

Irish Field Archery Federation



IFAF Committee Meeting Minutes: Meeting at RHU GLEN 7.30.pm August 29 2013

Before opening of the meeting John Shiel read what he proposed as an open letter to the membership. The intention is to address some of the rumours being circulated about the state of IFAF, the intentions of the Committee and where the membership, as individuals, stand.

Items for Discussion

1. Minutes of last meeting on 15th August confirmed as accurate
Minutes agreed.

2. Matters arising

3. Eddie Ryan

- Jim Waters

Andy spoke to Jim about having the court case dropped, may be a case of some some financial payment to cover basic costs. No response so far from Jim as Jim has to consult his solicitor. With Jim not replying the ball is in his court and we can't chase him. The High Court is still pending. John Prior, from Oldcastle, is the solicitor representing IFAF.

John rang Adrian to ask whether a summons has been issued. Adrian confirmed one was issued against IFAF Ltd, the company. No more would he say as a matter of confidentiality.

John going to contact the Solicitor on behalf of the Cmte/IFAF Ltd. He is going to ask about the summons, the state of accounts due to him, any other matters around the situation and will he continue to represent IFAF. John will report "the bare facts" to the committee.

- Conflict of interest

Eddie asked whether Stephen and Andrew W. have a conflict of interest by serving here and and being part of the Society of Irish Field Archers.

John said that the people serving here on the IFAF Cmte must serve it to the best of the their ability.

Andy said that if there was a person serving on the IFAF Cmte and also serving on the other Society's Cmte there is a conflict of interest. There is a diametric conflict between the archery associations.

Lynn said that the IFAF is about shoots at home, UKIFAC, EBHC's and EFAC's. All of this is field archery.

Helen K said that it's about all of us pulling together as a committee and circulate and promote ourselves at shoots and so forth.

John asked, does everybody serving on the Committee serve IFAF to the best of their ability. Everyone agreed.

Andrew W. said that he wasn't aware of his name being added to the SIFA email.

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4. Andy Vagg

- ref to texts from S. Crowe. Suggested call to EGM for all clubs. Contact Steve Kendrick for information on precedent of situation with potential split within an associate nation.
Andy's suggest that we contact Steve Kendrick, say what is going on here and seek advice on how to get through this situation
- Committee to be 100 % devoted to IFAF business, without reference to club membership.
This was address already in the 'conflict of interest' agenda item
- What to do if clubs withdraw and some of their members are on this committee?
We're all elected to the Cmte. And, we as members, not members of a Club can serve on this committee
- Discuss possible dissolution of IFAF.
How do we stop a hostile take-over whereby an EGM was called and the Company, IFAF Ltd. Andy concerned that someone will 'take over' the IFAA affiliation and use it for the new association or a private club.

Stephen says Eric's letter from today is correct, there will be a split [in IFAF]

John said that this Cmte, on behalf of IFAF, hold the IFAA affiliation.

5. J P Sheridan

- List IFAF property'
He wants to know what IFAF assets
Chronograph – Don P has this
Medals from Champs
IFAF banner
IFAF Pins, gains badges, and Hotshot patches – Lynn has some pins and patches, will confirm
Ask for all other items, in a general capacity
- Webmaster and new website needed.
John – IFAF website. Help was offered at the AGM on behalf of Don P and Alex Jude. It was subsequently withdrawn as there was "too many" people with access. Website is 15 years old but the method of using it are not current. John spoke to his son Andrew and asked him to access the site and upload items for publication.

Michael Hambley will continue to host it but will not assist in its support

Andrew [Shiel] has offer to post items on our behalf. He has also offered to build a new website for us that is modern, and useable to all for a nominal fee of €50. Andrew's offer has been accepted.

6. Lynn

- Change Directors.
Look on the Company's website
Don and Sean have asked to be removed – need to find out the 3rd director and contact
- EGM/apology/status.

