



MINUTES
of the BVF Committee Meeting,
Saturday 27 August 2011 11a.m.
Angel Hotel, Chippenham

Members present: Peter Baron (PB), Frank Mills (FM), Marcia Stretch (MS), David Sweeney (DS), John Mason (JM)

- 1. Apologies: Lawrence Burr, Jonathon Stanbury**
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting 28 June, 2011 agreed and signed.**
- 3 Action items from previous meetings:**

ACTION	BY
<p>225b Peter will look into resuming friendly matches with universities once term starts. <i>ONGOING Action</i></p>	PB
<p>233 A number of comments were made on the draft business plan produced by Frank and David, and an updated document will be produced and circulated to committee. <i>ONGOING Action</i></p>	FM
<p>251 Online archive: JM to proceed along the lines of his simulation shown to the committee. Almost done, some still to be uploaded. <i>ONGOING Action</i></p>	JM
<p>258</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) JM has reviewed all files and removed any personal information. JM will distribute files on a secure zip file. On-line entry information now on a secure server. Membership details are secure. 2) JM will investigate the possibility of moving to a server site of similar capability and the costs involved. 3) FM to receive instruction on the maintenance of the website from JM. <p style="text-align: right;"><i>ONGOING Action</i></p>	JM
<p>263 GA reported that a team match will be held on Sunday 29th August at Bath University for Mens Foil and Womens Epee wheelchair fencing. Sparring partners will be welcome on the day.</p>	

3. Matters Arising: None

4 Reports:

- a. **Chairman:** DS and FM will produce a proposal for talks with British Fencing with a view to increasing membership. **DS/FM**
- b. **Secretary:** none .

c. Treasurer: No further action is to be taken over non-payment of entry fee to the National Championships.
Sponsorship payments have not yet been received from Salago, Nomura and Morrocco.
DS to follow up.
German match: a loss has been made..
European Championships: a number of items outstanding EVFC is looking at the system for numbers of referees per competition.
World Championships: JM has a budget and expects to break even.
JM submitted an expenses policy based on the BF policy. This policy was agreed by the Committee. JM publish this on the website. The proposed policy to be sent to Duncan Rowlands in response to his query.
FM proposed, DS 2nd. Unani.

d. Membership Secretary:

513 members including 48 new members. 70 have not renewed membership.

e. Domestic fencing:

West Midland Open: some items still outstanding. Projected loss of £70.00.

f. International fencing:

World Championships: All arrangements now in hand.

g. EVFC:

DS reported that there are two bodies – EVF Congress and EFC Council which is the main working body. There is a possibility the two may be combined in the future.
Proposal from GB for a Team Championship competition aimed at older age groups. After clearing up some initial confusion as to whether this was an additional competition replacing the current age championships and that it should be ideally held during the current team championships, the proposal was accepted with the suggestion that only 60+ aged fencers take part.

Selection Review:

The selection proposal put forward by DS/LB/JS was accepted as follows for option 2: 7 for, 1 to maintain the current system.

JM proposed that the system be split into each age category. 2nd FM. Vote 1 for, 3 against, 1 abstention.

DS proposed that the same format as championships. 2nd PB. Vote 5 for, 1 against.

A query was raised by Jenny Morris for the current world champion to defend the title in the following year.

DS proposed no special advantage through automatic selection to the world championships. 2nd GA. Unani.

FM to reply to Jenny Morris.

FM

The date for age category is 1st September – qualifying date to be set annually subject to the date of the World Championships.

Qualifying Competitions: National Championships
Bletchley Open (ex Age Group Championships)
West Midlands Open
Hampshire Open
Leeds – to be confirmed
A.N. Other

The best four results to be taken into account on a rolling system to the cut-off date.
DS and PB to speak to competition organisers a.s.a.p.

DS will be responsible for management of the points system.

DS

JM offered to write software database for results from competitions based on the membership list.

JM

DS to circulate proposed ranking list for the first competition and suggested points award based on the En Garde system.

DS

Selectors: DS suggested that the Event Manager should be a Selector. For team

selection, it should be made clear that selection is not dependent on the ranking list owing to the age criteria and the dynamics involved in term performance for this event. Committee members were asked to consider nominations for selectors to be sent to FM.

ALL

5 Forthcoming Events:

- a. Veterans Winton Cup: all arrangements now in hand. 9 teams have entered.
- b. World Championships: see 'International Fencing'.
- c. West Midlands Open – see 'Domestic Fencing'.
- e. Christmas Dinner: GA to put notice in Newsletter for regions to organise their own party/dinner. GA is prepared to organise one for the SW.

6 Any Other Business:

- . Piste Hire: DS put forward the possibility of using pistes from British Pentathletes, free of charge, in order to reduce competition costs. The logistics of transport etc were discussed. Leon Paul normally supply boxes, pistes and a trade stand together with transport.
- . DS to investigate.

DS

Committee Meeting Venue: DS has made enquiries with John Lewis as to their proposal to provide free conference venues. At present this is on trial at three locations. DS to be kept informed.

Track Suits: GA showed the Addidas track suit for wheelchair fencers which is also being adopted and used by most sports. The proposed BF track suit will not now be available in the foreseeable future. GA to obtain a price with Great Britain on the back on the jacket and the Veterans badge on the front with an option for the name of a fencer also on the front. There are other items of clothing i.e. shorts, fleece in the same range.

Date of next meeting: Saturday 15 October. Angel Hotel, Chippenham.

Meeting closed at 16.45