



## **Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> August 2021 2 - 4.30pm

**Location:** Zoom

**Present:** Carl Morris (CM), Nicola Hull (NH), Paul Baillache (PB), Kola Ayanwale (KA), Lucy Wright (LCW), Graham Paul (GP).

**Apologies:** Lindsay Watkiss (LEW), Beth Davidson (BD), Nick Fihosy (NF),

### **1) Update on Name Change & Constitution CM:**

- It was agreed that adopting the new Constitution along with accompanying Rules and Regulations should be our priority. This should be voted on either at an EGM or AGM.
- In respect to the name change we felt this should be put on hold until there is more evidence as to whether it would encourage more fencers to join the veterans.

#### **Action:**

- CM to decide on a date for an EGM/AGM.
- CM to liaise with BF in respect to surveying members in certain age groups for their opinion on a name change

### **2) Update on Constitution CM:**

- Some BVF members had been contacted for their thoughts on our proposed constitution, which resulted in some amendments. It is now ready to be shared with membership prior to the vote.
- It was agreed that members should raise any queries they should have about the new constitution before the meeting in which the vote takes place, so they can be considered and addressed by the committee in the meeting prior to voting.

#### **Action:**

- CM to decide on when the vote will take place and arrange for the Constitution and Rules and Regulations to be sent to members.

### 3) Guildford Wash up CM, KA, GP, PB:

- CM thanked all involved for organising the competition in such difficult circumstances.

#### Areas discussed included:

- **Having a larger DT and extra laptops and printers being available:** It was noted that Jacquie Lever has volunteered to help in DT for BVF events. Also raised was the idea of outsourcing competitions and obtaining quotes from organisers such as Jon Willis.
- **Referees:** Discussion revolved around standard/qualifications of referees; asking fencers to referee after they had finished fencing; and how to ensure we had enough referees.
- **Medals:** The engraving had cost more than we were expecting as the medal provider could not engrave medals within the short timescale given.
- **Sports 80:** This was quite cumbersome to use due to our age group categories and seemed very expensive at around 7.3% of income. Whilst it has benefits in respect to GDPR it was felt we should engage with John Mason and look at rebuilding the system we've previously used so its compatible with our new website. It was agreed that John should be paid for this work with the cost to be negotiated and agreed with Treasurer. Using Sports 80 for membership may also mean we lose many of our 'social members' who no longer physically take part in the sport but like to be part of the organisation.
- **Profit:** We made around £800 profit from Guilford which was good news, especially as when we set out arranging the competition, we had anticipated a loss due to COVID.
- **Guilford International in January:** a sub-committee consisting of PB, KA and GP has been established to run this event in line with the EVF circuit competition handbook.

#### Action:

- PB to ensure medals ordered in time for Nationals to save on engraving costs
- LCW to liaise with LEW regarding how we collect competition entry for the Nationals.
- LCW to liaise with John Mason regarding using his entry system and to agree a cost for this work with John and the Treasurer.

### 4) Next Competitions - Winton, Nationals CM

#### Winton:

- **Medic:** We all agreed that we should have a medic available at the events we organise. Jim Crawford will be available at the Winton.
- **COVID:** We felt the precautions taken at the Guildford Event worked and that competitors were on board with them. We will follow a similar format for the

Winton and send out advice to all Team Captains as to required precautions including lateral flow tests, mask wearing, and social distancing.

- **Winton Meal:** Due to COVID worries we were concerned that the meal may not be so well attended, and it may result in a financial loss.
- **Medal Presentation:** There was concern about inviting people to present medals and trophies whilst Covid is still prevalent.

### **BVF Championships**

- LEW, the organiser was not present, so little was discussed. The event is listed on the website and was advertised by Posters at the Guilford Event.

### **Action:**

- **CM:** to contact Jim Crawford in respect to his insurance needs if he is medic in an official capacity. CM to contact Marcia to find out what medical facilities are available to us at the venue.
- **PB:** to investigate our financial liabilities in respect to the Winton Meal, and if there is a cancellation date.

### **5) Selection GP**

- A ranking table will be pulled together from the last three competitions namely Guilford Jan 20, Nationals March 20 and Guilford July 21. Selection committee to agree on best way to represent BVF members going into a new category. If the worlds take place the selectors will use the ranking table to aid them in their selection. The top 2 fencers in every category will be automatically selected for the Worlds.

### **Action:**

- GP to put together ranking table and liaise with selection committee

### **6) AOB**

- NH mentioned looking into a 'Hardship fund' to support members who may not be able to afford to enter competitions or compete in events they had been selected to fence in.

### **Action:**

- to be discussed in next meeting.