

## Minutes of Meeting

Date	18 Nov 20
Location	Angel Hotel
Time	10:00:10
End Time	16:30:00
Present	FM, MS, JRM, DS, PB, GA

## Outstanding Actions

#	Action	Who	Status	View
374	Fencing Calendar: PB to make up a possible calendar for 2013 to include Unisex Epee, Foil and Sabre.	PB	Done	
375	Following an extensive discussion on the results of the first Survey, FM will produce a further draft survey based on these results as agreed at the AGM to be circulated to committee for review prior to publication.		Done	
381	Communications: JM suggested that a link be established for fencers to register interest in overseas events. JM to provide access to DS of the database. This information regarding this link will be published in the Newsletter.	JS, DS	Done	
383	BVF Survey: Ongoing	DS, , GA, JRM, JS, LB, MS, PB	Done	
387	Winton Cup: GA and MS to organise Raffle at the dinner.	GA, MS	Done	
393	BVF Survey: After lengthy discussions, it was agreed that following the commitment made to membership at the AGM, FM will circulate committee with a draft communication based on the results of the survey. When approved by committee, this would then be circulated to membership.		Done	

395	BFA Honours Nomination: A request has been received from Keith Smith regarding nominations which will be circulated to membership.	JRM, MS	Done	
397	Leeds Open: PB to approach the organisers in order to provide a DT person. Information to be provided by PB to JRM and GA.	PB	Done	
398	25th Anniversary: Arrangements in hand. FM to provide JRM with details to enable on-line ticket booking. The Committee agreed to financially support the event.	, JRM	Done	

## New Actions and Decisions

#	Action	A/D	Who
402	Survey Questionnaire: The results have now been received from membership. It was decided that John Crouch should be asked to verify the results. Once this has been done, the results will be published on the website and Newsletter together with the relevant changes. Proposed: DS, seconded PB, unani.	D	
403	Survey Questionnaire: FM to contact John Crouch to ask him to verify the results received.	A	
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.	A	
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.	A	GA, JRM
406	European Championships: Website is now open. GA is Head of GB Delegation. Further information will be published in due course.	A	GA
407	We have been invited to a match with Germany in 2013. Dates to be suggested. DS to liaise.	A	DS
408	Veterans Home Nations: The date is still to be confirmed and is being organised by Eire in Dublin. DS to liaise.	A	DS
409	World Championships, Krems: FM offered thanks on behalf of the committee to DS and MS for their work at the championships.	D	

410	Membership fees: Any new members joining between October and December to be given membership for 2013. This concession to be for this year only.	D	
411	Major Event Levy: After much discussion it was agreed that the Team Managers of international events will produce a competition budget showing costs together with a recommendation of the relevant levy to be agreed by the Committee. There will, in the future, no longer be a set ceiling for the competition levy.	D	
412	Vets Open Events: to be reviewed at the end of the season.	A	DS, , GA, JRM, JS, LB, MS, PB

## **AGENDA**

- 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) The BVF Survey – Consultation on Selection Rules
  
  
- 7) Forthcoming Events, including

- a) Veterans Winton Cup 2012
- b) Navy Match
- c) 25th Anniversary
- d) Age Group Qualifiers
- e) Hampshire Open

8) Other Items

- a) World Championships report
- b) Leeds Veterans Open
- c) Veterans Winton Cup report
- d) BVF Promotional DVD
- e) Major Event Levy

9) A.O.B.

10) Dates of next meetings

### **Treasurer's Report**

The accounts will close at the end of the year. So will event managers please get their accounts completed.

The accounts outstanding are:

- World Championships. (currently in surplus of £728 but there is income and expenses outstanding)
- Leeds Veterans Tournament (have the organisers be charged for the medals?)
- Winton
- 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*John*

## Membership Report

568 members (533 members at the end of last year).

76 new members. 47 not renewed from last year.

It is almost time to order new membership cards. Any comments on the current design or whether we should discontinue them?

*John*

## Communications

The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner booking pages are up and running.

I need to review the 2013 BVF calendar. Any update on the dates that are uncertain?

