

AGM 2018 England Fencing

University Of Birmingham 18/11/2018

apologies noted (Kristin Payne, Jane Browne, Jonathan Katz, Josef Thomas, Peter Huggins, Eileen Hamilton AND LORRAINE ROSE.

President's address:-

- 1 Welcome to all and thank you for coming. Thank you to West Mids, University of B, Steve, Mike and Joan.
- 2 Activity since the last AGM:-
The main event – CJCFC. Huge success and superbly received by all the fencers and our guests. Lessons have been learnt and shared with Commonwealth Fencing family and British Fencing. Massive thank you to all involved esp Peter, Beth, Uni, referees, armourers, volunteers, TMs, fencers, supporters, GU and BF staff, and all those whom I have forgotten but who contributed.
On Commonwealth theme – good luck to all at seniors and veterans down under.
EYC – yet again went well and was well attended – as ever a huge thank you to Viv and her team as it is her last time. She will pass the reins on to a team of three who will head up EYC 2019
Junior Home International – it happened slightly miraculously! Huge thanks to DR for pulling it together.
TP activity – working more closely with BF and looking into how we can work together to create sustainable sport for the future. Looking to create pathways and therefore succession planning for all involved – fencers, volunteers, workforce and to clarify EF and BF roles in this.
Now apologies re the minutes from last year – this will not recur. However, the main points from it were the changes in governance which were accepted by the AGM, and the appointments/ reappointments of the board – all of which is available upon request.
- 3 Going forward – clarity over England Fencing Mission and Objectives. The long term development and experience of the fencer and fencing at the heart of every decision. More clarity over role within the board - what is pres job, what is dep pres job etc., and how can it be distilled so it can be passed on; and the 'workforce'. Appointment Deputy President and Secretary. Appointment independent director and another director to replace DR. Create pathways for all volunteers and workforce and fencers within EF/BF. Regions to be involved more from both sides!
- 4 Personal thanks to Steve Cowen and Peter Smith for their commitment and long service to EF, their expertise + experience will be called upon!
- 5 MINUTES – as above (cant be proposed or seconded)

ACCOUNTS – circulated previously. Questions, comments from Milind – proposed Ismay and seconded Daniel – VOTED and accepted

Question from viv – nothing in accounts from vets and CJCFC in this year which will all in next year's accounts.

Membership numbers and income up on last year from the accounts.

ELECTIONS – note step down of PS and SC and DR, election of AS.

HONOURS – I will be proposing awards for PS and SC to the honours committee as part of the board meeting after this. Apologies for the delay and again thank you

ACCOUNTANT – reappointment - proposed Milind and seconded beth .

Voted.

Close to 'formal' part of the meeting

Open Forum

Viv – PE GCSE fencing drop. Viv campaigning for reinstatement. NGB can submit info for inclusion for PE GCSE. VB, Viv and Alan Shariff been working on it. BF survey has given them the info for the government to fulfil criteria. Meeting this PM. DISE assessors and Neil could be aligned and included? Neil needs to be involved?

Assessors required for GCSE fencing. Are these coaches or teachers? Is the idea to then create a list of assessors? BF run courses for teachers ? or for coach education into teaching?

Skype meeting for Beth, Neil, Virginia.

Mike – EF vs BF. Refereeing and welfare officer? Who qualifies who and for what and how is that all put together?

Ismay – tricky to put together training. BF say regions have underwrite them but still have to the right number. The requirement of welfare per region. Club info is not always perfect. Liz roll? Can we train up more deliverers for EF? Needs more trainers to make more welfare officers.

Clarity over exactly what is required, who delivers it, who is qualified to deliver it, what is cost? And whose job is it to organise it regions? BF/EF).

What course to do? Who can be a welfare officer? What size of club needs a welfare officer?

There is a willingness for people to train and then willingness of people to be trained as trainers.

Refereeing – clarity over who does what and at what level? Lots of info on Kent site.

AS – too many referees who have paper and don't referee, pathway exists for BF, level 1-4 can be confusing. BF run level 3 – 4. EF should run courses for level 1-2 and PH is the contact for EF. Regions need to be used better and more consistently. Confusion over who the examiners are and have a syllabus.

AS and PH will be discussing it.

Difference between a qualification and a licence.

Use the senior winton, eyc, and various others to create seminars. A 'roving band' of assessors who are singing from the same hymnsheet. Make fines bigger. Use of TA / Talent Camps.

Ismay – regional chairs meeting? Regional working group lead by JT. They do have a forum and a call and a facebook group. Concerns over the entry cost for the. Regional structure and comms. Is there a desire for a regional group meeting? BF AGM? EF AGM link to a board

Ismay are there still hardship grants? There are still small grants available how do people apply? They are being reviewed. So yes there is money there – administration of grants is massively time consuming and challenging.

This is being reviewed and will be on board agenda for January 2019.

AS - It needs to be a level playing field – but needs to be looked at and needs to be time efficient etc.

Matthew trust – TAs – Jenny – ref grants. Etc.

John Ramsay medal – Senior Mens Foil Medal £1000 idea is we as EF create a batch of medals - designers. Link piers to peter . advertise for it through digest, website and facebook. Closing date end of year 2018.

VM – other grants exist. Sportsaid?