



British Foosball Association

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Minutes of the British Foosball Association Annual General Meeting

**Friday 4 February 2011
Rileys Liverpool**

Present: Boris Atha, Chris Lyall, Rich Potts, Simon Yeung, Joe Bundy, Jon May, Rich Marsh, Sam Fitzpatrick, Lukasz Bicki, Scott Walding, Jody Walding, Sarah Brice, Matt Price, Roger Healey, Mayya Racy

Apologies: John Worthington, Martin Landers, Andrew Nubbert, Graeme Addisson (acting as TD during the meeting)

1 Meeting opened 1955hrs

2 Minutes of 2010 AGM

- 2.1 Minutes were approved at Altrincham EGM in March 2010
- 2.2 no matters arising from 2010 minutes

3 Officers & Working Group Reports

3.1 Chairmans report

Boris summarised progress in 2010, Boris Joe & Rich attended ITSF congress. Confirmed intention to step down as chairman to concentrate on making a league system work, without the pressures of responding to enquiries and events on a day to day basis.

Jon May proposed vote of thanks to Boris for his services to the BFA.

3.2 Treasurers Report

John Worthington provided, by phone, a provisional list of income and expenditure, the meeting postponed discussion of the finances and approval of the accounts until an EGM to be held at 6pm on the Saturday of the Bath Spa Open. Meeting noted significant one-off expenditures which will not be needed in coming years, concern at estimated balance of only £400 in funds.

The following represents the state of the accounts as of 16-2-2011.

Income

Registration Fees - £2755 (gross reg/table fees)
Sales - £808.33 (RS tables & team kits)
ITSF - £0 (see below)
Expert Challenges - £1,500.00
Advertising - £410.23
Sponsorship - £2,200.00
Repaid Debts previously written off - £480.25 (Tornado trophies from 2005)
Bank Interest - £0.10
Total - £8153.91

Expenditure

Table Purchases - £2,484.00 (Tornado scheme and payments to Roberto-Sport for tables sold)
Team Kits - £2,225.10
Website - £150.00
Table transport - £3,113.79
Table Storage £1,556.25
ITSF Fees & Subs - £978.00
Expert Challenge Expenses - £1,027.20
Parts & Spares - £228.10
Miscellaneous - £130.00
Total £11892.44

Overall Loss - £3738.53

Balance at 16 Feb 2010

LTSB 16-2-10 £3,977.88
RBOS (at closure) £200.75
Total £4,178.63

Balance at 16-2-11 - £1,902.10

Monies Owed to BFA

Royalty Fees - £100
Reg Fees - £198
Total - £298
2009 Debts Recovered £1,540.00
2009 Liabilities Paid £78.00

Uncashed Cheques

No 145 - Foos4Fun £100.00 Tornado playfield

Nominal Assets (not inc spare parts etc, based on resale values)

10x Garlando Tables @ £200 £2,000.00

4x ITSF Tornado tables @ £350 £1,400.00
2x 2003 Tornado tables @ £250 £500.00
Sack Truck £30.00
Team Kits (estimated) - £910
Total £4,840.00

Prospects for 2011-12?

Table Storage - costs reduced by termination of storage contract with ISIS saving approx £1000 per year..

Table purchases - None planned (could sell off all but 1-2 Tornados if no-one wants to organise a tournament within next 12 months). Tornado scheme abandoned after second payment which secured ownership of 4x tables by BFA

Transport costs - no longer borne directly by BFA (except for e.g. UKC) but reg-fees to be paid net of transport costs

Team Kits - No planned purchases - Can sell off old team kits.

ITSF - we need to identify suitable projects (e.g. league, table transport/storage costs) to justify receiving our €722 (about £600) ITSF sticker fees due from 2010, if so should return to rough parity between income and subs, although subs likely to increase along with number of registered UK players.

Expert Challenge - Our £1500 income from expert challenges yielded a profit of £472.80, this was disappointing for what was a World Cup year.

Reg Fees - so far turnouts look up compared to 2010, Liverpool was up 20%, Bath seems likely to double the attendance from Altrincham in the equivalent slot last year, but fewer tournaments planned.

BFA League - Likely to require 2x weekends for semi-finals (Northern & Southern) in Sept with finals at UKC, will involve transport costs.

Advertising & Sponsorship - we seriously need to pursue these revenue streams

Accounts are provisional and cannot be approved at this stage, postponed to EGM at Bath Spa Open – if balance really is £400 then we are in big financial trouble.

3.3 Website

Massive overhaul as a result of 2-3 people doing something about it, and especially to Tom King. Now greatly improved, functioning venues database, need people to commit to putting venues in it.

3.4 Commercial development

Fewer expert challenge requests, lower PR budgets – lower margins for BFA, successes include Property Consortium UK Sponsorship deal for National Team, Disney Corporation.

4 Constitutional Amendments & Agenda Items

4.1 Constitutional amendment 1

2.1.2(a) - Replace 'seven' with 'nine'

2.2.1(a) - Delete 'Seven'

Allows variable size of committee between 7 and 11 members

Vote - all in favour all except

Against – Rich Potts

Abstain – Jon May, Joe Bundy

4.2 Constitutional amendment 2

2.2.3 - Delete 'chairman or', replace 'posts' with 'post'

Restricts ban on office holders having foosball-related commercial interests to post of treasurer

Vote - all In Favour except

Against – None

Abstain – Jon May

4.3 General Meeting Quorum

Proposal to increase general meeting quorum to the same size as the executive committee (currently 11x persons)

All in favour except

Against - None

Abstain - Boris

4.4 Expenditure Limits

Agreed unanimously to remain with £500 cheque limit but to investigate whether we still need to have this limit and if we can change at an EGM.

5. Executive Committee Elections

5.1 Chairman

Joe Bundy – Elected Unopposed

5.2 Treasurer

John Worthington – Elected Unopposed

5.3 Remaining Executive Committee Posts

There were 10x Candidates for 9x remaining Committee Posts and an election was duly held with Joe Bundy and Sam Fitzpatrick acting as returning officers

Elected

Jon May - 12
Boris Atha - 12
Andrew Nubbert - 11
Richard Potts - 11
Matt Price - 11
Mayya Racy - 10
Martin Landers - 8
Steve Lyall - 8
Chris Lyall - 7

Not Elected

Alina Darragh - 5

5.4 *Officers ratified*

Matthew "Boris" Atha – Vice-Chair
Jon May – General Secretary
Mayya Racy – Womens Officer
Richard Potts – Press Officer

6. Any Other Business

6.1 *BFA League*

Boris to bring forward proposals within one month, finals to be held with 2011 UKC, needs web support.

6.2 *Junior Development*

Rich Potts to run schools competition, recommend free entry packages for junior players to tournaments

6.3 *International Team*

Urgently need to provide team members in kits for sponsors presentation to keep property consortium happy, if so may be more inclined to sponsor the team next year also.

6.4 *Seniors*

Jon May – Propose allowing players who has passed their 50th Birthday to be allowed to play BFA senior events (but not ITSF senior events) – Agreed unanimously.

6.5 *General Meetings*

Jon May to investigate introducing proxy voting at general meetings

6.6 *Next AGM*

Noted improved turnout this year and also in 2007 when AGM held alongside a tournament compared to standalone AGMs which have struggled to reach quorum, and which failed to do so in 2010. 2012 AGM be held on the Friday before first tournament of 2012

7. **Meeting closed 2135hrs**