

Minutes of Meeting

Date	24 Mar 20
Location	Chippenha
Time	10:00:00
End Time	16:05:00
Present	

Outstanding Actions

#	Action	Who	Status	View
225	Friendly matches	PB	Done	
297	Instruct FM, GA in the maintenance of the website	, GA, JRM	Done	
304	Speak to competition organisers asap to set up a circuit of ranking events	PB, DS	Done	
321	GA to design a printable membership enrolment form for recruitment.	GA	Done	
330	FM to write to nominated potential selectors to ascertain their availability.		Done	
348	BVF Survey: FM to provide the completed surveys to John Crouch for his adjudication. Results to be published on the website two weeks prior to the AGM. FM to ask JC to give a presentation on the results at the AGM.	, JRM	Done	
350	AGM Agenda: FM/MS/JRM to collate and circulate membership with the Agenda, draft Minutes, Accounts, Reports by 6 FEBRUARY.	, JRM, MS	Done	
352	Bletchley Open/Age Group Competition: All arrangements now in hand.		Done	
353	BVF National Championships: All arrangements are in hand. Details given to FM by DS. PB proposed FM as Event Manager, 2nd GA. Unani. Vice-Manager to be MS, proposed LB, 2nd GA. Unani. Appointments for the day to be made by FM. GA to organise Dinner. MS to organise hotel arrangements and information to JRM for entry forms. LB/GA to organise a Raffle.	, GA, JRM, LB, MS	Done	

356	A.,O.B: European Team Championships - it was proposed that a budget be raised by GA for this to include the Team Manager and Assistant Manager. It was noted that Sweden is an expensive venue.	GA	Done	
357	A.O.B: EVFC Representative for 2012 - It was proposed that FM be the EVFC representative for 2012. Proposed PB,2nd JRM. Unani.		Done	

New Actions and Decisions

#	Action	A/D	Who
359	The Committee is to consider weapon checking at selection events.	A	DS, , GA, JRM, JS, LB, MS, PB
360	BVF Survey: JM to produce historical documentation from previous Selectors and the Committee agreed to formulate a further survey for membership.	A	, JRM
361	European Team Championships: It was agreed that a levy of £35.00 per fencer would be set. The levy for non-fencers was agreed at £10.00 towards administration costs. Proposed:JS 2nd:GA, 1 abstain, 6 accept	D	
362	Selection for European Team Championships: A large number of fencers declined selection making this difficult, especially in meeting the total age requirement for the teams. The Committee endorsed the Selectors' decision and agreed the results to be published in the Newsletter and website. Any Appeals against the Selector's selection must be lodged with John Mason (in the Chairman's absence) on or before midnight 2nd April 2012 Proposed GA 2nd: JRM, 1 abstain, 6 accept	D	
363	Veterans World Championships: LB will forward information on the Stockholm Consensus to FM.	A	LB
364	Veterans World Championships: MS, as Team Manager, to circulate initial invitation letter to selected fencers. Any Appeals against the Selector's selection must be lodged with John Mason (in the Chairman's absence) on or before midnight 2nd April 2012.	A	JRM, MS
365	Veterans World Championships 2012: The Committee have accepted the Selectors selection of fencers for this. Proposed: GA 2nd:JRM. 2 abstain, 5 accept.	D	
366	Veterans Winton Cup: It was suggested that the fee be increased to 450.00 per team. Proposed: FM 2nd:JS. unani	D	

367	Age Date Qualification: The age qualifying date for the BVF Championships should be the same as that used for the Age Group Qualifiers. This is always to be the same date as qualification for the World Championships. Proposed: JS, 2nd: JRM. unani	D	
368	Qualifying Age Date for European & World Championships: Owing to the disparity on the qualifying date on the Krems website, FIE will contact the organisers of Krems to confirm the relevant qualifying date for the 2012 World Championships as 1st October 2012. In the meantime, no publication of the selection for the world championships will be made until clarification from Krems organisers.	A	
369	EVFC Meeting: The Committee supported the nomination of DS as President of the EVFC. Proposed PV, 2nd GA, unani.	D	
370	EVFC: The Committee is requesting that the proposal for a 60+ team competition, agreed in principle by the EVFC meeting, be implemented at the next European team championships in 2014.	D	
371	EVFC: GA to put before the EVFC meeting the proposal made by the BVF Committee regarding a 60+ team competition at the 2014 European team championships.	A	GA
372	Date of next meeting: Saturday 12 May 2012. 10.30am	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
 - g) British Veterans Fencing Championships 2012
- 5) The BVF Survey – to discuss progress
- 6) BVF AGM - minutes
- 7) Forthcoming Events, including
 - a) Veterans European Team Championships

- b) Veterans World Championships
- c) WMO
- e) Veterans Winton Cup 2012
- 8) AOB
- a) Track Suits
- b BF/BVF Joint initiative
- c) Anomaly of qualifying age dates-AGQs and BVC
- d) EVFC meeting – BVF report
- 9) Dates of next meetings

Treasurer's Report

The accounts for the Age Groups are closed. The event made a loss of £ 382

The accounts for the BVF Championships are waiting for the invoice from the venue. All other expenses have been paid. On the income side we are waiting for sponsorship promised from Nomura.

The event is expected to make a loss of ca £1,055.

John

Membership Report

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

29 new members. 56 not renewed from last year.

There are 36 members who are still paying £10 by standing order. I have sent out their membership cards with a request that they pay the extra £5.

