



Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 22nd September 2021 17:30 – 19.30

Location: Zoom

Present: Carl Morris (CM), Nicola Hull (NH), Paul Baillache (PB), Kola Ayanwale (KA), Lucy Wright (LCW), Graham Paul (GP), Lindsay Watkiss (LEW), Beth Davidson (BD), Gillian Aghajan

Apologies: Nick Fihosy (NF),

1) Adopting Online EGM: CM

- On the 19th of August CM asked the committee if they would agree to holding an EGM online to vote on the new constitution.

Action:

- All members of the committee agreed to holding EGM's online, so this motion was carried.

2) Final drafts of the Constitution and the Rules & Regulations: CM

- Final draft of the constitution and R&R were shared and agreed with the committee with CM highlighting the main changes made.
- An EGM to be booked for the 20th October 21 so BVF members can vote on whether to accept the proposed constitution and R&R.

Action:

- NH to send members a copy of the Constitution and Agenda for the EGM meeting by Monday 27/09/21.
- LW to update the website with the R&R.
- BD to set up the EGM event using Eventbrite
- NH to post constitution out to members without emails by the 27/09/21

3) Welfare Policy and its adoption CM

- A welfare policy has been put together by Mariette Mason and approved by BF. A vote was held as to if the committee wished to accept it. The decision was a unanimous yes.

- Questions were raised as it was felt it lacked specific information as to what the committee should actually be doing to look after vulnerable members.

Action:

- Welfare policy to go onto website LCW
- The committee may revisit the policy next year

4) Wheelchair fencing CM

- Hilary Philbin had advised that a course was taking place on October 2nd 21 and did anyone from the committee wish to attend. Unfortunately, due to the short notice no one was able to commit.

5) Disciplinary policy and its adoption CM

- The committee were asked if they would like to accept this policy.
- PB mentioned the need to maintain a member's privacy should they be subject to a disciplinary process.

Action:

- All members of the committee agreed to accepting the policy. LCW to place a copy on the website

6) Anti-doping responsibilities CM

- BF had contacted Carl about attending a course in respect to anti-doping

Action:

- CM and KA to attend courses and keep committee informed.

7) Winton/Manchester/Guildford updates LEW/GP

Winton discussion:

- Marcia Stretch has organised the event and catering. Everything in order and no further discussion needed. LEW
- BF had expressed concern we were not using Sports 80 for entry and not as forthcoming in checking all fencers had a BF membership. LCW
- LCW had received an email asking for a list of entrants to the Winton but she was uncertain about handing over data without a specified reason.
- At the time of the meeting all entry fees were in except London. Some counties had not paid the full amount if they were missing full weapon teams. PB
- Mention of a closed motorway between the hotel & Venue

Action:

- Next year the committee will agree on pricing for the event.
- Communication to be sent out to members with information on the motorway closure, testing for COVID, and general recap on the event. LCW

Manchester (The Nationals) discussion:

- Seeding has been discussed and agreed by GP along with John Mason
- 110 people had entered so far, and referees were being sort

Action:

- A call for referees to be made on Face Book and via Marcia Stretch (LEW)
- Event to be advertised at the Winton (LEW)

Guilford International discussion:

- An email sent by EVF president Carol Oliver was discussed and the EVF guidelines on running the event were made clear. To maintain consistency EVF decide on the entry fee and ask that we can take payments on the day. Concern was raised over ensuring the event was profitable and the fact it is hard to budget if entry fees couldn't be collected in advance.
- Mention was made about running a separate Team event enabling fencers to have the opportunity to participate in an extra day's fencing

Action:

- The organising committee GP, KA and PB to arrange the event in conjunction with the EVF, and communicate with EVF to come to a compromise over entry fees.
- The committee agreed that running a team event would be a progressive idea and allow more fencing. The organising committee to make their recommendation.

8) Next year's qualifying event/s ALL

- A general discussion took place and all felt the next 3 competitions should be used as qualifying events. These include the Nationals in Manchester, The Guilford International and a third 'Age Group' competition in Spring.
- Mention was made about changing the format of the 'Age Groups' to a format similar to Guilford.
- A discussion took place about possible venues for the third qualifying event in the Spring. Both Durham or London were suggested dependent upon cost and availability.

Action:

- BD to investigate the availability of holding the Age Group competition in Durham and GP to investigate using the Leon Paul Centre around half term in Possibly February 19-27th or later.
- The committee to discuss and agree on the competition format for this competition.

9) Ranking System & Selection eligibility: CM/GP

A brief discussion to confirm that we would have one inclusive ranking list that includes all our members irrespective of country representation. Selectors will investigate who is eligible and available to represent GB in European Teams and World Championships at the time of selection.

10) Sports 80: CM/LW

- Whilst the committee were keen to support BF and use the Sports 80 system, the costings incurred from the Guilford 21 were felt too high and not a good use of membership money.
- BF does give organisations the ability to license the event and check BF membership but arrange collection of entry fees through other means.
- The committee have engaged with John Mason who has enabled us to have our own payment system that can be used for competition entry and collection of money for the Winton meal, and this is in operation for the Nationals

11) World Championships: GA

- Whilst we are still awaiting official notice from the FIE it seems likely that this event will be cancelled.

Action:

- As soon as we have official notification, we will advise our members via social media and email. LCW

12) AOB

- None raised