

## Minutes of Meeting

Date	10 Feb 20
Location	Angel Inn,
Time	10:30:00
End Time	00:00:00
Present	FM/JM/PB/DS/LB/JS/MS/GA

## Outstanding Actions

#	Action	Who	Status	View
373	GA contacted Lynne Melia and David Kirby. LM can take 20 fencers per day at a cost of 40.00 per fencer (less than 10 fencers) or 250.00 per day in Birmingham. DK days training for 250.00 for a day plus 3 coaches and venue. 25.00 each for 10 fencers in Filton College, Bristol or King Edward School, Stratford on Avon. It was suggested that a Nutritionalist be included together with a sports psychologist. It was suggested that it might also be possible to liaise with an existing training camp/training course being run in UK. It was suggested that it would be possible to liaise with BF regarding BF Academy training. FM to contact BF. GA to contact strength and conditioning training coaches for information. The Committee will assimilate and consult with membership	, GA	Done	
388	BVF 25th Anniversary: FM to liaise with Henry de Silva re the fencing arrangements. DS to investigate alternative fencing venue.	DS,	Done	
399	Age Group Championships: All arrangements in hand with the addition of an extra hall to accommodate more fencers.		Done	
403	Survey Questionnaire: FM to contact John Crouch to ask him to verify the results received.		Done	
404	25th Anniversary Dinner: 43 members to date have confirmed for the dinner including 12 fencers for the fencing. Very disappointing response from membership as we had hoped for more to celebrate 25 years of BVF. FM to continue liaison with Henry de Silva re organisation.		Done	

405	Age Group Championships: Details and entry form will be published in the December on the website and Newsletter. Any changes to the age qualifying date will be highlighted.	GA, JRM	Done	
406	European Championships: Website is now open. GA is Head of GB Delegation. Further information will be published in due course.	GA	Done	
408	Veterans Home Nations: The date is still to be confirmed and is being organised by Eire in Dublin. DS to liaise.	DS	Done	

## New Actions and Decisions

#	Action	A/D	Who
413	St. Petersburg Trip: It was agreed to pay a subsidy to Carole Seheult of GBP60.00 towards expenses for organising this trip. Proposed; DS seconded GA. unani.	D	
414	EFC: It was agreed that DS would be the nominated BVF member of this Council. Proposed JS. seconded FM. unani.	D	
415	EFC: JS suggested that our EFC representative be reimbursed with expenses (not already covered) up to maximum 50%. Proposed JS, seconded LB, unani.	D	
416	Hampshire Open: Entries open. FM to make enquiries for medals.	A	
417	European Championships: GA has sent out all info. MS to circulate to snailmailers. Doctors letters required GA to send notification to all entrants re photocopy would be accepted.	A	GA, MS
418	Referees: JS suggested that there should be further discussion on a per diem payment to be made to Referees for BVF events. Agreed unani.	A	DS, , GA, JRM, JS, LB, MS, PB
419	BVF Championships: JM asked that a new mens sabre cup be purchased and have all the information on the existing damaged cup transferred to the new.	A	JRM, LB
420	Home Nations match: 4/5 May FM to pass cup to DS.	A	
421	German match: It was suggested that we offer the dates 15/16, 29/30 June. DS to contact German organiser. Teams to be selected from the BVF championships.	A	DS
422	AGM: JRM to send out further notice re nominations for committee and any items for AGM. Copy to MS/FM.	A	JRM

423	BVF Promotioinal DVD: This was shown to the committee who were unanimous in their praise and congratulated DS and GA on the production. We also wish to congratulate Beth Davidson for the excellent DVD. It will be launched at the 2013 AGM and shown during the championships. Copies to be sent to BF Board. FM to send copy to David Teasdale. DS & GA to produce marketing plan.	A	, GA
424	Age Group Championships: It was agreed that the committee would review the procedures for 2014. FM will respond to emails received as discussed in committee.	A	
425	Age Groupe Championships 2013: PB raised several points brought to him by members and these will be discussed in a committee review of the future event.	A	DS, , GA, JRM, JS, LB, MS, PB
426	Age Group Championships: As a result of the considerable increase in venue fees, FM will investigate the possibility of an alternative venues and dates.	A	DS, , GA, JRM, JS, LB, MS, PB
427	Age Group Championships: An accident occurred during the competition. A report will be sent to BF.	A	
429	Date of next meeting: to be decided after the AGM.	D	

## A G E N D A

- 1) Apologies for absence
- 2) Action Items from minutes (will be projected on large screen)
- 3) Matters arising
- 4) Reports:
  - a) Chairman
  - b) Secretary
  - c) Treasurer
  - d) Membership secretary
  - e) Domestic fencing

f) International fencing

5) Qualification age for BVF Membership

6) 25th Anniversary Celebration

7) Forthcoming events, including

a) Age Group Qualifiers

b) Hampshire Open

c) European Championships (including levy)

d) Veterans British Championships

8) Other Items

BVF Promotional DVD

AGM

9) A.O.B.

