

**ENGLAND FENCING  
SOUTH EAST FENCING**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2017. Sports Hall, Sevenoaks Preparatory School.**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

Committee Members Present: Tim Schofield (TS), Meg Shepherd-Foster (MSF), Phil Shepherd-Foster (PSF), Plus 7 regional fencers: Peter Huggins (PH), Dominique Kennet (DK) Megan Beddoe (MB) Pat Shepherd-Foster (PaSF) Daisy Hutton (DH). Francine Robb (FR) James Martin. FR, CM and JM left during the meeting due to other commitments.

It was agreed that Tim Schofield would chair the meeting and Daisy Hutton would help take the minutes.

**1. Apologies for absence**

1.1 Apologies from Brian Causton, Marc Chapman, Jane Clayton, Jamie Miller, Dom Pitman, Cheryl Deamer, Ian de Whalley, Emmanuel Theround, Sharon Blackman, Julie Schofield, Jim Whelan, Stuart Harris.

**2. Minutes of AGM 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

2.1 The minutes were taken as a correct record of the meetings.

2.2 FR had to leave due to other commitments.

**3. Matter's Arising**

3.1 PH asked MSF to send him a copy of the minutes. MSF agreed and also noted that the minutes were available on the SE Website.

3.2 PH queried events being held on a Saturday, on behalf of Kate Morwell-Neave, MSF replied that the hall was unavailable on a Sunday and for Senior events it wasn't as much of a priority as the BYC qualifiers.

3.3 MSF reported that the dates listed on the previous AGM minutes had changed during the season. TS confirmed that all events had taken place and with similar of increased participation, despite a rise in entry fees.

**4. Chair's Report**

4.1 The Chair's report was circulated at the meeting. PSF proposed the report be accepted and MB seconded, all were in favour.

4.2 Jamie Miller would be standing down as Chair at this AGM.

## **5. Secretary's Report**

5.1 The Secretary's report was circulated at the meeting. MSF was able to summarise her report. DK proposed accepting the report and PH seconded, all were in favour.

5.2 MSF congratulated PSF and the Senior Winton Team for their record breaking 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive win. Commendations too for Jane Clayton and the Veteran's Winton Team who also won for the second consecutive year and the Cadet Winton Team led by Laurence Peplow who came 3<sup>rd</sup>.

5.3 MSF thanked Ian de Whalley for his hard work as webmaster and stated that she had taken over as webmaster and the South East Hub website ([www.southeastfencinghub.co.uk](http://www.southeastfencinghub.co.uk)) had now been repurposed as the main website. MSF was willing to continue as a co-opted member of the committee for webmaster/social media.

5.4 MSF would be standing down as Secretary at this AGM.

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

6.1 The Treasurer issued full year accounts for September 2016-August 2017. The accounts showed an additional surplus of £1014.58 and a balance of 9436.79. This meant that the new franchise system was working well.

6.2 The report noted that BYC fees were paid by the competition organisers this year. TS added that this meant the region had no real expenses. This was good, but made it difficult to compare the accounts with the previous year. Furthermore, the previous years included funds from the 'South East Hub' which made the comparison with them difficult too.

6.3 The SE Region Foil was late in the season. The cheque (approximately £150) had been received, but was not deposited before year end.

6.4 The region's cheque for the Senior Winton entry fee had not been cashed.

6.5 Approval of the accounts was proposed by PSF and seconded by PH. The accounts were approved unanimously.

6.6 CM and JM left the meeting.

## **7. Fixture List and Competition Hosting**

7.1 A proposed fixture list for 2016-17 has been developed by the Committee, reflecting known dates on the BFA calendar and anticipated dates of relevant events where these are not currently

known. MSF apologised that this list was late as the season had already begun and the first event had taken place.

7.2 The fixture dates are as follows:

- 14th October 2017 - South East Sabre Individual and Team
- 14th October 2017 - AGM
- 21st January 2018 - South East Epee Individual
- 17th & 18th March 2018 - South East BYC Qualifiers
- 15th July 2018 - South East Foil Individual

7.3 PH queried whether there would be enough time for qualifiers to enter the BYCs. MSF reported that British Fencing had changed the format so that qualifiers now entered themselves. She agreed to check the closing date with Amy Grant (organiser). PH pointed out that 2 events would have to take place on the same day. PSF commented that that was what had happened in recent years anyway.

7.4 MSF proposed that the working calendar be accepted with the provision that dates may change. TS seconded and added that the list should be conditional until we have a proper committee to make a final decision. This was accepted unanimously.

## **8. Election of Officers and Committee Members**

8.1 JM and MSF were stepping down with no explicit interest in the positions. No one at the meeting wished to be put forward, but Brian Causton and Jim Whelan had contacted TS and MSF to say that if this occurred an EGM could be called where they would be willing to stand.

8.2 PH queried the necessity of calling an EGM. TS seconded this, stating that the constitution did not require their presence. It was proposed that Brian Causton and Jim Whelan should be nominated and if they did not wish to accept the position, an EGM would then be called.

8.3 Chairman. Brian Causton nominated by TS and seconded by PSF.

8.4 Vice-Chair. Philip Shepherd-Foster nominated by TS and seconded by PH.

8.5 Honorary Secretary. Jim Whelan was nominated by MSF and seconded by PSF.

8.6 Treasurer. Tim Schofield was nominated as Treasurer by PSF and seconded by PH.

8.7 Winton Senior Captain. Daisy Hutton was nominated by PSF and seconded by PH.

8.8 Winton Cadet Captain. Megan Beddoe and Francine Robb were nominated as co-captains by PSF, seconded by DH. PH suggested that they should share their vote.

- 8.9 Welfare: Daisy Hutton was nominated by MSF and seconded by PSF.
- 8.10 All were in favour of electing the above members to the 2017-18 committee.
- 8.11 The remaining 6 committee members will be put forward by the counties.

**9. Fees for Competitions and Winton Events**

**10. Any other business**

- 10.1 PH running a L1 and L2 refereeing course on the 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> November. MSF to add details to website/social media.
- 10.2 DH asked if the region would be willing to contribute to the cost of the welfare courses she was completing in the next few weeks. A sum of £60.00 was proposed by TS and seconded by MSF and agreed unanimously. DH was to report back on any new requirements from British Fencing after the courses.

The meeting closed at 20:30 pm

Meg Shepherd-Foster Hon. Sec. South East Fencing