

Minutes of Meeting

Date	09 Apr 20
Location	Swindon F
Time	10:30:00
End Time	15:20:00
Present	GA/JRA/MS/EVG/DR/JS/LB/GP

Outstanding Actions

#	Action	Who	Status	View
650	BVF Championships 2018: MS to make enquiries as to the availability and Terms and Conditions of Oxstalls for March 2018.	MS	Done	
651	Referees for BVF Championships 2017: DR to liaise with David Taylor regarding recruitment of Referees. Committee approved as per diem payment of 60.00 per day maximum.	DR	Done	
653	Chairman of Selectors: GA to contact Carl Morris to take on this role.	GA	Done	
654	BVF Championships Medals: MS to order the medals to be engraved: BVF Championships 2017, category & weapon. Summer Selection: MS to order medals to be engraved: BVF Summer Selection 2017, category & weapon	MS	Done	
657	BVF Open: MS to investigate possible venues - in particular Oxstalls in July (excluding 29th).	MS	Done	
658	Committee Statement to membership: A statement will be issued outlining the agreed changes to competition format shortly.	DR, GA, JRM	Done	

New Actions and Decisions

#	Action	A/D	Who
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661	Chairman's Job Description: The committee agreed the job description with the minor changes discussed. Unan	D	
663	Review of Constitution: GA appointed LB and JS to review the Constitution. LB and JS to provide an initial report to committee at the next meeting.	A	LB, JS
664	BVF Committee Protocol: GA presented a document to committee. Unan approved with the provision that something concerning electronic communications is added. GP to draft a bullet point concerning electronic communications and send to GA.	A	GP
665	West Midlands Open: EvG to liaise with Peter Baron.	A	EVG
666	BVF Open Championships: The committee agreed that a BVF Open Championship will be held the weekend of 14-16 July, 2017 using the 'traditional' format of 2 rounds of poules followed by a single direct elimination tableau with all fencers. This competition will be open to all BVF members, and not just those members who are eligible to represent GBR in international events. The competition will also be open to members of veteran associations of other FIE federations. Gold, silver and 2 bronze medals will be awarded to the top 4 placed fencers; the trophy will be awarded to the highest placed BVF member. The Champion at Arms Trophies will be awarded to the appropriate BVF member.	D	
668	BVF Open Championships 2017: The committee agreed to accept the offer from Jon Willis to run this event at the Leon Paul Centre 14-16 July 2017. EvG to liaise with Jon Willis. GA to forward all correspondence relating to this event to EvG	A	GA, EVG
669	Summer Selection Competition: The format of one round of poules followed by direct elimination was ratified. Timings and poule sizes will be adjusted to allow more fencing within the time constraints.	D	
670	Winton Cup: All bookings have been made.	D	
671	EVFC Congress: Board elections as proposed - unan Team competition format - majority agreement for relay Members of Honour recognition - majority agreement for medals	D	
672	Appointment of Chairman of Selectors: Ratification of re-appointment of Carl Morris as Chairman of Selectors.	D	
673	Presentation on clarification of discretionary places in the selection rules by Chairman of Selectors, Carl Morris. Carl gave a comprehensive presentation with Q & A. GA thanked Carl on behalf of the committee.	D	
674	Review of Constitution: LB and JS are to look at this with recommendations to the committee.	D	

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Matters arising from previous minutes
3. Committee protocol and procedures

Committee protocol
Chairman's job description
Portfolios

4. Chairman's report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Membership Secretary's Report
7. Secretary's report
8. Domestic Fencing Officer's Report
9. International Fencing Officer's Report
10. Competitions

BVF Championships 2017 - old format
Summer Selection Event
Winton Cup

11. EVFC Congress

Board elections

Team competition format - proposal to change to relay system
Members of Honour recognition

12. Review of Constitution
13. Appointment of Chairman of Selectors
14. Clarification of discretionary places in the selection rules. Chairman of Selectors invited to attend (14:00 hrs)
- 15 Any other business

Chairman's report to BVF committee - April 2017

The 2017 AGM was held at the Victoria Hotel, Chadderton, at the weekend of the BVF Championships. Two motions from membership were passed:

- This AGM supports the efforts of the Committee to modernise BVF's competition structure and looks forward to the publication of Working Group's report on possible further developments.

- It is proposed that the British Veterans National Championships revert to the previous format of an open event for all age groups fenced as two rounds of poules followed by a complete direct elimination.

I informed membership that that policies, procedures, job descriptions will be reviewed and updated as necessary and that the committee will also look at succession planning.

The previous committee was re-elected with no changes except that Duncan Rowlands was elected as International Fencing Officer, (previously elected member). Graham Paul was elected as an elected member. A warm welcome back to all committee members and to new member Graham.

The Working Group will be looking at and deliberating on all feedback from membership on the 2017 BVF Championships and ideas on selection and competition format (as agreed by the previous committee) and will present an interim report to the BVF Committee by the end of April 2017, with its final report to be made to the Committee by the end of July 2017.

The minutes of the AGM have been published and the whole membership has been requested (by email, postal mail and in the newsletter) to send all feedback (as above) to the Working Group.

Peter and Janet Baron and their team organised and ran the West Midlands Open at the beginning of April. Thanks to all involved. This was a well run and well attended event.

Gillian Aghajan

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Treasurer's Report

BVF Championships – the account is closed and the event made a surplus of £1827.

This unusual surplus is down to the premises being relatively cheap and fitted out with scoring equipment so there was no bill from Leon Paul.

West Midlands Open – the account is open and we anticipate a surplus of ca £500 with a larger entry this year.

John

Membership Report Current membership is 609.

86 members from last year have not renewed.

I am considering another final reminder for these people.

John

Communications

I have moved the membership database to the Internet and it is being used for the 2017 renewals.

It is not finished but it is going well.

John

BVF International Fencing Officer's Report

□ Several veteran events across Europe have been identified as appropriate for BVF members to attend, and details of these published on the BVF website.

Feedback from fencers attending these events, and others identified by fencers, is being sought to develop a wider list of suitable events for members to consider entering.

□ To enable friendly matches with other veteran associations to be considered the EVFC Representative has agreed to introduce me to appropriate people in other federations at the European Championships next month so that discussions can take place.

□ The Team Manager for the European Championships has reported that:

- All intentions to compete have been registered with the organisers.
- A reminder for fencers to submit intentions to compete has been sent to the membership.
- A few fencers have not yet confirmed their registration on the website; a reminder has been sent.

- The organisers have an issue with registering non-fencers. It is believed that they will attend to this shortly.

□ The Team Manger for the World Championships in Maribor has reported that there is no information available for this event other than the dates (16-21 October 2017). No website is yet available.

D Rowlands

Duncan Rowlands
BVF International Fencing Officer
09 April 2017

BVF National Championships Proposal

I am making this proposal as a way of enabling the BVF committee to fulfil the terms of one of the motions passed by the membership at the AGM while maintaining the integrity of the 2017 selection events.

March Event

- This event should be retrospectively renamed to the 'BVF Closed Category National Championships'.

July Event

- This event should use to the 'traditional' format of all fencers together with two rounds of pools of 5 or 6, followed by a single Direct Elimination tableau.
- The event should be named the 'BVF Open Category National Championships'.
- As this event will not form part of the selection process for the 2017 World Championships it should be able to be entered by all BVF members, and not just those members who are eligible to represent GBR in international events.

- • The traditional trophies should be awarded to the winners of these championships, along with gold, silver and 2 bronze medals.
- • Age category medals should not be awarded at these championships. This is to avoid undermining the status of the medals awarded at the March event.