

**Minutes of British Veterans Fencing Extraordinary General Meeting**  
**held online via Zoom**  
**on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 18.30**

**Present:** 43 people registered and over 30 were in attendance

**Apologies:** Jonathan Stanbury. Gillian Aghajan. Valerie Young.

- Carl Morris (CM) opened the meeting by giving thanks to Beth Davison for hosting the meeting.
- CM stated that the membership has had the opportunity to see the new document and feed comments back. CM thanked everyone for the comments sent in. They were all considered valuable, and the document had been changed where appropriate. In particular he wanted to thank the Committee and John Mason who made important contributions.
- The original template for the document was put together by Lawrence Burr on the previous committee who should be thanked for the hours that he put in compiling the original draft.
- A working party of CM, Lucy Wright and Graham Paul took the opportunity to consider some fundamental changes to the organisation of BVF which entailed much redrafting. CM gave thanks to Graham and Lucy for the huge amount of time that they gave to get the Constitution and the new Rules & Regulations to their current form.
- CM stated that the only question received was about this year's AGM and explained that the Committee had decided that, according to the new Constitution, AGMs will be held at the beginning of the new year, due to the financial year ending on 31 December. Therefore, it was decided to delay the reports and approval of 2020 accounts until early in 2022 when they will be presented along with 2021 accounts at the AGM.
- At this point CM handed over to BVF Treasurer Paul Baillache who explained that the accounts were in a healthy state and would be independently examined in time for the AGM 2022 but a draft version for the year ending 2020 would be available to members by the end of 2021, with the accounts for 2020 and 2021 being presented formally at the next AGM.
- CM then called for a vote on whether the membership accepted the proposed Constitution

**RESULT**                      91% for, 9% against - No abstentions.

A two thirds majority was needed for the motion to succeed and, as this was achieved, the motion was passed.

CM thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.