

BRITISH VETERANS FENCING

**Annual General Meeting
Holiday Inn, Gloucester
Friday 2nd March 2012**

32 members were present.

1. **Apologies:**
Received from David Craig, Geoffrey & Marish Silverman, Peter Jacobs, Meyrick Simmonds, Maggie Meyers, Sue Hanney, Bob Brooks, Jim Pilkington

2. **Minutes of AGM 2011:**
The Minutes had been circulated in advance to all members. These were approved.

*Proposed: G. Aghajan
Seconded: M. Norfolk
Accepted: nem con*

3. **Matters Arising if not on the Agenda:**
None

4. **Chairman's Report:**
All members have been sent a copy of the Chairman's Report. This was read to the meeting by the Chairman.

*Proposed: R. Bonehill
Seconded: G. Aghajan
Accepted: nem con*

5. **Treasurer's Report:**
All members have been sent a copy of the Treasurer's Report. John Mason reported that the Accounts have been examined by Diane Austin and agreed. JM pointed out that a loss had been made in 2011 mainly due to the German match. 40 members have still not adjusted their Standing Order to the increased fee which he has followed up several times.
Duncan Rowlands queried that the levy for the World Championships and European Championships be based per weapon entry rather than per individual. The Committee had discussed this and decided not to. Rules for reducing the number of Referees required for the European Team Championships will help to reduce costs.

JM thanked Sonya Mason and Diane Austin for all their help.
The annual Accounts were accepted.

*Proposed: G. Aghajan
Seconded: M. Norfolk
Accepted: nem con*

6. **Secretary's Report:**

Marcia Stretch reported that the Committee had held 7 meetings during the year covering many subjects. John Mason had introduced an electronic system of recording the Minutes which has been a considerable time saving for all committee members. These are available on the website. She also pointed out the very considerable amount of work done by the Committee on behalf of the membership.

*Proposed: J. Stanbury
Seconded: P. Shepherd-Foster
Accepted: nem con*

7. **Membership Secretary's Report:**

31st December, 2011 there were 532 members, a slight increase from the previous year.

*Proposed: G. Aghajan
Seconded: J. Morris
Accepted: nem con*

8. **Proposed Change to clause 3 of the BVF Constitution:**

This proposal was put to the meeting and agreed.

*Proposed: F. Mills
Seconded: L. Burr
Accepted: nem con*

9. **Selection Survey Results:**

The results of the survey had been collated by John Crouch who made a presentation to the meeting. These will be available on the website. The Chairman thanked John for all his work.

10. **Committee Elections:**

The present Committee stood down. The Secretary read the nominations together with Proposers and Seconders as follows:

Chairman	Frank Mills	<i>Proposer: R. Bonehill Seconded: Silvia Earl</i>
Secretary	Marcia Stretch	<i>Proposer: Silvia Earl Seconded: A. Brown</i>
Treasurer/ Membership Sec.	John Mason	<i>Proposer: Jane Hutchison Seconded: Chris Prevett</i>
Int. Fencing Officer	David Sweeney	<i>Proposer: Alan Ault Seconded: Dennis Ward</i>
Domestic Fencing Officer	Peter Baron	<i>Proposer: Sue Church Seconded: Marcia Stretch</i>
Committee/Editor BVF Newsletter	Gillian Aghajan	<i>Proposer: Pat Shepherd-Foster Seconded: Gerry Simpson</i>

The Committee was elected.

*Proposer: Moya McNamara
Seconded: Viv Frith
Accepted: 29 3 abstentions*

11. **Any Other Business:**

Commonwealth Veterans Championships: Mike Norfolk suggested that as the next Commonwealth Championships are proposed to be held in Glasgow, he and his team would be happy to help out.

The meeting closed at 9.30p.m.