

## **SWEFTA AGM MINUTES 2019**

Held at The Willand Rovers Clubhouse, Willand, Devon. 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Meeting opened: 10:05am

**Present.** 18 SWEFTA members representing 7 clubs

**Apologies:** Steve Franklin, Richard Beauge.

Following the resignation of the Chairman, Secretary, Scores Secretary, Development Officer and BFTA Rep. During 2019 season, the meeting was chaired in their absence by the acting Vice Chairman Chris Jones, supported by the surviving members of the 2018 committee.

### **Minutes of the last AGM.**

**Accepted** as a true record of the proceedings; Proposed James Head Seconded Tony Fouracres.

### **Matters arising from the 2018 AGM minutes.**

None.

**Officers Reports**, all given verbally.

Vice Chairman's:

Treasurer's:

Competition Secretary's:

Safety Officer's:

### **Election Of Officers.**

Chairman: Two members registered an interest in the position, Kevin Jackman and Jeremy Stamp. After a vote Jeremy Stamp was elected Chairman, 9 votes to 4.

Vice Chairman: Chris Jones agreed to continue in the role and was duly elected.

Secretary: Philip Foulds agreed to stand for the vacant position, this went to a show of hands and Phil was duly elected.

Scores Secretary: Cloe Phare agreed to stand for the vacant position, this went to a show of hands and Cloe was duly elected.

Treasurer: Rob Meatyard agreed to continue in the role and was duly elected.

Competition Secretary: James Head agreed to continue in the role and was duly elected.

Safety Officer: Andy Williams agreed to continue in the role and was duly elected.

Development Officer: Chris Jones agreed to stand for the vacant position, this went to a show of hands and Chris was duly elected.

BFTA Representative: Chris Jones agreed to stand for the vacant position, this went to a show of hands and Chris was duly elected.

Website Manager: A new post was created and Cloe Phare agreed to stand for the position, this went to a show of hands and Cloe was duly elected.

#### **Item 6.**

A proposal to adopt the league bench rest competition rules as trailed during the 2019 season.

Proposed Paul Salmon Seconded James Head.

Paul gave a short presentation on the rules and the success of this years trial. A discussion followed about the 30min duration of a match, should it be reduced to 20min. This would be better for clubs with lots of interest and not much room. It was decided the rules would remain unchanged for this season but reviewed again for the 2021 season.

The item went to a vote and was **Accepted**. (For 7 votes Against 0 votes).

#### **Item 7.**

A proposal to create a calendar showing all SWEFTA, BFTA and any other prominent FT Competitions in a format suitable for displaying on Club noticeboards and or Shoots etc.

Proposed Bill Hartnoll Seconded Rob Meatyard.

Chris Jones and James Head volunteered to create a full list of competitions and events taking place throughout the year and circulate to club secretary's for them to distribution out to their membership.

The committee thanked Chris and James for their help with this item.

No vote taken.

#### **Item 8**

A proposal to hold several SWEFTA shoots to BFTA rules (i.e. allocating lanes, use of stop watches etc.) to help prepare shooters for BFTA GP's etc.

Proposed Bill Hartnoll Seconded Rob Meatyard.

The item was discussed and the feeling of the meeting was that training and readiness for GP's or similar should be done at club level.

The item was unanimously **Rejected**.

### **Item 9**

A proposal to allow first time competitors at a SWEFTA event to shoot with someone from their own club.

Proposed Philip Foulds Seconded Tony Fouracres.

A discussion followed and it was agreed that it would apply to their first event only and score cards, HFT or FT must be marked "New Shooter".

The Item was unanimously **Accepted**.

### **Item 10**

A proposal to start the summer league later in the year, e.g. April.

Proposed Philip Foulds

This item found no Seconder and was so **Defeated**.

### **Item 11**

A proposal to delay the Safety Brief and Shoot Start times by 30 minutes e.g. Brief at 09:00 and Start at 09:30.

Proposed Philip Foulds Seconded Lesley Oxbrow-Trim.

The proposal was discussed and the feeling of the meeting was; if this item was accepted all other timings would also need to be delayed 30 mins too resulting in a late finish.

The item was **Rejected**. (For 5 votes Against 10 votes).

### **Item 12**

A proposal to restrict Open Class to those aged 55 years old and above.

Proposed Philip Foulds

This item found no Seconder and was so **Defeated**.

### **Item 13**

A proposal to align SWEFTA HFT with UK HFT in the following areas:

1 Rule 2: No adjustment of any kind may be made to the scope for the duration of the event.

- 2 Rule 4c: The use of stools in Open Class should be clarified or legitimised.
- 3 Rule 7: The maximum distance for any target shall be 45 yards and the maximum number of reduced aperture targets will not exceed 50% of the total number in the match.
- 4 Rule 8: The white peg will be a standard size. e.g. 12 inch high and 1.5 inch round.

Proposed Paul Salmon Seconded James Head.

This item was discussed vigorously and it was decided to take the changes to Rule 2 and Rule 7 under one vote.

These rule changes were **Rejected**, (For 3 votes Against 10 votes).

The change to Rule 4c was thought to be similar to that of Item 24 so it was agreed to suspend this debate until Item 24 was put to the meeting.

The change to Rule 8 was simplified to: the white peg dimensions being a minimum of 12 inch high and either 1.5 inch round or square.

The clarification to the peg size was unanimously **Accepted**.

#### **Item 14**

This item was withdrawn as it was already covered by Item 13-4.

#### **Item 15**

A proposal to revise the use of and range of reduced aperture targets on FT courses only.

Targets with apertures between 12.5mm (½ inch) and less than 25mm (1 inch) shall be restricted to 10% of the total number of targets in a course (e.g. 4 in a 40 target course) and shall not exceed the maximum range of 25 yards.

