



**MINUTES**  
**of the BVF Committee Meeting,**  
**Saturday 15 October 2011 10a.m.**  
**Angel Hotel, Chippenham**

**Members present: Peter Baron (PB), Frank Mills (FM), Marcia Stretch (MS), David Sweeney (DS), John Mason (JM)**

- 1. Apologies: Lawrence Burr, Jonathon Stanbury**
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting 27 August agreed and signed.**
- 3 Action items from previous meetings:**

ACTION	BY
<p><b>225b</b> Peter will look into resuming friendly matches with universities once term starts. <b>ONGOING Action</b></p>	<b>PB</b>
<p><b>234</b> FM to take over from PB to contact PA for further BVF event. <b>Action</b></p>	
<p><b>251</b> JM showed committee members a new system for recording Minutes together with Actions. Each committee member have their own password to this but membership will be able to access only decisions taken at the meetings. There is still some further work ongoing to complete this. <b>ONGOING Action</b></p>	<b>FM</b>
	<b>JM</b>

**3. Matters Arising:** None

**Reports:**

**a. Chairman:**Submitted.

**b. Secretary:** none .

**c. Treasurer:** Outstanding entry fee for Nationals has been received. Sponsorship payments have not yet been received from Morocco.

**Action:DS**

German match: a high loss has been made.. DS suggested that this match be retained with the possibility of a Tri or quad match. The next match could be held at the Lansdowne club.

Winton Cup: this made a loss with a discussion on reducing costs. There will be an increase in the team entry.

World Championships: should break even with a possible small profit. For those people who missed their flight , no refunds will be made unless refunds are received from the organisers in Croatia. WC should be cash neutral for GB squad.

Expenses policy: Comments received from Duncan Rowlands on original expenses policy of 2007. It would be most economical to supply full-time Referees for the WCs. European Team Championships will have full-time Referees. Expenses policy remains in place for travel. Accommodation and subsistence expenses to be decided by the Event Manager.

Ranking events: Any event should not cost BVF. BVF to supply medals but at cost to the competition

Organisers.

**d. Membership Secretary:**

522 members including 50 new members. 70 have not renewed membership.

**e. Marketing::**

Nothing to report

**f. Domestic fencing:**

Nothing to report

**g. International fencing:**

DS submitted report on the WC in Croatia. Several complaints about the trans-gender competitor, Elizabeth Kocab but she is legal. IOC has written documents on this.

2013 European Team Championships: Italy is preparing a document for submission as well as Hungary.

2014 – Croatia, 2015 GB?.

**5. BVF Ranking System and Selection Process**

After publication of the proposals, responses – both for and against – have been received. FM made a list of comments received from membership which was discussed at some length., DS proposed the current selection system remains in place. Membership to be asked via the Newsletter to take part in the ranking system which is to run concurrently this season. FM to write a piece for the Newsletter.

**Action: FM**

For the 2011/12 season the two competitions to be used for selection for the WC will be:

Age Group

British Veterans Nationals

DS proposed, 2<sup>nd</sup> FM, 5 for, 1 abstain

DS proposed that the 2 highest placed and available from the Age Group and the 2 highest placed and available from the Nationals be selected for the WC. 1st. reserve placed highest and available to be selected from Age Group. 2<sup>nd</sup> reserve placed highest and available to be selected from the Nationals.

2<sup>nd</sup> FM 4 for, 1 against, 1 abstention

DS Proposed no discretionary places. MS 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous

JM to provide new rule for committee in accordance with the decision taken.

**Action: JM**

JM to review selection rules.

**Action:JM**

**6. Forthcoming Events:**

Bletchley Open/Age Groups: FM has put in place arrangements for this.

**7. Any Other Business:**

Tracksuits: GA showed committee various tracksuit designs . DS to contact Piers Martin regarding access to these and sustainability.

**Action: DS**

Training Weekends: DS to liaise with Lynne Melia.

**Action: DS**

St. Johns Ambulance: defibrillator to be provided by venue for Bletchley therefore there is no need to use St. Johns Ambulance for this event.

Meeting closed at 16.45.

**Date of meeting: Sunday 20 November – (to be confirmed)**