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Jim item covered

- Accounts handover
Helen K – no contact been made with Martina. Helen has tried several times.
John as asked for Helen to find a home address, if we can't contact her via email or phone then we shall send a registered letter.
Lynn to send Martina's email address to Helen.
- What events can qualify for record status?
Question raised at SEBHC whether the shoot could be recognised as record status
Was it open to everybody, on the calendar and not in conflict with another IFAF shoot? If the answer is yes to all of these then it could be 'record status' but not all criteria met. Deferred for subsequent discussion
- AGM minutes / approve/send out.
The preference is for the minutes to be published on the website rather than email upon request. Website to be updated with a link to the PDF
- IFAF website/management/ access/ status/new site?
John's son, Andrew, is going to create a website.
Access codes for the website will be held by the Secretary and 'held in trust' by another, Andy V, as the President
- No change to membership fees.
Keep the prices the same.
JP wants to put new memberships into a more workable format. All agreed that whatever works for JP to do his job more easily, for him, is fine with the Cmte.
- IFAA shoots to have equal footing.
One form of competition, IFAA 'v' SBG or other, are not put over the other. Considered personal preference between clubs and members.

7. John

- Open letter to members Break-away group.
John re-read the open letter to the group, inc Stephen and Andrew W, who weren't present at the first reading

Stephen confirms there is a group that is going to break-away. There are concerns that the people who break-away want to shoot international will be denied the opportunity.

The whole point of the letter is to restate that IFAF has not changed, the international affiliation remains and everyone is welcome.

Need a notice on the website to membership is open with immediate effect. No change to fees. Renewal year is 1st October 2013 through 30th September 2014.

Membership applications to be sent to the Membership Secretary, JP Sheridan
121 St. Herblain Park, Old Tramore Road, Waterford. Cheques made payable to IFAF

- Contact solicitors.
This was addressed earlier – John looking after this matter.

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- Latest from Don Priestly.
John read out the email sent by Don Priestley, to a select group of the IFAF membership, to the Cmte re the set-up of SIFA

AOB

1. Complaint's procedure: Everyone to review the current SNS, Complaints Procedure and other documents before the next meeting to bring it in line with a more 'inclusive' approach to all forms of media and types of issues arising.
2. EBHC & other International Events: IFAF have their own National shirt for international competition. Non-sectarian shirt which promotes the 'island of Ireland'.
Andy suggested that NIFAA & IFAA members can shoot together at international events to 'make a team'. Views on NI archers being brought into the group their opinions on the matter
Helen K asked can we get sponsorship on on a National jersey? Which company'd be approached?
3. Eric Kelly's email to Andy Vagg. John read out the email to the group.
Eddie believes the initial reaction to IFAF and leaving the federation was reactionary. Let the renewals come in.

John, if we let things be as they are then we cannot put a foot wrong.

John has requested that any official correspondence coming into any individual member be redistributed to the whole committee.

Andy going to respond to Eric. He will circulate the letter to the Cmte, for review/feedback, before sending.

4. Andy Vagg paid for the room in full. Owed €50. Receipt given over to Helen K.
5. Form Updates. The membership application and course inspection sheet need updating to contain new contact info for Membership Sec & Safety Officer – Lynn to do.
6. Phone / SIM card. Purchase a SIM card to get access to Web-texts – Lynn to do. Need to then get contact numbers from JP for members.
7. No further emails to be issued to the membership until the renewals & new applications come in. JP received an email stating that communication from this Cmte/IFAF was not wanted and that only communications from Don P were welcomed.
8. Website link. New link to a page called *Committee Updates* requested. All documents, communications and minutes from the Cmte meetings would be placed into this page. First documents to be added are the proposal for an 'umbrella' IFAF with Domestic and International divisions which was circulated, via email, after the first Cmte meeting, the 'open letter' from the Cmte to the membership and the minutes from the Cmte meeting. Subsequent documents would be added to keep the page 'active' and up to date.