

Irish Field Archery Federation



MINUTES: IFAF Committee Meeting Monday 11th November 2013, 7.30pm. Rhu Glen Country Club

Attendees: John S., Andy V, Eddie R, Helen O'C, Andrew W, Keith S, Helen K & Lynn.

Apologies: JP & Stephen

1. Minutes of last meeting
 - a) Committee had read them/didn't need to go over at this meeting.
2. Matters arising
 - a) Correction to monies total (see 3e)
3. Finance/accounts
 - a) Credit Card –Old IFAF CC still to be closed down by Don P. He confirmed, by email, he is working on this matter.
 - b) Open IFAF Account – Helen K & Lynn E to open a new account at P.TSB, in Waterford.
 - c) John S: He has a draft for an engineering company for €80 from time of UKIFAC 2011, the account had been paid by the IFAF Treasurer. John has to find it and will give it over to Helen K
 - d) Membership Fees: JP still has funds for 2013-14 year. Need to confirm whether money still in cash or was it changed into Draft(s) as security.
 - e) John S to ring JP and arrange for monies received for membership, cash & cheques, to be given over to Helen (total monies €1786). Helen has requested a copy of the membership list to back-up the monies received.
 - f) John S has a refund from the insurers for €700.
 - g) Travel Expenses to be given out after we have the account set-up
 - h) IFAF Bank Account (New): Will apply for a Visa Debit card on the account rather than a separate credit card.
 - i) Aos Dana loan: €500 repaid at the 2013 AGM. The club had borrowed €2500. The balance of the loan has to be repaid. Helen K to ring Maureen to acknowledge that monies have been received and that we wouldn't be pressurizing Aos Dana for the money as it had been said, at the AGM, that the monies would be repaid "within the year".
4. IFAF Correspondence and responses.
 - a) Valley Bowmen/Elaine Foran application for IFAF loan. John read out Elaine's letter which detailed the requirements for the club in terms of items required for the new club and the amount required. Monies to be borrowed & repaid over a 2-year period. Reply given by John S that the loan in principle and will be given in time once we have funds available to issue.
 - b) Follow-up/re-review of complaint email received. Lynn to write a response. Eddie R reiterated that all correspondence should come in through and be issued from the Secretary as agreed at previous meeting.
 - c) Marjan & Martin email. Original email discussed and it was noted that by the end of the thread there were two separate email-trails. Helen K said that it is not an IFAF issue but a Club one. It was thought it was unfair for them to be excluded from their own clubs' shoot but situation as it now stands is for the Club and its members to work through it.
 - d) Andrew W: Responses to email from him about John's reply to the emails circulated. The points AW rose were addressed one by one.
5. Membership list.
 - a) Andy V received a membership list from JP today. Same list to be emailed to Lynn and printed off to give to Eddie R for shoot on Sunday
6. IFAA email (inbound).