10) Dates of next meetings

## **Treasurer's Report**

The accounts are with the examiner.

A copy of the P&L has been circulated to the committee.

Geoff Silverman has kindly given advice on the provision from 2006 but we have decided the risk is sufficiently low to return the provision to the general reserves.

A deposit of ca £10,000 has been made to a hotel to reserve rooms for the European Championships.

*John*

## Membership Report

403 members have joined or renewed their memberships (568 members at the end of last year).

It is still early days for renewals. So far 5 members have declined to renew.

*John*

## Communications

The Age Groups entry form is on-line and that seems to be going well.

Information about the BVFC is on the website and I have emailed everyone to alert them.

The BVFC entry form will be available after the Age Groups just to avoid getting incoming payment mixed up between the two. The entry form will be ready when the dinner menu is confirmed by DaveS.

We now have a problem with selection. The constraint on having to have a British passport was waived for the Age Groups and the selectors have no way of knowing whether an individual in the AG is eligible for the World Championships or not. It may be an idea to add a question to the entry form for next year to say "Do you hold a British passport?". We should also ask the fencers at the AG the same question.

*John*

NVA domestic Fencing Officer report - committee meeting 20th January 2013

### Royal Navy v BVF Match

Largely successful; RN only turned out one Women's team to fence all 3 weapons, as I understand it. Therefore there was a good deal of hanging about for the women. Despite that I have had nothing but expression of having enjoyed the event. I understand the RN were their usual excellent hosts. I believe there was an increased attendance at the previous evening's dinner and reports of the event have prompted several other team members to comment that they intend to go next year.

I think we ended up (cue blood, sweat and tears) one WF/WE short of a full 2 x 6 weapon teams. I'll need to discuss this with Mark Barton prior to this year's event to make sure that we are not swamping them if they cannot put up enough fencers to compete against all ours.

### Royal Navy teams event Bristol 19th January 2013

It was established that the invitation was intended for club teams and had been passed on in good faith but in error. Discussions with Mark Barton established that he was happy to have BVF members but didn't want his inexperienced fencers overwhelmed by an international elite. By that time I had had 3 volunteers of whom one was particularly keen and had pursued the matter

further. I decided that it was not appropriate to send official vets teams but left it for individuals to volunteer to show up if they thought it suitable. I announced this decision via the newsletter and have received no complaint from any of the above individuals.

#### West Mids Vets Open

The original venue is available but I have not confirmed the booking, since the proposed date for the Stourbridge Crystal is problematic for the school and it may be necessary either to change the date of that event or change venue. I may get a better deal on a different venue for a "bulk purchase" so I am leaving that for further investigation before making a decision.

## **Updating of International Fencing Officers Report for the postponed January 2013 Committee meeting**

### **BVF sponsored trips abroad**

- 1) As reported earlier Carole Scheult organised a BVF sponsored trip to St Petersburg as part of the initiative to enrol volunteer organisers to increase the number of overseas fencing trips available to members. The trip appears to have been a great success for the participants. I would like to a payment of £60 to Carole from the allocated budget. The £60 matches the amount collected from the participants and the £120 equates to 20% of Carole's Accommodation and travel costs.
- 2) A request for more Volunteer Organisers was placed in the January Newsletter

### **BVF Championships**

- 1) All arrangements under control but I am experiencing a shortage of available referees, especially at sabre.
- 2) I have been working to obtain sponsorship and advertising revenue with no success. At the time of writing I have had no success.
- 3) We will be running taster sessions, with plastic swords, on the Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. The idea was partly in order to attract media attention and hopefully sponsorship and advertising. Three sessions will be run by Gillian Aghajan with Cotswold Fencing Club & Gloucester Fencing Club assisting.

### **BVF Promotional Video**

A promotional video has been produced, against a brief, by Beth Davidson. The Video will be shown at the Committee meeting.

