

Minutes of Meeting

Date	25 May 20
Location	Holiday Inn
Time	10:30:00
End Time	16:00:00
Present	FM.MS.GA.LB.DS.JM.JS.PB

Outstanding Actions

#	Action	Who	Status	View
448	Age Group Qualifiers: FM to amend the Rules which after agreement by Committee be published for the consideration of membership.		Done	
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.	JRM	Done	
474	BF: JRM to compose an email to be sent to BF for circulation to potential BVF members.	JRM	Done	
482	Membership: It was proposed that Keith Smith be offered Life Membership and agreed unami. FM to write to KS.		Done	
486	BVF Championships: In view of the difficulties expressed by sabreurs in attending on the Friday, DS will look at the feasibility of re-scheduling to organising the championships over two days. The AGM would remain on the Friday evening. Membership will be informed in due course.	DS	Done	
487	Acceptance and Accommodation Request Form: GA will produce a document to circulate to committee for approval. Legal opinion will be sought on the final document.	GA	Done	

New Actions and Decisions

#	Action	A/D	Who
491	British Fencing letter: It was agreed that the proposed letter be sent to BF. 6 agreed, 2 abstain. It was agreed that JM/LB/FM would prepare a wish list of benefits for discussion by whole committee. The committee agreed that the BVF should retain its independence .	A	, JRM, LB
492	ET16: Reports and comments from those attending Porec were discussed in committee and appropriate actions will be taken to incorporate into the planning for ET16. A key element will be the production of a Timetable by the ET16 planners.	A	DS, GA, JRM
494	Winton Cup: Arrangements are now in hand for the Lillieshall venue and Park Inn at Telford. Details will be published after the AGQs.	A	
495	German match 2015: An invitation has been received for a match at Darmstadt. Several dates have been suggested by the Germans in June/July. FM to accept the invitation and will suggest a date to co-incide with the match 25years ago.	A	
496	European Team Championships 2014: The Committee wished to formally thank Gillian for her excellent work as Team Manager. The Committee also congratulated David for his re-election as President of EVFC.	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) EVFC

6) European Team Championships 2014

7) European Team Championships 2016 - Progress

8) Forthcoming events, including

- a) Age Group Qualifiers
- b) Veterans Winton Cup
- c) 2014 World Championships

9) Other Items

- a) North East Veteran Recruitment initiative
- b) BVF Recruitment
- c) Veterans Support Endowment
- d) Booking travel and accommodation for overseas trips

10) A.O.B.

11) Dates of next meetings

Chairman's Report to Committee May 2014

The Age Group Qualifier event is proving slow to attract fencers and at the time of writing, we have 116 entries against last year's 179. My thanks to John for his recent reminder for members to enter, so let's hope that this boosts the entry for us.

The Winton venue at Lilleshall has confirmed our dates as has the Park Inn. I will be visiting both after the Age Groups to finalise details which I can pass on to Team Captains. I have

heard from Jenny Morris that she is no longer able to organise a team for the South and from Debbie Taverner who is injured and also unable to organise a team for London.

The Hampshire Veterans Open was successfully organised by Carl and Jenny Morris with many more entries than previously, although weapons needed to be made unisex.

Congratulations to David on being re-elected as President of EVFC and beating the other candidate from France by a good margin .

Congratulations also to Gillian for a job well done in managing our GB Squad in Porec and to those teams achieving medals for us.

I have started on the fund raising for ET16 and have already secured a personal donation offer and an introduction to meet with the marketing director of a bank.

I am producing a paper on corporate fundraising and this is currently in production, having been delayed somewhat by my house move and other personal matters.

As you know, we have received an invitation from Harald Reetmeyer for a 2105 match against Germany in Darmstadt and we will discuss this, together with other correspondence received, when we meet on Sunday

Frank Mills, Chairman

Treasurer's Report

The accounts for the BVF Championships are closed with a loss of £ 97.48, a huge difference from previous years as we put the entry fees up by 25%.

The accounts for the Vets London Spring Open are closed with a loss of £ 237.36

The accounts for the West Midlands Open are waiting only for the invoice for the hire of the hall. A surplus of ca £400 is expected.

All our fencers have paid for the European Championships. We have received payments from Laki and the Irish in euros and are waiting to pay these into the bank. The only expenses expected are Gillian's incidentals.

The joint membership system with BF has not progressed.

John

Membership Report

579 members have joined or renewed their memberships (577 members at the end of last year).