Targets with apertures between 25mm (1 inch) and less than 40mm (1.57 inch) shall be restricted to 20% of the total number of targets in a course (e.g. 8 in a 40 target course) and shall not exceed the maximum range of 35 yards. However, a maximum of 2 of these targets maybe positioned between 30 and 35 yards with the remainder being set at distances less than 30 yards.

1 x 25mm target may be used on a Standing lane at a maximum distance of 20 yards  
1 x 25mm target may be used on a Kneeling lane at a maximum range of 25 yards.

Proposed James Head Seconded John Martin.

After a short explanation this item was similar to items 16 and 17 except for the following proposal: Positional lanes should be restricted to a maximum total length of:

Standing maximum combined length = 60 yards  
Kneeling maximum combined length = 70 yards.

The item and amendment went to a vote and was **Accepted**. (For 10 votes Against 2 votes.)

**Items 16 and 17** were withdrawn as they were covered under Item 15.

### **Item 18**

All Standing and Kneeling shots shall be in pairs on the same lane and not mixed with freestyle targets.

Proposed James Head Seconded Paul Miles.

A brief discussion followed which identified the North Petherwin ground as a problem, it having 4 targets in every lane. The proposal was amended to exclude North Petherwin.

The item and amendment went to a vote and was **Accepted**. (For 12 votes Against 0 votes.)

**Item 19** was withdrawn as it was covered under Item 18.

### **Item 20**

A proposal to allow Stools and Sticks in Open FT.

Proposed James Head Seconded Russ Harding.

A discussion followed and it was decided as no other Association allowed the use of stools or sticks they would remain in the HFT domain only.

The item went to a vote and was **Rejected**. (For 3 votes Against 15 votes.)

### **Item 21**

A proposal regarding FT and HFT targets, all targets should be fall when hit style targets.

Proposed Adrian Cross Seconded Chris Jones.

The item went to a vote but was **Rejected**. (For 4 votes Against 10 votes.)

### **Item 22**

A proposal regarding FT and HFT targets, kill zones on all targets should be fully visible.

Proposed Adrian Cross Seconded John Martin

The item was discussed and it was thought to affect HFT only.

The item went to a vote but was **Rejected**. (For 4 votes Against 10 votes.)

### Item 23

A proposal regarding FT and HFT targets, all kill zones to be circular.

Proposed Adrian Cross Seconded Andras Fekete Moro.

The item was discussed and it was thought to affect HFT only. The meeting went on to say it didn't matter what shape a kill was as long as it obscured one of the normal target sizes (e.g. 12.5, 25 or 40mm) and the target was set at a range based on the size of disk obscured.

The item went to a vote but was **Rejected**. (For 4 votes Against 10 votes.)

### Item 24

A proposal to alter the wording of Rule 2c SWEFTA HFT to include "Any form of seating is permitted"

Proposed Kevin Jackman Seconded James Head

The item was discussed and rejected because the proposal wasn't size specific with several strange and weird examples of seat put forward. However, a counter proposal was tabled which specified a "folding stool".

The counter proposal was proposed by Rob Meatyard Seconded Bill Hartnoll.

The counter proposal went to vote and was **Accepted** (For 15 votes Against 0 votes.)

### Item 25

A proposal to replace the existing club voting system with a new individual voting system.

Proposed James Head Seconded Kevin Jackman.

The new voting system was presented to the meeting but it was thought the new system went against the constitution of the association. The association was structured around its supporting clubs each having representatives voting the way an individual club instructs.

The item went to a vote but was **Rejected**. (For 4 votes Against 12 votes.)

### Item 26

A proposal to replace the existing club FT and HFT team Trophies with Teams made up of friends similar to those of the BFTA except the teams would be restricted to a maximum of one AA class member.

Proposed Kevin Jackman Seconded James Head

The item went to a vote but was **Rejected**. (For 1 votes Against 12 votes.)

## Item 27 AOB

1 Paul Salmon asked the meeting to discuss the duration of the bench rest season now the rules have been adopted, see Item 6.

The meeting felt the new bench rest league should follow a similar format to that of the FT and HFT leagues with the best 6 scores counting from 9 events.

The proposal was unanimously **Accepted**.

2 Phil Foulds asked the meeting to remind course setters to consider the colours HFT targets are painted in relation to an obstacle and or the backdrop the target is set against.

This sparked off a discussion about the minimum distance an obstacle should be away from the firing line and what it should be constructed from. A distance of 10 yards to the nearest obstacle was thought to be the absolute minimum and it should be made from a material that accepts a pellet and not cause ricochets. Also obstacles should be made of a material that if hit makes a distinguishing sound and not be similar to that of the backplate.

No vote taken.

3 Andras Fekete Moro asked the meeting to consider altering the maximum scope magnification used in HFT from 12 times to 12.5 times.

This proposal found no seconder and so was **Defeated**.

4 James Head asked the meeting to allow the committee to set FT and HFT grading bands for future seasons.

No objections, the proposal was **Accepted**.

5 Kevin Jackman notified the meeting that the current rules as modified by Rob Lamerton and released onto the website for the 2019 season had not been ratified by an AGM and they should not be used.

After a discussion the Chairman asked Kevin if he would rewrite the rules in an easier to read format using wording that had been previously ratified. Kevin agreed to do this.

6 Paul Mills made the meeting aware of the constitution and that proposals should only come from clubs following local discussion and not direct from individuals. The same unsupported proposal were being submitted to the AGM year after year.

The Secretary, before the notification for the 2020 AGM is published will investigate this further and rectify any mistakes in procedure.

**Meeting Closed at 12:35**