



2024 AGM DRAFT MINUTES

Date: Sunday 04 February 2024

Venue: The Cafe Meeting Room, Millride FTC, Essington

06.02.2024

MEETING COMMENCED: 13.30

ATTENDEES

Shaun Shore (Chair), Chris Large (Secretary), Dave Pitt (Treasurer), Karl Morris (Competition Secretary), James Osborne (BFTA Rep), Pete Rowley (Castle), Ian Stoddart (Millride), Nicole Stoddart (Millride), Simon Critchlow (Brook Valley), Steve Booth (Brook Valley), Nick Murphy (Castle), Robert Banks (Harriers), Simon Francis (Throckmorton), Lee Hadlington (Purley Chase), Phil Gee (Millride), Dean Burfoot (Harriers), Neil Thorneycroft (Brook Valley), Steve Cash (Brook Valley), Phil James (Harriers), Rodney Howes (Millride), Bob Selvey (Millride).

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

S Shore opened the meeting and thanked all those for taking the time to attend.

2. PERSONS AND CLUBS PRESENT, QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Clubs present: Brook Valley, Castle, Harriers, Millride, Purley Chase, Throckmorton. Quorum was established.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Mark Brameld (Brook Valley) and Rob Jack (Harriers).

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM - 05 FEBRUARY 2023

The Minutes of the 2023 AGM were accepted and approved as a true representation. Proposed: Castle. Seconded: Brook Valley.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Each Officer submitted an annual statement for the meeting. Copies of those available are attached to these Minutes.

- 5.1 The Competition Secretary echoed the Secretary's concerns of low attendance for a number of the Winter League events, and that for future years we do need to address how to improve this situation.

In addition, the Competition Secretary highlighted the issue of competitors wishing to declare a card as DNF and in order to mitigate any further accusations or incidents asked if the rules on this could be clarified. It was discussed and agreed that a valid request for a DNF must be approved by the Chief Marshall before the competitor can leave the course.



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5.2 The Treasurer stated that the accounts supplied are current up to 01.02.24 as our financial year technically ends 31.03.24. A final set of accounts will be submitted for the year end, but as it stands with the forecasted expenditure we will be down by approx £660.00. As is stated in the accounts, this is due to necessary expenditure on Silhouette and Masters badges, which will however now last for several years. We have also seen an increase in the insurance premium (although not as much as expected) so all things considered, it was not too bad.

S Shore asked if, going forward, the £10.00 entry fee was enough. D Pitt sighted he was loathe to increase it and felt it was sustainable. It was agreed the entry fee should remain at £10.00 p/person for Winter League events.

In order to further save significant costs in the forthcoming years, it was also proposed that:

- The 2 x £10.00 scorecard raffle was to end
- The reimbursement of the MFTA Inter Regional Team for entry to the BFTA Champs was to end

Proposed: Castle. Agreed: Unanimous.

6. ELECTION / RE-ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE

Current Committee at the time of the meeting: **Chairman** - Shaun Shore, **Secretary** - Chris Large, **Treasurer** - Dave Pitt, **Competition Secretary** - Karl Morris, **BFTA Rep** - James Osborne.

S Shore thanked his fellow Committee members and the rest of the FT community for their continued support whilst in the role of Chair.

The current Committee stepped down.

No new nominations for any post had been received. All Committee members were willing to re-stand for their positions. S Shore stated he was happy to continue to enter the results for grading. It was voted unanimously to re-elect the existing Committee.

7. REQUEST FROM THROCKMORTON SHOOTING GROUND TO JOIN THE MFTA

S Francis stated that after the successful hosting of an MFTA Winter League event at the end of last year, Throckmorton Shooting Ground was keen to put on more events under the MFTA banner and wished to be considered as an affiliated club. He stated the owners are very keen, and with a large area of ground that could be utilised they are willing to accommodate a number of events throughout the year.

Proposed: S Shore. Agreed: Unanimous.

8. 2024/25 MFTA WINTER LEAGUE DATES (ATTACHED)

The proposed dates of the 2024/25 Winter League were put forward. The list featured nine fixed dates with the option to host an additional round at the end of the year, meaning the total number of rounds would increase back up to ten rounds. This would clearly be better for all the competitors



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involved, and also boost the much needed funds.

