

Minutes of Meeting

Date	24 Mar 20
Location	Angel Hotel
Time	10:30:00
End Time	00:00:00
Present	FM/JM/PB/DS/LB/JS/MS/GA

Outstanding Actions

#	Action	Who	Status	View
281	Produce a paper for discussion with BF on developing more membership, include a 30-39 age group within BVF	DS, , GA	Done	
344	Training Weekends: Liaise with Lynne Melia	GA	Done	
416	Hampshire Open: Entries open. FM to make enquiries for medals.		Done	
417	European Championships: GA has sent out all info. MS to circulate to snailmailers. Doctors letters required GA to send notification to all entrants re photocopy would be accepted.	GA, MS	Done	
419	BVF Championships: JM asked that a new mens sabre cup be purchased and have all the information on the existing damaged cup transferred to the new.	JRM, LB	Done	
420	Home Nations match: 4/5 May FM to pass cup to DS.		Done	
422	AGM: JRM to send out further notice re nominations for committee and any items for AGM. Copy to MS/FM.	JRM	Done	
427	Age Group Championships: An accident occurred during the competition. A report will be sent to BF.		Done	

New Actions and Decisions

#	Action	A/D	Who
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.	A	DS, , GA, JRM, JS, LB, MS, PB
431	Meeting with BF: BVF to determine what info we need from David Teasdale.	A	DS, , JRM
432	Meeting with British Fencing: David Teasdale stated that BF would endorse the BVF bid for the European Veteran Team Championships 2016.	D	
433	European Veterans Team Championships 2016: A sub-committee has been formed to determine feasibility of a bid to be put to Committee. DS/MS/GA/JRM sub-committee members.	D	
434	Age Group Championships 2014: It was decided that the date for this competition will be 14/15 June 2014.	D	
435	Age Group Championships 2014: A sub-committee was formed to review the dates and organisation of both the BVF championships and AGCs owing to the increasing number of entries.	D	
436	Womens Epee Cup: It was decided to purchase a new cup for this event as the current shield is full. The new cup would still carry the name Mme. Froechlen together with previous winners' names. The shield will be donated to the fencing museum.	A	JRM
437	Date of next meeting: Sunday 21 April 2013. 10.30a.m,	D	

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) Meeting with British Fencing
- 6) European Team Championships 2016 - BVF bid
- 7) Forthcoming events, including
- a) West Midlands Open
 - b) European Championships
 - c) Winton Cup 2013
 - d) World Championships 2013
 - e) Age Groups 2013
- 8) Other Items
- BVF Promotional DVD
 - German Match
 - BVC 2013
- 9) A.O.B.
- 10) Dates of next meetings

Treasurer's Report

The accounts for the Age Groups are closed. The event made a loss of £ 633.

The accounts for the BVF Championships are waiting only for the invoice from Oxstalls. The event is expected to make a loss of £ 1221.

To put these sums into context the losses for the last 3 years are:

	2011	2012	2013
Age Groups	- 262	-362	- 633
BVF Champs	-1053	-914	-1221

John

Membership Report

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

71 from last year have not renewed. So far 10 of these have declined to renew.

John

Communications

The WMO entry form is on-line and that seems to be going well.

John

BVF domestic Fencing Officer report - committee meeting 24th March 2013

West Mids Vets Open

Most arrangements are in hand. I intend waiting for evidence that they are needed before arranging hire of additional piste. I have 2 at hand at Stourbridge. I am fairly confident that there are going to be enough working scoring sets at SFC to cover the requirements but may need to ask for a couple of sets as spares from members attending.

John Crouch is not available to do the DT so I shall do that myself. I haven't yet mentioned it but I assume Janet will bring a kettle for tea/coffee and some soft drinks available on a self-service honesty box system.

I am however, looking at entries. At the time of writing there are 8 in ME, the rest having a maximum of 4 entries. Unless there is a dramatic improvement, I shall seriously consider cancelling it. The only reservation I have about that is that I know that some have booked accommodation.

Certainly, I do not intend to run it next year unless there is a significant increase on last year's entry. I have in mind an article on the subject for the next newsletter, which is due out after the event.

Crystal Teams Open

This is the next team event to which we can send a Vets team. At the same venue as the above on Sunday 19th May, I have sent out invitations to be in a team (a couple of days ago). I have had 2 volunteers so far.

International Fencing Officers Report March 2013 Committee Meeting

2013 British Veterans Fencing Championships

There were 196 weapon participants compared with 199 last year.

The event appeared to be a success, with the I.T. and other innovations being appreciated.

John Mason published his usual round up comments and areas for improvements were taken on board. I circulated a note in answer to some of John's questions with possible future actions.

The main problem during the championships was the low temperature in the fencing hall. This **MUST** be addressed for future events.

The accounts are not yet complete, we awaiting invoice from Aspire Trust, but it is estimated that the event will cost approximately £1200, (equivalent to 48 weapon entries).

2013 European Veterans Individual Championships – Terni, Italy

We need to make a decision concerning referees to be put forward for consideration for the 2013 European Veterans Championships so that names can be submitted to the EVFC before the closing date of 8th April 2013.

2013 World Veterans Individual Championships – Varna, Bulgaria.

At the time of writing there is no information regarding the World Championships in Bulgaria. I have asked Max Geuter if he can shed light on the situation.

2016 European Veterans Team Championships – GBR Bid

I would remind the committee that we need to get any bid for the 2016 European Championships should be ready for presentation at the 2013 EVF Congress on 8th May. I have given our Chairman a copy of the official Bid document which should be submitted to the EVFC, via Sue Church as early as possible before the Congress.

D.Sweeney 21 March 2013