### **European Veterans Fencing (EVFC)**

European Veterans Federations/Associations have been requested to propose 15 referees for selection for the European Veterans Fencing Championships. The championships organisers will be responsible for all referee costs which will be funded through the increased entry fee. All referees must be available for the whole duration of the championships, (they cannot both fence and referee). Will BVF propose any British Referees?

### **European Fencing Confederation**

- 1) As a Member of the British Fencing International Relations Committee (IRC) I was pleased to support the IRC nomination of Hilary Philbin as a candidate for election to the EFC Executive.

- 2) BVF have been asked to nominate a candidate to British Fencing Board, via Peter Jacobs of the IRC, as a candidate for elections for the European Fencing Confederation Veterans Council. As the current postholder I am willing to stand.

### **Endowment Fund for Veterans Projects**

Alisher Usmanov has set up a Special Endowment Fund for Veterans Fencing. The fund has initial capital of \$10million and the interest will start to be available in 2014. The Trustee is Mr Usmanov and a council has been formed consisting of Max Gueter, Mark Rakita and Julius Kralik. The aim is to supply funding for the material support for the development of veterans worldwide. The Fund Council and the FIE Veterans Council will together outline the way forward and suggest projects for support.

D.Sweeney  
09 Feb

2013

## **International Fencing Officers Report to BVF Committee**

**20<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

### **1. Action Items**

Item 281 : No progress, on going

Item 388 : BVF 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, DS actions complete

Item 407 : Date for German Match, see attached list

Item 408 : Veterans Home International - May 4&5 Dublin, DS action completed

### **2. 2012 World Championships – Krems**

All payments received from participants and paid into BVF Account. Due to very favourable exchange rates a considerable surplus was made. Approximately £3000 was redistributed to the participants in the form of refunds, after allowing for any outstanding payments, in proportion to the amount spent in Euros through BVF. Refunds were only paid where the money owing was £5.00 or more. This is in line with British Fencing guidelines.

### **3. Development**

#### **a). Incentivisation of Volunteer Organisers for Overseas Trips**

As reported earlier the St Petersburg trip organised by Carole Scheult was enjoyed by all who took part. Carole has provided me with a report and I have summarised the important points below.

After the publication of the trip there was considerable interest. In the event five BVF members, including Carole, and one accompanier took part.

On advice gained when organising a visit to Moscow for a World Championships most of the participants used the services of Travel Direct in Edinburg to arrange visas without difficulty.

Carole said that although the project was time consuming it was not too difficult.

The trip was organised for 4 days and included a trip to the Mariinsky Theatre to see the Opera Prince Igor.

The host club were very hospitable and attentive, organising free airport and other transfers and visits around the City.

Carole submitted an article and photos to the BVF Newsletter.

The object of this project was provide an incentive to volunteer organisers of overseas trips by subsidising the organisers accommodation and travel cost by charging a BVF organisation fee and making payment from a budget of £300 for this purpose agreed at a previous meeting.

As agreed Carole charged a BVF Organisation Fee of £10 per participant, and therefore raised £60 towards her own travel and accommodation costs which were £380 flights and £209 accommodation (£589 in total).

I propose that a payment of a further £60 be made to Carole making the total subsidy £120 (20%).

Carole has not been put off by this project and has expressed interest in organising a Trip to the Ystad Epée event in Sweden.

After a discussion with Brian Causton about the Levi Open he expressed interest in organising a group. However this will not happen because Brian has decided to go to South Africa about that time.

I will try to find other volunteer organiser for other events as soon as possible.

**b). BVF Promotional Video**

After receiving approval for the project at the last committee meeting a brief was drawn up and Beth Davison was commissioned to produce a promotional video for BVF. Several versions have been produced and it is hoped to show the latest version at the next committee meeting.

**4. Qualification dates for World and European Championships.**

The Age Qualification Dates for the 2013 European Veterans Championships have been confirmed as follows,

Category 1 – Born 1964 to 1973

Category II – Born 1954 to 1963

Category III – Born 1944 to 1953

Category IV – Born 1943 and earlier

It is expected that the Age Qualification Dates for Categories A, B & C in the World Championships will follow similar age but this will not be confirmed until the FIE COMEX meeting in February.

**5. 2013 British Veterans Championships 1 – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2013**

All necessary bookings are in place. Details and Entry Forms produced and ready to go. Volunteers have been identified but not all yet contacted. Referees are currently being sought.

D.Sweeney 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013