

**BSFA Special General Meeting**  
**at Chieveley Village Hall, 23rd April, 2022**

**Notes on the Meeting**

Members attended either in person, or by Microsoft Teams. Unfortunately, the Wifi at the Hall could not be accessed because of an incorrect pass code. An attempt was made to connect via a mobile phone but the signal strength was too weak.

15 members attended the meeting. The Chair introduced the purpose of the meeting and the Agenda. The main purposes of the meeting were to dissolve the Association and to decide upon the disposal of the assets.

In his introduction, the Chair reflected that it was a sad occasion but also an opportunity to reflect on the story of the BSFA. It began in 1984 with a club to course Borzois. Members contributed £10 each and the equipment was bought and constructed. The lure system was built by John Steers who was a distinguished film designer. Initially, the Association was itinerant in that it ran on a number of grounds settling on Falkland Farm and then the Baldings fields.

In 2010, Gary Peskett retired as secretary and tireless organiser and was replaced by Julia Cloke. The Association ran successfully up to 2020. The pandemic prevented meetings from taking place, and the landowner required a relocation of field. The new field was on the Balding's gallops. It was small, odd shaped and without shade. It was trialled at the end of the 2021 season with members reporting that they felt it was not ideal.

At the same time, the secretary and various other officials felt it was time to retire. A consultation took place seeking new committee members, a group to take the Association over, or to dissolve the club. Responses did not lead to anyone wanting to take over the Association so the decision to dissolve was made unanimously by the committee.

If no meetings were to take place in 2022, it was necessary to remove the equipment and the horse trailer storing it from the Baldings field. Sales were then negotiated with buyers leaving the SGM to decide upon the disposal of the cash.

**Decisions of the SGM**

1. It was decided unanimously by members present that the Association should be dissolved. This was to take effect from the end of the meeting.
2. The meeting was then informed that the committee resign their posts with effect from the end of the meeting.
3. The final Financial Accounts were presented by the Treasurer which showed that the BSFA had £5284.19 to be disposed of. It was decided that these funds would be given to charity. Some discussion took place on which charities to choose and the amounts to be given. In the end it was decided to allocate the following amounts to these Charities (rounded amounts):
  - a. £3000 to a list of nine breed rescue charities

- b. £700 to UNICEF to support children in Ukraine
  - c. £700 to The Kennel Club's charity appeal for dogs in Ukraine
- and finally £700 would be given to the UKSS to support the future of lure coursing in the UK.
4. It was agreed that the Secretary and Treasurer should oversee the disposal of the assets as agreed in 3 above. Both are well placed as signatories of the bank account. Once the funds have been removed from the Association's bank accounts, they will be closed.
  5. There was no other business.

These notes will be posted on the club website and also the Facebook page. After two weeks these will be closed down.

At the end of the meeting thanks was given to the Secretary, Chair and committee for their work with the Association and particularly their work in the dissolution of the Association.