Venues were allocated to the proposed dates. The additional date of 15 December (which would become Round 7) was offered to the floor. S Francis stated he would consult with Throckmorton to see if it could be hosted there. The rest of the allocated dates were all agreed by participating clubs (please see attached Winter League Dates sheet).

9. MATTERS ARISING

9.1 MFTA AFFILIATION FEES

D Pitt proposed the MFTA affiliation fee was increased to £30.00 p/Club. Although this would only bring in a little extra, every little helps.

Proposed: S Shore. Agreed: Unanimously.

9.2 MFTA 2024 SUMMER SEASON

C Large explained that he had recently put forward a proposal for the MFTA to host a season of one-off individual events during the 2024 summer months, to cater for those who did not wish to travel to the national shoots, or those who wanted to do both a national series and a home season without having to commit to a full Summer series. He highlighted the formats proposed were a little different in an attempt to bring something different to FT for a few months, and to hopefully encourage those who may not be so comfortable with a standard competition series to give it a go. He highlighted it was also possibly an opportunity to try something different and look at how we can push FT forward for future generations.

However, when these formats were put forward in a soft launch amongst the FT community, they were not met with much encouragement and it was apparent a standard FT series was preferred.

S Shore put forward that a standard 40 shot course to BFTA rules was adopted, over a series of six rounds with four to count. The takings would be a 60/40 split with the 40% going towards cash prizes at the end of the series (cash prizes were suggested as the lower number of events would not generate enough income to support traditional trophies). The cash prizes would be divided proportionally on the numbers of competitors in each grade (and decided on the day). The MFTA would not take any income from this League. It was also agreed there would be no cash raffle at each of the Summer League rounds this year. Results would be submitted for grading.

Proposed: S Shore. Agreed: Majority.

Stick Class: It was also put forward that the use of sticks in the MFTA Summer League had its own class. This was due to discussions S Francis had with members of Throckmorton who, it was thought, if they had their own class would be more likely to take part. S Shore highlighted that the MFTA



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was following the BFTA guidance, but it would be an opportunity to trial it to see what the actual uptake of a Stick Class would be. S Francis said he would make those at Throckmorton aware and encourage them to take part in the whole MFTA Summer Series.

Proposed: S Francis. Agreed: Unanimous.

Equipment: K Morris asked how the distribution of MFTA equipment would be catered for during the Summer, as it was likely he would not be available to take it to all of the six rounds (as he does in the Winter League). The point was raised as issues had occurred during the Winter League that some equipment had not been returned to the MFTA. It was discussed and agreed the MFTA would loan the equipment (hi-viz vests, target checkers, chrono, kneeling rolls and mats) on the basis it must be the responsibility of the club to ensure its safe return to either the MFTA or the next club to host a round of the League. I Stoddart agreed he would be responsible for taking the equipment to each club during the Summer. It was also agreed the MFTA would supply the relevant booking in sheets, scorecards etc.

9.3 MFTA v FFTA v SEFTA (The Tri-Regions Cup)

C Large stated he had been in discussions with P Hollis of Sywell (FFTA) and C Eaton of ETL (SEFTA) to develop a friendly inter-regional challenge. It has been agreed this team competition will be run alongside the Lee Blissett Memorial Shoot at Sywell on 19 May. Every entrant has the opportunity for their score to go towards their overall region total. Results will be taken from the top two results in AA, A, B, C and P. The region with the winning team score would then take the annual perpetual cup for the year. The finer details are still to be decided and the number of scores taken from each grade or grades used is subject to change. C Large asked that our MFTA competitors supported the Lee Blissett event as much as possible, and therefore by default also supported the Tri-Regions Cup. Further details of the event will be posted online in due course. It was agreed that this was a great opportunity to both support the charity and develop an exciting competition that could run for many years to come.

9.4 DEVELOPMENT OF A MIDLAND OPEN EVENT

At the last AGM the reintroduction of a Midland Open was discussed and deferred to this year's AGM. The subject was opened up for discussion. The question was asked if there was enough time to organise or if a suitable weekend was available. C Large stated he felt the calendar was once again too full, and to squeeze such an event in would not do it justice.