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- a) Need Stephen C to confirm whether an official reply has been sent as yet. If not, then refer to '6d' for Andy V's proposal which was approved.
 - b) Eddie: The IFAF Champs used to hold the 4 disciplines of the IFAA. Several years ago the format was changed to compress it into half-day formats of the same. Each of the shoots would be a championship within its own right. The Champs in more recent years changed, again, and was shot using whichever rounds the host club chose to run. The addition of stand-alone events will allow people to attend a championship event where they might have missed-out due to clash of commitment where only one Champs ran.
 - c) Andy V/Eddie R/Keith S: The disciplines of Marked Animal or Unmarked Animal, Bow Hunter and Field and Hunter rounds (full or half) incorporated into the IFAF Champs. Committee wanted to keep a weekend champs event as it is a sociable event bringing archers together
 - d) Andy V: Proposal - 4 separate days for the Championships (Marked or Unmarked Animal, Bow Hunter, a Field and a Hunter round) spread over the year and a single 2-day IFAF Championships weekend. Clubs can only host one championship event but it is not counted as one of their allocated shoots. IFAF will provide the medals and the club can retain any proceeds. Guests shooting at any championship event cannot win a National Title or trophy. Andy V's proposal unanimously agreed upon.
 - e) Lynn: Clubs can apply for one shoot per quarter (Q1, Q2, Q3 & Q4) and a shoot, whether 1 day or 2 day is to be considered as one allocation. Collaborations are counted as one of the host clubs' calendared shoot allocation (events like UKIFAC and the Championships (multiple events) would be considered exceptions because they are hosted on behalf of the Federation)
 - f) Scheduling of the shoots should not be calendared on the same date but the weekend on/off will not be continued which could mean there are back-to-back weekend shoots.
 - g) Eddie: Proposal: He wants to have IFAF to apply for the World Bow Hunter Championships but as an interim the stepping stone was that a European Field and Hunter Championships be ran. The Committee agreed that Eddie & Stephen be tasked with finding out what is needed from the IFAA.
7. EBHC / IFAF shirt for France 2014
- a) Lynn: Asked whether an 'association specific' or event specific shirt would be preferable. Noted that not all members travel to, therefore get the benefit of, an 'EBHC shirt'. Decision was opt for an IFAF/association shirt that is comfortable enough to shoot in but smart enough to use in parades, should a member be competing abroad. Lynn to do some research on suppliers, styles and rough cost.
8. UKIFAC 2015 (Northern Ireland)
- a) Stephen tasked with writing to each nations' UKIFAC representative to confirm whether any discussions or provisional arrangements been made for the host country in 2015? In the former 4-year rotation it would be the turn of IFAF but with NIFAA joining how do they become incorporated into the competition. Also, with 5 member nations what sequence of hosting would be preferred?
9. Gains calculations and awards
- a) Keith: Asked whether split gain scores into gender is something we should consider. Deemed to be an AGM matter. Keith to go back to the current gains charts and analyses the calculations to and compare with national and international scores to get a broader base of material to work with.
10. Using Facebook/Website to invite clubs to seek shoot dates for 2014

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- a) Lynn to reply. Clubs themselves will not be accepted as a friend to 'IFAF Ireland' only the members themselves.
 - b) Lynn to update the website with the item from Point 6 regarding the Championships and Shoots for 2014
11. Seek applications to host Champs 2014 as an IFAA event
- a) Addressed in item 6d
12. Seek registration with the Garda Central Vetting Unit
- a) Helen O'C suggested we contact the Garda Vetting Unit and find out what IFAF needs to do as an organization/for its members in respect to registering with them: Committee agreed with Helen to make an official representation to the Garda unit IFAF's or the individual members vetting criteria
13. AOB
- a) IFAF Safety Kits (€950) paid-out. What is happening to those kits. They were given in good faith and to leave it as is. No provision at the moment to offer them to new clubs within IFAF.
 - b) Andy V: IFAF website needs to be updated to remove the Links where it says IFAA the wording says Irish Field Archery Federation.
 - c) John S: New Clubs coming on line in the Wicklow/Dublin area and another in the Clonmel area. Another club, from the midlands, is enquiring about hosting a shoot in the near future.
 - d) Andy V/Keith: Membership of IFAF of non-shooting members (e.g. a 'pavilion' membership, defined by different coloured card to non-trained members. JP tasked with cross-referencing the membership list with the IFAF sign-off sheets. Only people who have completed a recognized induction program are eligible to shoot and, in the case of adults, cast votes at the AGM. Keith to write to the clubs, non-shooting parents to go through a basic induction course to understand the requirements of being a shoot guardian, etiquette and so forth.
 - e) Keith S. Membership numbers to be assigned a membership number. JP to be tasked with assigning a membership number to all members which will then be added to next years' membership cards and can be used on any forms where a membership number is required.
 - f) List of IFAF Instructors and IFAA needs to be compiled. JP sent out email looking for confirmation of who has been approved as an instructor. Keith to follow-up with JP about Instructors and also confirm First Aiders. Lynn and Andy V to post on website and Facebook, respectively
 - g) Helen K: If SIFA members come into IFAF what cost to them is applicable? The same rate as has always been applied will be charged; re-joining members pay the full renewal rate and any new member would pay either the full or partial annual membership. All fees are on the website.
 - h) Records update. A section covering Marked Animal scores need to be recorded and uploaded to website. Lynn to do.