

**ENGLAND FENCING**  
**SOUTH EAST FENCING**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2018 WEALD OF KENT SCHOOL, SEVENOAKS**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

Committee Members Present: Brian Causton, Daisy Hutton, Tim Schofield, Phil Shepherd-Foster, Jim Whelan. Plus 2 regional fencers.

**1. Apologies for absence**

- 1.1 Apologies from Megan Bedoe, Jane Clayton, Peter Huggins, Francine Robb, Meg Shepherd-Foster and Dan Wilde

**2. Minutes of AGM 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

- 2.1 The minutes were taken as a correct record of the meetings.

**3. Matter's Arising**

- 3.1 Under point 3.3 the second paragraph should read: TS confirmed that all events had taken place and with similar level of participation, despite a rise in entry fees.

**4. Chair's Report**

- 4.1 The Chair's report was provided verbally.
- 4.2 The Region has had a number of successes: Winton Cadet's 4<sup>th</sup> and won the Winton Vets. The Winton Senior is still to take place.
- 4.3 Competitions have been run successfully this season, but there were difficulties in setting up events. This needs to be over-come for next season.
- 4.4 Brian Causton would be standing down as Chair at the 2020 AGM.

**5. Secretary's Report**

- 5.1 The Secretary's report was circulated at the meeting. In summary this noted that participation levels have been variable, but not out-of-line with previous trends. However, the difficulties in establishing the fixture list did create problems and may have impacted on the numbers taking part.
- 5.2 A query was raised about regional fees rising from £18 to £25. This was to be checked, as no increase in fees was noted from last season.
- 5.3 Jim Whelan would be standing down as Secretary at the 2020 AGM.

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

- 6.1 The Treasurer issued interim accounts for September 2017-April 2018. The 2017-18 accounts showed a trading deficit of £589.99 for the 2017/18 financial year. The balance sheet showed approximately £8,846.80 in surplus.
- 6.2 However, fees from the BYCs and other competitions are still awaited, which will hopefully eliminate the trading deficit. There has been limited change in the overall balance over the last few years.
- 6.3 Approval of the accounts was proposed by Brian Causton and seconded by Kola Ayanwale. The accounts were approved unanimously.

## **7. Fixture List**

- 7.1 A proposed fixture list for 2017-18 was tabled. This was as follows:
  - Sussex - BYC Epee and Foil, and Senior & Intermediate Epee
  - Surrey – BYC Sabre, and Senior and Intermediate Foil
  - Kent – Senior and Intermediate Sabre
- 7.2 These dates were agreed as the default position. However, it was proposed and agreed to provide another opportunity for clubs, combinations of clubs or counties to bid for events. A note would be sent out to counties to invite bids, with a six week period provided to receive bids. Competitions that were not bid for would be run as per the default position.
- 7.3 Jim Whelan noted that a bid manager will be needed to run the bidding process.

## **8. Election of Officers and Committee Members**

- 8.1 Meg Shepherd-Foster was standing down as web manager. This post was not filled at the AGM and someone needs to be appointed urgently. The South East website will, from May 2018, effectively be obsolete.
- 8.2 The rest of the committee was elected en-bloc. Nominated by Julie Schofield, and seconded by Kola Ayanwale.

## **9. Fees for Competitions and Winton Events**

- 9.1 Fees for competitions were kept at £25 for individual events. However, it was agreed to give competition organisers a degree of flexibility to modify fees to suit circumstances. Such variation needs to be reasonable, though.

## **10. Any other business**

- 10.1 There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 5.05pm

Jim Whelan Hon. Sec. South East Fencing