

## Minutes of Meeting

Date	15 Sep 20
Location	Holiday Inr
Time	10:30:00
End Time	16:15:00
Present	FM.MS.JRM.GA.DS

## Outstanding Actions

#	Action	Who	Status	View
407	We have been invited to a match with Germany in 2013. Dates to be suggested. DS to liaise.	DS	Done	
418	Referees: JS suggested that there should be further discussion on a per diem payment to be made to Referees for BVF events. Agreed unami.	DS, , GA, JRM, JS, LB, MS, PB	Done	
431	Meeting with BF: BVF to determine what info we need from David Teasdale.	DS, , JRM	Done	
443	EVFC Report: GA gave her report and the decisions taken at the meeting will be put in the Newsletter.	GA	Done	
450	2016 European Team Championships: JM & DS to produce initial documentation and plan to present to the Committee.	DS, JRM	Done	
451	The Committee was delighted to hear of the M.B.E. awarded to Keith Smith. FM will write to congratulate him on behalf of BVF.		Done	

## New Actions and Decisions

#	Action	A/D	Who
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452	2013 World Championships: The team for the Trial Team event was ratified by Committee: unanimous	D	
453	Gillian Aghajan is appointed Vice-Chairman. unanimous	D	
454	Winton Cup 2014: It was agreed that Lilleshall will be booked for 2014 together with the Park Inn. Pool sheets will be amended to include the piste nos. together with relevant Referees. JRM to liase with FM.	A	JRM
455	Medals: JRM to re-stock medals. Liaise with FM.	A	JRM,
456	2016 European Team Championships: Following the presentation by DS of Medway Park it was agreed to book the venue owing to the excellent facilities.	D	
457	2016 European Team Championships: It was agreed to proceed with the Plan and progressing system presented by JRM. The committee congratulated him on the excellent high standard of the documentation.	D	
458	2016 European Team Championships: It was agreed that DS would be Event Manager (pro tem). JRM will continue as Project Planner. This enables them to identify names for roles to present to committee for ratification.	D	

- 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) Veterans Winton Cup 2013
- 6) 2013 World Championships
- 7) European Team Championships 2016 - GB Hosting
- 8) Age Group Championship rules 2014
- 9) Forthcoming events, including
  - a) World Championships 2013
- 10) Other Items
  - a) BVF Promotional DVD
  - b) BVF Recruitment
- 11) A.O.B.
- 12) Dates of next meetings

### **Treasurer's Report**

The accounts for the World Championships are open.

The accounts for the Winton are open. Expenses will be cleared after the committee meeting.

We have started spending on ET2016 and I will set up an account for the event.

*John*

**Membership Report** 571 members have joined or renewed their memberships (568 members at the end of last year).

65 are new members. 53 from last year have not renewed.

The usual Winton effect has seen 25 new members join since June.

*John*

### **Communications**

I emailed everyone about the Italian training camp held in Valles in August.

I emailed all those not in a Winton team to ask if they would like to fence. I got 2 replies.

*John*

BVF domestic Fencing Officer report - committee meeting 23rd June 2013

White Horse Trophy

3 teams entered this event. Reports are that everyone, including several new to representing BVF thoroughly enjoyed him/herself.

Flying Friendship Cup

The invitation to a specifically vets team to next year's event in Brussels has now been made.

Reminder; it is not an official BVF team and its members will be made up of those who have been involved previously, plus if necessary, one or two recruits.

Ardingley Open

I have been approached by, Matthew Jennings to see if he should go ahead with organising his "Ardingley a Vets Open". I have sent him some guidelines to help him. I have told him that subject to the decision being reversed and the whole idea of Vets Opens being abandoned, he should go ahead.

Other events

There is no mention of a Leeds Vets Open on their Open competition 3013 site. I have yet to find time to contact Tom to find out what his intentions are. I believe Jenny & Carl intend to carry on with their Hampshire event.

## **International Fencing Report for BVF Committee Meeting September 2013**

### **1. 2013 World Championships – Varna**

The GBR Squad Entries have been submitted to the Bulgarian Federation and their receipt has been acknowledged.

