



**Annual General Meeting
Holiday Inn, Gloucester
Friday 28 February 2014
20.15**

At the start of the meeting the Chairman thanked the members for all their kind wishes and support during his recent illness.

Apologies

Tracy Russen, Richard Sage, Maggie Myers, Niall Maynard, Claire Halsted, Carole Dixon, Marish & Geoff Silverman, Sue & Rob Brooks, Berl Goldbart, Mike Norfolk, Chris Prevett

35 members in attendance

Minutes of AGM 2013

Minutes were agreed. No matters arising.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman read his report to members. He explained the change of date of the Age Group competition to June which will be held at Bletchley. Full details will be circulated in due course.

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 Diane Austin for auditing the annual accounts. Diane Austin will be standing down from this job in the future so a volunteer is needed to take over. Accounts were accepted unanimously.

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 to those members not on-line. She also volunteered to act as co-ordinator for any groups wishing to go to international competitions.

Membership Secretary's Report

John Mason said that, at present, membership was 540. 66 members have not renewed. There has been an increase in entries to the national championships. Terry Wishart asked if it was possible to obtain a list of BF members eligible to join the BVF. After discussions with BF it has been agreed that BF will circulate an email to these members on behalf of BVF.

Duncan Rowlands suggested that members paying by DD or standing order should be charged £15.00 annual fee. Those members paying by cheque should pay £20.00 annual fee to encourage members to pay by DD. David Sweeney made the point that not everyone has access to the internet. Terry Wishart suggested that social membership could be offered at a reduced price. Graham Paul suggested that people can remain as members without being members of BF. Membership of BF is, however, necessary in order to compete in BVF competitions.

Committee Elections

Chairman: **Frank Mills** Proposed: Jenny Morris
Seconded: Geoff Silverman

Elected Unanimous

Secretary: **Marcia Stretch** Proposed: Silvia Earl
Seconded: Andrew Brown

Elected Unanimous

Treasurer: **John Mason** Proposed: Jane Hutchison
Seconded: Chris Prevett

Elected Unanimous

International Fencing: **David Sweeney** Proposed: Richard Sage
Seconded: Geoff Silverman

Elected Unanimous

Domestic Fencing: **Peter Baron** Proposed: Carl Morris
Seconded: Evert van Gemeren

Elected Unanimous

Newsletter Editor: **Gillian Aghajan** Proposed: Pat Shepherd-Foster
Seconded: Evert van Gemeren

Elected Unanimous

Committee Member: **Lawrence Burr** Proposed: Sue Brooks
Seconded: Rob Brooks

Elected Unanimous

Committee Member: **Jonathon Stanbury** Proposed: Bob Perry
Seconded: Evert van Gemeren

Elected Unanimous

Any Other Business

Booking Procedure for foreign trips: A motion has been proposed by Richard Bonehill, 2nd by Jane Hutchison as follows:

“A recent dispute has identified that the current accommodation booking procedure for foreign trips (World and European Championships etc.) is not suitable. The motion is that the Committee investigates the booking procedure and replaces it with one which is not open to misinterpretation by either the participants or the organisers and protects the statutory rights of members of British Veteran Fencing.”

The Chairman stated that this has been discussed in committee. The present system has worked very well over many years. The Committee are in the process of revising the procedure and RB is happy that the Committee are implementing changes to be introduced for the future.

David Sweeney suggested that the changes in booking procedure be circulated to all fencers selected. It was agreed however, that in view of overseas trips being available to all members, the procedures will be published to all members using the Newsletter and website.

Frank Mills thanked the members for attending the AGM.

The meeting closed at 20.50.