



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Holiday Inn, Gloucester
Friday 4th March 2016 at 8:15pm**

The Chairman welcomed all members to the meeting.

1, Apologies

Received from: G. Silverman, T. Melbourne P. Zaikiewicz, A. Bonner, M Dalby, Sue/Rob Brooks, B. Cramp, G. Coulter, H. de Silva, C. Prevett, L. Burr

39 members present at the meeting.

2. Minutes of AGM 2015

Minutes were agreed.

Proposed: E. van Gemeren

Seconded: P. Shepherd Foster

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

No matters arising from the Minutes.

4. Chairman's Report

Copies had been circulated to all members. The Chairman read her report.

5. Treasurer's Report

Copies had been circulated to all members. Queries were raised regarding the item of ET16. Fund raising is continuing.

The report was accepted:

Proposed: P. Baron

Seconded: P. Shepherd Foster

Thanks to Sonya Mason for all her work with the accounts.

Thanks to David Exeter for auditing the accounts.

6. Secretary's Report

The Secretary read her report to the meeting. All arrangements are now in hand for the Age Group Championships and Winton Cup. Betty Mills, wife of Frank has donated a new cup so there will now be a cup awarded to the best male and female foilist at the Winton Cup in memory of Frank.

7. Membership Secretary's Report

679 at the end of 2015 with more cat.1 fencers. There were 229 entries for the National Championships this year.

P. Abrahams asked if payment by Direct Debit would be possible. At present most members pay membership fee by standing order. John Mason said that after ET16 he would look into this.

8. Committee Election

Committee members stood down. The Secretary conducted the election.

Chairman	Gillian Aghajan	Proposed: G.Silverman Seconded: E. van Gemergen
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Secretary	Marcia Stretch	Proposed: Silvia Brown Seconded: Andrew Brown
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Treasurer	John Mason	Proposed: J. Hutchison Seconded: C. Prett
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Domestic Fencing	Peter Baron	Proposed: H. Stefan Seconded: M. Barton
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Committee Member	Lawrence Burr	Proposed: L. Robinson Seconded: M. Narey
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Committee member	Jonathon Stanbury	Proposed: S. Brooks Seconded: R. Brooks
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Development Officer	Duncan Rowlands	Proposed: B. Davidson Seconded: A. Thornley
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9. Ranking Events

A document had been circulated regarding a ranking system. After much discussion this was not accepted. The Development Officer will be asked to look at a ranking system based on the discussion that had taken place.

10. Any Other Business

Discretionary Places: Paul Wedge had sent an email suggesting discretionary places should be available for selection in the case of injury or illness. This matter was voted on by membership previously that no discretionary places be available.

ET16: Graham Paul raised a query regarding Referees for this event. David Sweeney said he had contacted many GB Referees but only one had accepted the invitation. It would, therefore, be necessary to invite and use international Referees. GP said that he could provide a list of Referees awaiting to take the FIE examination who would be of a suitable standard and would send this to DS. This could reduce the costs to ET16 considerably. There was concern expressed by some members as to the projected cost of ET16 to BVF funds owing to the current lack of sponsorship. Landsdowne Club members had organized an international match and Gala Dinner which had contributed nearly £5,000 to ET16 funds. Several private donations had been made.

The Chairman suggested that all members try to obtain sponsorship towards ET16.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm