

Minutes of Meeting

Date	23 Jun 201
Location	Angel Hotel
Time	10:30:00
End Time	00:14:15
Present	FM/DS/MS/JM/JSGA

Outstanding Actions

#	Action	Who	Status	View
430	Selection for Individual World Championships: JS to circulate proposed list to Committee for ratification. Once ratified those selected to be informed. A copy of the Appeals procedure will be published to members. There will be a Team competition. Details to be confirmed.	DS, , GA, JRM, JS, LB, MS, PB	Done	
440	European Team Championships 2016: GA, in consultation with other members of the sub-committee, will prepare the bid document for presentation. On completion of this document as agreed by the sub-committee, the document will be circulated to the full committee.	DS, GA, JRM, MS	Done	

New Actions and Decisions

#	Action	A/D	Who
442	Pilot Initiative in NE: BVF has been made aware of an initiative to recruit veteran age fencers and Committee has agreed to support this. GA to develop with NE.	A	GA
443	EVFC Report: GA gave her report and the decisions taken at the meeting will be put in the Newsletter.	A	GA
444	World Champs 2013: It was agreed that the levy would be £35.00 per fencer. £10 per accompanying non-fencers.	D	

445	World Championships 2013: The Committee approved DS to select Referees for the event.	D	
446	World Championships 2013: Referees expenses: The Committee recognises the need to follow British Fencing practice on reimbursement of expenses. DS to negotiate with Referees.	D	
447	World Championships 2013: Team Manager expenses: The Committee agreed to cover all reasonable out of pocket expenses.	D	
448	Age Group Qualifiers: FM to amend the Rules which after agreement by Committee be published for the consideration of membership.	A	
449	2016 European Team Championships: The bid at the EVFC has been awarded to GB. The committee accepted responsibility for this event.	D	
450	2016 European Team Championships: JM & DS to produce initial documentation and plan to present to the Committee.	A	DS, JRM
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.	A	

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) European Championships, Terni
EVFC Report

- 6) 2013 World Championships
 - a) Team event
 - b) Confirmation of the BVF Levy
 - c) Selection of Referees
 - d) Official's expenses

- 7) European Team Championships 2016 - GB Hosting

- 8) Age Group Championship rules 2014

- 9) Forthcoming events, including
 - a) Winton Cup
 - b) World Championships 2013

- 10) Other Items
 - a) BVF Promotional DVD
 - b) BVF Recruitment

- 11) A.O.B.
 - Royal Navy Match

- 12) Dates of next meetings

Chairman's Report for Committee - June 2013

I have been looking for an alternative venue for our Age Group Championships for the weekend of 21st and 22nd June as this appears not to clash with other events in the fencing calendar.

One possibility was the Benham Sports Arena in Northampton which is much larger than the Bletchley Centre and has the additional benefit of accommodation for 150 athletes.

Unfortunately, the best price they have quoted to date is £4104 incl VAT which is approximately twice the cost of Bletchley.

I have told them this but don't hold out much hope on a massive reduction. Meanwhile I have taken the precaution of asking Bletchley to reserve that weekend for us.

I have been approached by Beth Davidson to ask if BVF would consider joining an Initiative she is putting together with a view to obtaining support from Age UK to target over 40 people to start fencing in the North East.

I will expand on this on Sunday, but it seems to have merit in meeting our objectives and, if successful, could be rolled out to other regions.

She is also agreed in principle to organising a Vets competition locally and as part of this initiative.

Frank Mills, Chairman

Treasurer's Report

The accounts for the European Championships are now closed. The event made a surplus of £ 2,872.83.

John

Membership Report

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

40 are new members. 55 from last year have not renewed.

John

Communications

No activity

John

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

White Horse Trophy

I have entered 3 teams for this event. Belatedly I have had further interest and am trying to see whether there is space for a 4th team.

Flying Friendship Cup

You may recall that this was a competition between various airlines, rescued from being lapsed by the late Joe Garrett. Wellesbourne Fencing Club, of which Joe was a member, represented BA, for whom Joe worked. When the club had a shortage of members to travel abroad, Joe invited a number of vets to fill in the vacancies.

As a result a group of vets has been involved with the event for many years. This year (last week, Saturday 15th June), since, for the first time in many years, the event was this side of the Channel, Wellesbourne was able to field at least one full team but the vets were invited to field their own team. I organised a team from among those who had previously been involved and two others fenced in the individual part of the event. Andrew Brown has written an article giving the background to the event for the next newsletter and I believe Malcolm Fare is going to write more specifically about this year's event. As to results, the team came 3rd and there were some good individual results, details of which will no doubt go in the newsletter.

The intention is to invite a specifically vets team to next year's event. However, it is not an official BVF team and its members will be made up of those who have been involved previously. The organisers are discouraging the idea that there be an official BVF entry with larger numbers (possibly) and, perhaps, a more "elitist" feel. The fencers from over the Channel are all just club fencers. I have told them that I, and the others involved, are quite happy to remain involved on the present basis and that I shall not be trying to turn it into an "official" BVF event.

Ardingley Open

I have been approached by a member, Matthew Jennings, who teaches in a public school in Heywards Heath, called Ardingley College, with an offer to run a Vets Open there. Obviously we need to await the outcome of the review of the Opens and what it is decided to do about their future. In the meantime I have thanked him for his offer and have offered any help in organising it should it go ahead. We have been discussing the fact that an event in the SE might attract more fencers. This would be an opportunity to test that theory.

Other events

There are currently no other team events pending prior to the Royal Navy match in December. I have not yet promoted that, preferring to wait until after the Winton.

International Fencing Report for June Committee Meeting.

1. European Veterans Team Championships 2016

As reported earlier, after making various enquiries and identified a possible venue for the 2016 European Veterans Championships. The Venue is Medway Park Sports Village, Gillingham, Kent.

Medway Park fulfils many of our requirements;

- it appears to be clean bright and airy
- it has enough room to accommodate the number of pistes expected to be required and other essential functions e.g. Weapon Control, Inscription, armoury etc.
- it has good transport links with mainland by air and by road and rail using the Eurotunnel and ferry crossings
- it has good access to the UK motorway network
- the Venue staff appear to be very keen to welcome the event

- it apparently has good refreshment facilities
- there are several hotels in the area suitable for our needs
- it is reasonably priced and affordable

I have reserved the date in Medway Park's booking system pending confirmation of approval of our bid by the EVF Congress.

As you know our bid was approved, thanks in part to Gillian Aghajan's presentation, at the Congress in Terni, Italy last month.

I have informed Medway Sports Village Staff that our bid has been approved and have arranged that I would visit the venue in early July to carry out an on-site evaluation of the suitability of the venue for the event.

2. 2013 World Championships

Information has been sent out to the selectees and replies and initial payments are being received.

Many of the selectees have confirmed their acceptance of their place or their willingness to be a replacement if required, in the GBR Team in the Pilot Team Event. A few of the selectees for the team event will have to be chased in order to complete the line-up of the Team.

Most replies indicate that the hotel of choice is the Hotel Dolphin.

We need to select the referees as soon as possible and decide on the policy for their allowable expenses.

D.Sweeney
20th June 2013.