It was asked whether it could form part of the last MFTA Summer League shoot. D Burfoot stated that could cause issues with grades as the Summer League would run with MFTA Grades and an Open would need to run with national Grades.

It was agreed unanimously that this subject would be put on the back burner and reviewed at a future date.



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9.5 MFTA INTER REGIONAL TEAM

C Large asked for clarification on how the Inter-Regional team was to be picked. It was proposed the team would be the top 15 based on the final results of the MFTA Winter League (based on those who wish to take part).

It was agreed this method of picking the team would remain by a unanimous vote.

9.6 MFTA INTER-REGIONAL TEAM REIMBURSEMENT OF ENTRY TO THE BFTA CHAMPIONSHIPS

This was voted on in item 5.2.

9.7 INVITATION FOR CLUBS TO HOST BFTA GP 2025

S Shore asked for interest in any MFTA clubs that were interested in hosting a BFTA GP in 2025. He proposed that Throckmorton was given the opportunity to host this event. S Francis was to liaise with Throckmorton to confirm with the BFTA.

Proposed: S Shore. Agreed: Unanimous.

10. AOB

D Pitt asked if clubs would kindly ensure their club affiliation was paid on time, as it was unnecessary for fees to be outstanding in the months way past the deadline. He stated the due date was 01 April 2024 but if clubs wished to pay ahead of time it would be very much appreciated.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

02.02.2025

MEETING CLOSED 15:01



Chair Report (2024)

04.02.24

I took on the role of Chairman to offer support to Chris Large as I thought he was doing a tremendous job in serving the MFTA. After one year my respect for Chris has grown even higher; the MFTA is very fortunate that he is on our side. Thank you Chris Large.

I would also like to offer thanks to:

- Karl Morris for his work as Comp Sec
- Dave Pitt for his work as Treasurer
- James Osborne for representing the MFTA at BFTA meetings.
- MFTA Clubs for providing enjoyable shoots for us all.

Thanks to Blackbrook (unfortunately Blackbrook has now left MFTA) for hosting the 2023 MFTA GP. Also, to Brook Valley which successfully hosted the inaugural BFTA British Open.

Congratulation to James Osborne for winning the 2023 BFTA GP Series and Ian Stoddart for winning the 2023 BFTA Masters. Further congratulations to Ian for winning the 2023/24 MFTA Winter League.

The MFTA WL visited Throckmorton on 7th January and after a successful debut I am delighted that they are going to join the association.

Finally, a thanks to all those that help at their clubs and help make Field Target so enjoyable in the Midlands.

Shaun Shore
MFTA Chair
(February 2024)



Secretary Report (2024)

04.02.24

Another Winter League has now come to an end, and again it has seemed to go all too quickly. I think it's fair to say we have enjoyed another successful season and managed to ride the ever increasing challenges we seem to face.

As Dave will highlight in his report, our funds have taken a bit of a battering this year, which came as no surprise as it was highlighted at the last AGM that 2023 would see increased costs. Thankfully, a large part of these are temporary (ie. the purchasing of new Silhouette and Masters badges) so moving forward we should be able to get our funds back on a more even keel.

Saying that, I do feel the numbers at our shoots are down a little on last year, and even with the participation of some new competitors this is a slightly worrying trend that I am keen to continue to look at ways to mitigate in future years. Suggestions were discussed for trialling a new format of shoots during the summer months, to try and bring a different element to FT and encourage those who may not be comfortable in taking part in a serious competition to give it a go. Disappointingly, these suggestions were met with great resistance and it saddens me to think our region is not at the forefront of looking how to increase the accessibility and take up of future events. I can only hope that in a number of years I am not sat at this table saying 'I told you so'.

However, we do have a proposal on the Agenda for an Official MFTA Summer League, which has not been ran for a few years so let's make sure that is a great success and provides some great events and of course great practice for the national season.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support of the MFTA over the past 12 months. We do work extremely hard to ensure the region is well run and your communication and feedback, particularly to my many emails, is always very much appreciated.

Finally, well done all who have shot the Winter League this season, to all those who have managed to take a trophy winning place and to Ian Stoddart, who has put in a superb season of results for him to take the overall title of MFTA Champion 2024.

