but shooters must understand that if they attend a national event they may, inevitably, be placed in a class different to that in their own region. He added regions have to be flexible in how they approach their allocation of grades and prizes to suit their respective numbers.

N Shead also outlined that SEFTA had decided to cut their allocation of trophies dependant on numbers. It was also stated the BFTA rules, as far as regional events are concerned are more a guide about the setting of courses etc. than the allocation of prizes. A Slade added all regions, including his own CSFTA have had to be more accommodating and work to a system that best suits the numbers of shooters they are seeing at regional leagues.

R Moy stated his club was looking to bring to the AGM a proposal that if a shooter is using Sticks the shots must be taken from a standing position. If the shooters is seated in any way, this would

constitute Open Class, and therefore Sticks would not be allowed. This is in line with the current UKAHFT rules. It was felt this gave a clear set of rules to work to.

To this end, S Shore asked that all regions please consider their standpoint on a proposal for discussion at the AGM that Stick Class is deemed to be those shooters using Sticks (standing or seated), and any seated only position (no disciplines) will fall into the Open Class.

- 5.2 P Foulds asked if the BFTA website could have the BFTA Committee added, so it is clear who is who. S Shore confirmed he would look into adding this to the site.
- 5.3 R Moy raised the point briefly mentioned earlier that it may be worthwhile the BFTA having a closer dialogue with the UKAHFT to try and avoid date clashes and encourage more participation in each others events.
- 5.4 A Slade asked when national dates would be available for the 2027 season, so CSFTA can look into the possibility of hosting double header or GP events, eg. Meon Valley have two grounds very close to each other which could lend itself to a 2-day event. S Shore confirmed the dates cannot be ratified until the AGM later in the year (November). S Shore mentioned that a double header event can be at the same venue, with a change of course for each day. One benefit of this is we often struggle to source venues and this could answer some questions with regard to filling the calendar. M Bassett highlighted that Wales did host a double header at a single venue, and although overall it was a success, there were some views that it was not ideal to have two days at the same venue.

**MEETING CLOSED 20:08HRS**