Accommodation has been booked and after many corrections the amount due has been agreed. All of our participant's accommodation requirements have been fully met. I have negotiated a discount of €840 including the Head of Delegation's room. The amounts due to be paid for Accommodation and Entry Fees has been sent to the BVF Treasurer for payment.

The GBR squad and accompaniers have made an initial payment for Entry fees and BFV Levy to BVF. Statements and requests for the outstanding amounts will be sent out when the cost of Entry Fees and Accommodation in Stirling have been received. There were considerable problems with securing Referees. There are 16 GBR Referees holding FIE licenses and I contacted 12 of them to find that they were

unavailable for one reason or another. The problem was made worse by the fact that I was attempting to obtain a Sabre referee of which there are only 5 in the UK. Eventually I was able to secure Huw Barton (F & E) and Mike Thornton F, E & S). I had to negotiate a special arrangement with the FIE Arbitrage representative and the organisers to allow Mike Thornton, who had a previous engagement, to arrive a day late.

The Squad for the Trial World Championship Team event, selected according to the special arrangements for 2013, is given below and requires approval by the Committee.

I am checking that all of the BVF squad are in possession of a valid FIE licence.

<b>WEAPON</b>	<b>CATEGORY A</b>	<b>CATEGORY B</b>	<b>CATEGORY C</b>
Men's Foil	John Troiano	G.Paul	M.Cawton
Reserve	P.Abrahams	B.Causton	P.Baron
Women's Foil	Caron Hale	Maggie Myers	C.Dixon
Reserve	Kati Archer	C.Halsted	Sylvia Brown
Men's Epee	Anton Pollard	Jonathon Stanbury	Chris Green
Reserve	Jon Nottingham	Max Telfer	
Women's Epee	Kate Smith	Kate Elvin	Janet Cooksey
Reserve	Jenny Morris	Caryl Oliver	Carole Seheult
Men's Sabre	Barry Coulter	C.Morris	William Osbaldeston
Reserve	C.Prevett	Richard Bonehill	Peter Baron
Women's Epee	Jane Hutchison	S.Benney	Sylvia Brown
Reserve	Grace Coulter	Y.Walls	C.Adam

An invitation to the Gala Dinner has been received but the format and cost of tickets is unclear.

## **2. European Team Championships 2016 (ET 16)**

J.Mason have put together a budget for the championships based in current information and indicators from the 2006 World Championships in Bath.

A visit to the Medway Park facility was made by J.Mason, F. Mills & D. Sweeney to determine its suitability as a venue for the 2016 European Team Championships. I think that it is fair to say that all three BVF officers came away impressed by the enthusiasm of the staff, the presentation of the facility and the experience that they have in hosting International Events.

Our contact at Medway Park, Lesley Horton, informed us that they had contacts for companies to help us with sound, lighting, shuttle buses, Hotels etc. She also said that any facilities which we might want to use for a Gala Dinner or the EVFC Country Representatives Dinner would be free of charge requiring only catering to be paid for. The cost for hire the Medway Park was confirmed as £3000.

Car Parking was more than sufficient and there were places available for camper vans and buses. Car Parking would be free during the event, (parking pay and stations would be switched off).

The sports facilities include one large sports hall, one smaller sports hall (connected), a large dance studio, a shooting Gallery (Modern Pentathlon) and several meeting rooms. Showers and toilet facilities are good and sufficient in number. There is a public gym and swimming pool available on site as well as sports treatment/physio facilities run by the University.

Accommodation in nearby hotels should not prove a problem but there was insufficient time, during the visit, to investigate this.

The dimensions of the sports were obtained and it was agreed that an overall floor plan would be supplied when the centre manager returned from vacation. On chasing up this matter it appears that no such floor plan exists at the centre and they have asked the council architects office to supply a copy.

A presentation of the facility, including possible piste and function layouts will be given at the September Committee Meeting.

### **3. Match with Germany**

There has been no further approach from the German Veterans about arranging a match.

### **4. BVF Stripes**

The issue of having GBR stripes on both arms has again been raised by epeeists. The BVF standard includes stripes on both arms. I suggest that the rule be changed so that stripes are only required on the non sword arm.

D.Sweeney  
12 Sept 2013