Kind regards,

Chris Large
MFTA Secretary
(February 2024)

04.02.2024



MFTA Interim Accounts 01.04.2023 – 04.02.2024

Please note: These accounts show the MFTA account **01.04.23 to 04.02.24**. Our financial year end is 31 March so final accounts will be filed 31.03.24. Predicted income and expenditure for the months of February and March 2024 are shown below.

Expenditure	£	Income	£
NSRA Insurance	250.00	Affiliations	130.00
BFTA Champs (2023)	100.00	Winter Leagues (8)	1,176.00
Engraving	30.00	MFTA Cloth Badge Sales	20.00
Scorecards	160.00		1,326.00
Domain/Hosting (IT)	75.45		
Silhouette Badges (min 5yrs)	464.40	B/F 22/23	+ 3,574.82
Masters Badges (min 3yrs)	198.00		4,900.82
Post	13.55	Expenditure 23/24	- 1,291.40
Total (as of 04.02.24)	1,291.40	Total (as of 04.02.24)	3,609.42

EXPECTED FINANCES FEB – MARCH 24

Income	£
Winter League (1)	147.00
Clubs Cup	200.00
	347.00

Expenditure	£
Room Hire (AGM)	25.00
Trophies (WL)	250.00
MFTA Masters Host Club	200.00
Masters/Clubs Cup	174.00
BFTA Team	75.00
BFTA Team Caps	165.00
BFTA Champs (Entry)	150.00
	1,039.00

B/F	+ 3,609.42
Expected Income	347.00
Expected Expenditure	- 1,039.00
Expected Total (as of 01.03.24)	2,917.42

Synopsis

This year we're approx £ 660.00 down on previous years. However, the incurred costs of MFTA Silhouette and Masters badges will not be seen again for at least five years (silhouettes) and three years respectively (MFTA Masters).

Further financial savings to the expected final figure shown opposite could also be made subject to Item 9.6 of the Agenda (reimbursement of BFTA Champs entry fee).

MFTA Winter League

2024 / 25 Season



DATE	EVENT	VENUE
22 SEPT	WINTER LEAGUE	CASTLE
06 OCT	WINTER LEAGUE	HARRIERS
20 OCT	WINTER LEAGUE	PURLEY CHASE
03 NOV	WINTER LEAGUE	THROCKMORTON TBC
17 NOV	WINTER LEAGUE	BROOK VALLEY
01 DEC	WINTER LEAGUE	MILLRIDE
15 DEC	WINTER LEAGUE	THROCKMORTON TBC
2025		
05 JAN	WINTER LEAGUE	PURLEY CHASE
19 JAN	WINTER LEAGUE	BROOK VALLEY
02 FEB	WINTER LEAGUE + MFTA AGM	MILLRIDE
16 FEB	MFTA MASTERS & CLUBS CUP (+ PRESENTATIONS)	THROCKMORTON TBC

If the League starts on Sunday 22 September, there is a possibility of holding an extra shoot before the Christmas break on 15 December, taking the total number of Winter League shoots back up to ten.

Shoots will commence as a shotgun start at 10:00am.

Booking-In from approx. 8:30am.

There will be a pre-shoot briefing at 9:45am.

Access times to the grounds and practice ranges may vary.

Competition entry fee: £10.00 p/p.

MFTA Graded.

MFTA Summer League 2024



DATE	EVENT/ROUND	VENUE
14 APR	SUMMER LEAGUE 1	HARRIERS
12 MAY	SUMMER LEAGUE 2	MILLRIDE
16 JUNE	SUMMER LEAGUE 3	PURLEY CHASE
30 JUNE	SUMMER LEAGUE 4	BROOK VALLEY
14 JULY	SUMMER LEAGUE 5	CASTLE
25 AUG	SUMMER LEAGUE 6	THROCKMORTON

Shoots will commence as a shotgun start at 10:00am.

Booking-In from approx. 8:30am.

There will be a pre-shoot briefing at 9:45am.

Access times to the grounds and practice ranges may vary.

Competition entry fee: £10.00 p/p.

Best four of six to count.

MFTA Graded.

Results submitted for average grading.