49 members from 2013 have not renewed. They have been sent a final reminder.

John

Communications

I emailed everyone about the WMO.

I have emailed everyone twice about the Age Groups but the numbers are looking disappointing (but it was the same with the BVF Championships and the entry shot up at the last minute). The last opportunity will be when the May newsletter is circulated.

John

Secretary's Report

The only item to report is a call from a club coach. A new member who has joined the Vets but did not realise they also had to be a member of British Fencing. Coach wanted to confirm that it was also necessary to be a BF member. Also informed him of the qualification required to enter the Vets Championships.

Other than normal i.e. forwarding any relevant information to Gillian for the Newsletter and printing and distributing the Newsletter.

MS

BVF domestic Fencing Officer report - committee meeting 25th May 2014

Ardingley Open

Heard nothing further.

WMO

Entry lower than last year – 50+ weapon entries compared with nearly 70. Increasing the entry fee meant that the increase in hall hire cost was more than covered and, as last year, there was no first aid cost – this had been provided by a Stourbridge FC member who is St John's trained. This year it was overlooked when he wasn't available. Fortunately there was nothing that required the services of any sort of first aider.

Profit is expected to be around £400 – see Treasurer's report

Hampshire Open

Carl and Jennie have commented elsewhere. I didn't attend as I was setting off for Croatia the next day.

I believe they thought it went well but MS had to be cancelled and I believe some weapons were unisex.

RN Match

No further information about venue.

International Fencing Report for BVF Committee Meeting 25th May 2014

1. Preliminary Feasibility Study of BVF Championships

A preliminary study has been carried out, as decided at the last committee meeting, to see if the BVF Championships could be run over 2 days instead of the current 3

days at the Oxstalls facility in Gloucester. A paper has been circulated.

2. Date and venue for the 2014 World Championships

A few days before the 2014 EVFC Team Championships news was received that the Hungarian Federation had requested that the FIE approve a change of date, for the 2014 World Veterans Championships from 21st – 26th October to a new date of 6th – 11th September.

This was discussed in some detail at the EVF Congress and it was agreed that the EVFC should urge the FIE to refuse the change. The EVFC President wrote to the FIE with a request to refuse the change giving our reasons. A decision is expected at the FIE COMEX meeting 23rd – 25th May.

3. Election of EVFC President

I am honoured to report that I have been re-elected, after a ballot at the EVF Congress between myself and Benoit Pincemaille FRA as President of the EVFC. I informed the Congress that I would retire after this term and that I hoped to be able to effect the proposed changes in the structure of EVFC management and to suggest a candidate for the next election.

D.Sweeney
24th May

2014.

European Team Championships Poreč, Croatia 2014

Annual Congress of EVF - 15th May 2014 - summary

- **European Team Championships**
2016 - Medway - Progress report given.
2018 - no bids. Possibly Bergamot or Milan, Italy or Germany
- **European Individual Championships**
2017 - no bids
2019 - no bids
- **FIE Veterans Worlds Championships**
2014 - Hungary asked to change the dates as there is a problem with the venue on the original dates. The majority agreed that the published dates of October 21 - 26 must stand and Hungary must provide an alternative venue. Croatia could be a back up. David Sweeney to contact Max Geuter.
2015 - no bids

- **Proposal to amend the Constitution regarding Members of Honour**
 It was agreed by majority to have a maximum of 6 active (living) members of honour. Nando Capelli formally accepted and presented with a certificate. Constitution to be amended.
- **Rules for +195 teams**
 The 'temporary' rules, as previously circulated, were formally adopted
- **Seeding for fencers who are unranked in EV Championships**
 It was agreed that seeding should be considered. The discussion document circulated is a good starting point, but complicated. A working party to develop this was set up: David Sweeney, Benoit Pincemaille (FRA) and Leonardo Patti (ITA).
- **Proposed Veteran Individual World Cup - Italy**
 Some concerns were raised that this might deter individuals from entering the team championships, and that it would be an extra cost. Country representatives to seek opinions from members and report at the next EVF Congress.
- **Handbook of regulations**
 A working party consisting of David Sweeney, Benoit Pincemaille (FRA) and Jean-Pierre Mion (FRA) will work on producing a Handbook of Regulations, based on the document submitted by David Sweeney and will report by email to country representatives.
- **Election of Officers - President - David Sweeney**
 David Sweeney elected by majority. Benoit Pincemaille was a candidate for election.