John

Communications

The entry form for the WMO is available on-line.

I have been mass emailing the membership about BVF Championships, the WMO, the AGM and events overseas.

I have been having trouble when people enter competitions on-line and are asked for their BVF number. The majority do not distinguish their BVF number from their BFA number. I have implemented a change to the on-line entry program so that their BVF number and dob are filled in for them where the name and surname uniquely identify the member. This should eliminate the great majority of entry problems.

John

NVA domestic Fencing Officer report - committee meeting 24th March 2012

1. WMO 2012

Entries are beginning to dribble in.

First Aid: I had hoped that I might be able to arrange 'unofficial cover via a Stourbridge member who is also a 1st aider with St John. However, nothing has been confirmed and I shall contact St John to arrange cover. John Crouch has agreed to run on the day as usual, pistes are organised and, as usual, sufficient boxes will be available from SFC. Janet will undoubtedly arrange for tea, coffee and soft drinks to be available on a serve-yourself-and-trust-to-contribute basis, and John's and 1st Aiders' requirements will be attended to but the basic principle is that catering is still on a provide-for –yourself basis.

We are awaiting some evidence of likely entry before thinking about any social event. This could be at our house as previously for the usual suspects but we haven't really discussed that possibility. In previous years Jan's birthday provided an excuse.

2. Hampshire Open

Again, like the Leeds, this was fairly poorly supported but numbers were, I believe, a little higher. Certainly there was some pretty competitive fencing and I think it publicised vets fencing favourably among the younger generation present and, perhaps, those who are of an age to join but haven't done so.

3. Other events

Whilst awaiting the outcome of the survey, I have not pursued any of the other matches and events that have previously been discussed.

International Fencing Officer Report for British Veterans Fencing Committee Meeting March 2012

I am sure that you will all understand that I have been somewhat prevented from being too active during the period since the last meeting.

I have been active supporting Gillian and Marcia, team managers for the European and World Championships respectively, and I hope that they have found my input of use.

2012 World Championships

I have just received information from the FIE regarding the officials for the 2012 World Veterans Championships in Krems. Eduardo Dos Santos is the FIE delegate for SEMI. We can therefore expect that weapon control will be tight and that our World Championship squad should be given all the necessary information about equipment requirements and a hint that control will be strict.

I have just noticed that the website for Krems, though incomplete, is now up and the English version can be found at en.fencingveterans2012.com/regulations.html .

The rumor about a possible Team Championships has been confirmed by the Krems Regulations, although details are not yet available. Once we receive details we should consider how members from our squad should be selected for the Team event.

The Registration Forms are not yet available, (coming soon).

There have been several important ruled changes for FIE World Championships which will be in effect in Krems. The most important for the squad members are as follows;

1. Transparent Masks, provided that they meet all other FIE requirements, are optional at Foil, Epée and Sabre.
2. Refusal of a fencer to fence another competitor (individual or team) properly entered. Penalty is a Black Card.
3. It is obligatory for any fencer who warms up or trains with another fencer on site at an official FIE competition (including in the training halls linked to the competition) to wear **fencing clothing and equipment** which conforms with the FIE regulations.

4. If a competitor crosses one of the lateral boundaries of the piste, he must step back one meter from the point where he left the piste; and if he goes off the piste during an attack he must return to the position he occupied when he started his attack and then step back a further meter.

5. Unwillingness to fight (non-combativity)

When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight, the Referee will immediately call 'Halt!'

If one of the two criteria below is present, there is there is unwillingness to fight:

1. criterion of time : approximately one minute of fencing without a hit
2. absence of blade contact or excessive distance (greater than the distance of a step-forward-lunge) during at least 15 seconds.

Individual events

- a) If during the **first two periods** of a direct elimination bout both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight, the Referee will proceed to the next period, without the minute rest.
- b) When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight during the **third period** of a direct elimination bout, the Referee will proceed to a last minute of fencing. This last minute, which will be fenced in its entirety, will be decisive and will be preceded by a drawing of lots to decide the winner should the scores be equal at the end of the minute.

Team events

- a) If both teams make clear their unwillingness to fight during a team match, the Referee will proceed to the next bout.
- b) If both teams make clear their unwillingness to fight during **the last bout**, the Referee will proceed to a last minute of fencing. This last minute, which will be fenced in its entirety, will be decisive and will be preceded by a drawing of lots to decide the winner should the scores be equal at the end of the minute.

6. Should a fencer or team who have been entered not present themselves to fence, their federation will be penalised by a fine (**€500**), payable to the FIE, except in cases of properly authenticated 'force majeure'.
7. If a fencer is entered after the closing date the entry fee is €150.
8. Failure to supply the correct number of referees will result in a fine of €1000 per referee payable to the organisers.
9. Mask wires at Foil and Sabre must be white or colourless, No other colour is permitted.
10. The mask wire at Foil and Sabre must be attached to a 2cmx3cm tag on the back, near the centre, of the lame. It is not permissible to attach the clip to the collar of the lame.

I have heard rumours that some of our women fencers are talking about refusing to fence gender change opponents. This would be an offence against the code of honour of fencing and will result in a

black card. It would also be a disgrace for BVF and British Fencing. Perhaps we should consider a clause in the invitation letter which asks for an agreement to fence **All** opponents properly entered.

European Championships

I will ensure, as EVFC President, that the new FIE rules regarding the optional use of transparent masks is applied.

D.Sweeney

19th March 2012