



**Annual General Meeting
Holiday Inn, Gloucester
Friday 6 March, 2015
20.15**

The Chairman welcomed all members to the meeting. She asked for a round of applause in memory of Frank Mills, Fred Shepherd and Richard Bonehill who have all recently died.

1. Apologies

Received from A. Loveland, M. Marton, B. Goldbart, P. Jacobs, C. Prevett
M.Richardson, M. Myers, Sue & Rob BROOKS, Kirsten Payne, R. Penton, Lynne &
Andy Bornemisza.

35 members present at the meeting.

2. Minutes of AGM 2014

The Minutes were read and agreed.

Proposed: J. Stanbury

Seconded: P. Shepherd-Foster

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

No matters arising from the Minutes.

4. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman read her report to members.

5. Treasurer's Report

Copies of the accounts have been circulated The Treasurer presented the accounts and explained that the surplus annual funds would be put into the account for the European Team championships 2016 which we will be hosting. We will also be actively seeking sponsorship for this event. The Treasurer thanked Sonya Mason for all her work on the accounts together with thanks to David Exeter for auditing the annual accounts which were unanimously accepted.

Vote of thanks to Sonya Mason

Proposed: J. Stanbury

Seconded: L. Burr

Proposed: P. Baron

Seconded: J. Stanbury

Vote of thanks to David Exeter

Proposed: G.Silverman

Seconded: S. Earl

6. Secretary's Report

The Secretary read her report giving details of the meetings during the year. Her work mainly consisted of printing and distributing the Newsletter and other notices to those members not on-line together with answering members queries. She has volunteered to organise the Age Group Championships and Winton Cup.

7. Membership Secretary's Report

John Mason said that, at present, membership was 575 of which 58 are new members. 90 members have not renewed. A reminder has been sent to these people.

There has been an increase in entries to the national championships.

8. Committee Elections

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| Chairman: | Gillian Aghajan | Proposed: | Richard Bonehill |
| | | Seconded: | Geoff Silverman |
| Elected Unanimous | | | |

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| Secretary: | Marcia Stretch | Proposed: | Silvia Earl |
| | | Seconded: | Andrew Brown |
| Elected Unanimous | | | |

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| Treasurer: | John Mason | Proposed: | Jane Hutchison |
| | | Seconded: | Chris Prevett |
| Elected Unanimous | | | |

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| International Fencing: | David Sweeney | Proposed: | Sue Church |
| | | Seconded: | Caron Hale |
| Elected Unanimous | | | |

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| Domestic Fencing: | Peter Baron | Proposed: | Rob Penton |
| | | Seconded: | Steve Potter |
| Elected Unanimous | | | |

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| Committee Member: | Lawrence Burr | Proposed: | Sue Brooks |
| | | Seconded: | Rob Brooks |
| Elected Unanimous | | | |

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| Committee Member: | Jonathon Stanbury | Proposed: | A. Bornemiza |
| | | Seconded: | L. Bornemiza |
| Elected Unanimous | | | |

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| Development Officer | Peter Howes | Proposed: | John Crouch |
| | | Seconded: | E. van Emeren |
| Elected Unanimous | | | |

9. Any Other Business

- a. The Chairman asked for help and volunteers for ET16.
- b. Succession planning for the future: D. Austin suggested that anyone interested could monitor the organisation of competitions alongside the relevant organiser.
- c. Duncan Rowlands queried the numbers of epeeists in the National competition and if it would be necessary to change the format in order to accommodate the increase in numbers. Peter Howes commented that it could impact on the numbers with a change in format. J. Stanbury explained regarding the selection procedure under the present format.
- d. Ranking System: D. Sweeney said that national ranking is important with regard to European Team Championships. P. Howes asked if there would be integration with European, British Fencing and British Veterans Fencing. G. Aghajan explained that BVF is separate but affiliated to British Fencing.

D. Sweeney said that at present, there is work in progress towards a ranking list for Europe.
- e. Five Year Plan: L.Burr explained that BVF have a Five Year Plan for the future. As a result of this it may be possible to co-ordinate with BF towards funding and training budgets.

G. Silverman asked if there was any possibility of funds from the 'Osmanov' budget. The answer was 'no'.

Meeting closed at 21.10.