



British Foosball Association

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Minutes of the British Foosball Association Annual General Meeting

*Sunday 28 April 2007
The Casa, Hope Street, Liverpool*

Meeting opened 1245hrs

1. Attendance and apologies

Richard Thomson (Chair), Matthew (Boris) Atha (Vice-Chair), Jude Fitzgerald (Secretary), John Worthington (Treasurer), Ben Mason (Exec)
Jon May, John Shovelton, Alex Shovelton, Rafael Jack, Dan Gallon, Mike Amsden, Dave Bareham

Apologies

Dave Morgan, Cath Brown, Dave Oates, Dave Ziemann, Rhys Roberts, Caroline Wong

2 Minutes of the 2006 AGM

The minutes of the 2006 AGM were agreed as a true and accurate record
No matters arising

3. Outgoing committee reports

- **Chairman** – Richard reviewed the year and announced that he was stepping down, the meeting thanked him for his efforts
- **Treasurer** – John Worthington produced accounts for 2006 which were approved by the meeting
- **Secretary** – Jude Fitzgerald outlined the membership situation, with over 1100 members on the database
- **Vice Chair / international** – Boris reported on the ITSF World Cup and World Championships, thanking Dave Oates for securing team sponsorship and acting as BFA rep at the World Cup
- **Corporate events rep** - Absent– Jon May on behalf of Dave Oates reported on the sponsorship from Business and Decision and monies raised from corporate events in 2006
- **Webmaster** – Absent – John Shovelton reported on the operation of the Computing working group and established a team to ensure the main BFA website is regularly updated
- **National League** – Ben Mason announced that the inaugural league season has so far been a success and that the 2007 competition has 16 teams entered in the league

4. Constitutional amendments .

There was general discussion on:

- **Policy Document framework** – Agreed with general structure of constitution
- **Governance and working group structure** – Committee to agree and publish policy document
- **Committee roles** – Committee to agree and publish policy document

- **Election of committee posts and voting** – Agreed to directly elect Chair and Treasurer with remaining committee posts appointed from 5x elected committee members
- **Membership and setting of member fees** – Agreed to implement new membership structure (Basic, Provisional and Full) with maximum membership fee of £5
- **Discipline and member conduct** – Agreed to establish disciplinary commission under leadership of BFA Vice Chair

Following the discussion the BFA constitution v5.0 was adopted unanimously

5. Executive Committee Elections

Matthew (Boris) Atha was elected unopposed as new BFA Chairman

John Worthington was elected unopposed as BFA Treasurer

The following members were elected to serve on the committee, being assigned the following roles

Jude Fitzgerald (Vice Chair)

Dave Morgan (Secretary)

Jon May (Commercial Liaison Officer)

Ben Mason (Youth & Community Development)

John Shovelton (Webmaster)

It was noted that the Women's Commission (aka "powder room") had not yet notified the committee that they had elected a womens representative to the committee.

6. Specific discussion topics

- **Tournament coordination / ranking** – It was agreed that the tournament coordination committee be responsible for sanctioning BFA ranking events and that the criteria should be published
- **Website** – It was agreed that the BFA website is the first port of call for information and has been neglected in place of the Britfoos forum. The Computing Working Group, under the leadership of the Webmaster, to take responsibility. Main BFA website to be revived and regularly updated to be primary source of information/tournament announcements etc rather than the forum, and out of date content reviewed
- **Working group to assist with creation of Regular Haunts** – Youth and Community Development commission established
- **Referees exam** – New refereeing/rules commission to coordinate training and accreditation of referees.
- **New disciplinary committee** to be established and code of practice to be revised and given more teeth
- **UK Championship** – Agreed to hold multitable UK Championship with players having to qualify to compete - UK Championship to determine UK qualifiers for ITSF World Championships
- **Rules of Play** - ITSF rules of play adopted for all UK tournaments

7. Setting of limits etc

- **single item spending limit** – to remain at £500
- **member fees** – Agreed with provisional membership as £1 levy on entry fees, full membership maximum £5 per annum
- **quorum for next meeting** – to remain at 6 members

8. Any other business

- Sanction fees for ITSF-tour events to be paid from central BFA funds
- Youth development a priority - to establish an under 18 championship or series with qualification for ITSF World Junior Championships
- BFA to take steps to seek recognition as a sport by the UK Government and local authorities
- Clearer guidelines to be introduced for posting and moderators on Britfoos forum

Meeting closed 1645hrs