



Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 26th May 7.00-9pm

Location: Zoom

Present: Carl Morris (CM), Nicola Hull (NH), Paul Baillache (PB), Kola Ayanwale (KA), Lindsay Watkiss (LEW), Lucy Wright (LCW), Beth Davidson (BD), Nick Fihosy (NF), Graham Paul (GP).

1) Insurance Update PB:

i) It was agreed we should purchase insurance to cover us for any GDPR or D&O claims. Whilst the risk was perceived as minimal the low cost of the premium made purchasing this cover a sensible decision. Cover to be purchased for both risks up to £100,000 Sum Insured for each policy.

Action: PB to purchase with immediate effect.

ii) Sport:80 PB & LCW: LCW had contacted Hannah Gavin from British Fencing regarding the possibility of using Sport:80 to manage BVF membership. The following advantages were discussed: BVF would not be responsible for holding the data; automatic renewal would ensure continuity of membership; decrease in committee workload; and the system is familiar to BF members. The disadvantages were recognised that not all BVF members are current fencers or members of BF and a separated system may need to be found for these members. Sport:80 is not universally popular with fencers, but has improved.

Action: LCW to continue factfinding and report back.

2) Constitution CM & Forum GP:

i) An email will be sent out to membership about the proposed name change and new constitution.

Action: CM & LCW to coordinate for w/c 7th June

ii) A forum will be up and running the w/c 7th June so members can discuss any concerns.

Action: GP to set up and monitor the forum

iii) A zoom meeting will be held, date to be confirmed, for BVF members to discuss any concerns with the committee

Action: CM to set up a date

iv) An EGM will be held on Saturday August 7th for voting to take place. There will be one vote to change the name and agree the constitution. If the outcome is a 'no' another EGM will be called to vote on the constitution.



3) Competitions KA, LEW, GP

i) Guildford: a separate conversation was held by some members of the committee prior to the meeting where it was agreed the Guildford Event should be run as it is our duty to organise veteran competitions. They were prepared to consider running the event at a loss.

- PB indicated that as we had made a £2,500 profit from the event last year that perhaps this money could be used to offset a loss, and this was agreed by the committee.
- CM suggested we should consider putting BVF membership fees up. The committee agreed to discuss this later in the year.
- NH felt there should be a cap on how much we were prepared to lose on running the Guildford Event and we should bear in mind that this is our members money which could also be spent in other areas such as training camps.
- GP was of the view that our responsibility to our members was to run competitions regardless of loss and felt that training courses cater for fewer members than competitions.
- GP felt we could introduce a team competition into the Guildford Event to allow for more fencing and an extra charge to be made.
- The general consensus was there should be a cap on our losses and a final call on holding the event would be made on the 26th June when entries closed. As such we should encourage people to enter ASAP so we have a clear picture of numbers.
- The date for the next Guildford International competition was set for 8/9th January subject to confirmation from EVF.

Action: KA to load event on Sports 80 to allow entries LCW to send out an email about the event and reassurance on measures we were taking to ensure everyone's safety. KA to contact Caryl Oliver about the date of the 2022 competition and which weapons count towards the EVF Circuit.

ii) The BVF Nationals LEW:



- The date is confirmed for 29, 30 and 31st of October. Venue Manchester.
- Marcia will act as joint event manager with Lindsay.
- Order of weapons - Foil Friday, Epee Sat, Sabre Sunday.
- This would be used for qualification towards 2022 worlds and European Team event if one takes place.

iii) The Veteran Winton LEW:

- This is still being planned to go ahead in standard format with a Gala dinner.

4) AOB

i) Website nearly ready to go live just a change to the calendar.

ii) The results of our survey on the worlds should be shared with Caryl Oliver

Action : LCW and CM to arrange

iii) We should ensure all members are aware they need to arrange their own insurance cover if attending the worlds. Team Manager of the Worlds to be made aware.

Action : CM