<b>Jan 26-27</b>	Age Group Qualifiers, Newport Pagnell
<b>Feb 23-24</b>	Hampshire Open (Veterans Tournament)
<b>Mar 1</b>	BVF AGM Gloucester
<b>Mar 1-3</b>	British Veterans Championships
<b>Apr 13-14?</b>	West Midlands Open
<b>May 9-13</b>	European Individual Championships, Terni, Italy
<b>Sep 14-15?</b>	Veterans Winton Cup
<b>Oct 16-20?</b>	World Championships, Bulgaria

12-13/10/2012 ?    Welsh Veterans Championships

*John*

## Leeds Open

Numbers were again disappointingly low. So much so that with only two WE and one WF entry a week before the event the decision was taken with Tom Exeter, the Leeds organiser, to cancel those two events. The Vets events that did take place went smoothly and everyone seems to have enjoyed themselves. There was a slight hitch with the Women's Vets sabre in that the majority of the fencers seemed to think the semi-final fights had come out in the wrong order; i.e. that fencer A should not have been fencing fencer B but fencer C, and likewise for the other fight. They agreed among themselves to fence in their preferred order, although one fencer disputes having agreed. I checked Engarde and, as far as I could see, the order sent out was correct. I have not, since the matter was again raised at the Winton, had chance to look at it again. However, I believe that all those involved have now accepted the status quo. One problem with fencing and organising at the same event is that one might be pre-occupied with one or the other. As I was fencing at the time I was not able to intervene on the spot to ensure that it was sorted out correctly.

## Royal Navy v BVF Match

This year we were invited to send two teams.

Again this year this has caused me no end of headaches trying to get a team together. Obviously publicising it in the newsletter in the first instance did not work. The reminder email that John sent out on my behalf in October started to fill the places and from having only a handful of men and about two women I suddenly had enough to fill two men's teams at each weapon but was still short of women. I managed to cajole some more women to take part at the Winton and others also worked on my behalf. A final reminder at the beginning of this week produced a sudden rush of volunteers and we currently have 2 full teams at all 6 weapons. As this report has been prepaid the one vacancy in women's épée, which was going to be mentioned, has finally been filled.

## Royal Navy teams event Bristol 19th January 2013

I believe we have been invited to similar events in the past. It is one of a series held each year around the country to give naval fencers competitive experience. Certainly my own club has been invited to one such in Birmingham and I believe others, including Birmingham are planned for this coming year.

I have not had chance to absorb the full details of the event but it is a 3 weapon team competition by relay and teams may be mixed. In order to fit the event into the limited time available, matches are strictly time limited and end at the set time the match ends, irrespective of

the score at that time. The emphasis is more on getting plenty of fencing in rather than what the end result is.

I have circulated the membership with initial basic information and have already had some volunteers. I'm not sure, should there be a flood of them, how many teams the Navy would be able to cope with. They are certainly not looking for a whole bunch of elite teams to show up. It would be ideal for our less experienced fencers to gain some experience and I wonder if it would be proper to prioritise them over the very experienced, should I have more volunteers than there are places for.

I shall shortly publicise the details more fully and see how many volunteer.

Hampshire Open/Vets Open

As it has done to other competitions of late, BF has dumped one of its events on the original date of the Hampshire. This has, therefore been moved to the weekend of 23rd/24th February. Jenny Morris has confirmed that there will be a Vets event attached.

West Mids Vets Open

The calendar around April is very crowded. However, BF has not confirmed the date of the Senior Winton, so the date of the WMO can be confirmed as 13/14th April 2013.

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

**18<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

### **1. 2012 World Championships – Krems**

GBR came 6<sup>th</sup> in the Overall Medal Table. An article was prepared and published in the October edition of the Newsletter.

A confidential report to the BVF Committee has been circulated.

### **2. Overseas Trips**

Further to the decision to support an initiative to increase the number of trips abroad the scheme was trialled with a trip to St Petersburg. I am awaiting a report from the volunteer organiser, Carole Scheult, in the near future. Initial feedback is that it was a successful trip at the very least in social terms.

The Handbook for Volunteer Organisers is nearing completion.

I will review possible trips including overseas training camps and Veterans competitions in Europe and draw up a supported short list in line with John Mason's suggestion. I will arrange publication of the scheme in the Newsletter as soon as possible.

**3. Determination of the Levy for World, European Team and Individual Championships.**

The discussion document covering the process for determining the BVF levy charged to fencers taking part in international championships submitted for the previous meeting was not discussed. I hope that it will be discussed at the meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> November.

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

- i. It was agreed at the Head of Delegations meeting that at the World Championships, in Krems, that the qualification date for World Championships should be 1<sup>st</sup> of January each year. The proposal will be presented to the FIE for ratification.
- ii. The Italian organisers of the 2013 European Championships in Terni, have requested that the qualification date for European Veterans Championships should be 1<sup>st</sup> January each year. I am in consultation with the other officers of the EVFC on this rule change. With the championships this year being an individual, therefore not involving selection processes, it should not present a problem.

D.Sweeney

18<sup>th</sup> November 2012.