



England Fencing Annual General Meeting 25 November, 2023

1. CO welcomed attendees

In attendance: Caryl Oliver, Alex Savin, Lawrence Burr, Jonathan Katz, Alp Orge, Alan Grafton, Susan Ann Brooks, Kristin Payne, Mike Swiffin, Milind Pradhan, Clare Halsted, Jenny Morris, Jackie Byrson (guest), Paula Sullivan, John Mitchell, Kumiko Brocklebank, Iulia Cornigeanu, Jenny Morris, John Mitchell

Apologies: Chris Cranston-Selby, Steve Petrie, Richard Bernstein and Luke Deamer

2. Minutes of 2022 AGM had not been provided by the then President so could not be approved at the meeting.
3. CO delivered president's report

CO advised that Peter Howes had resigned as President in August. She advised that Paul Davies had stepped down and that Richard Bernstein had taken up the role for England Fencing. Paul was thanked for his contribution and work and Richard was thanked for stepping in.

Jonathan Katz and Chris Cranston-Selby stepped down, having completed their terms as Directors, they were thanked for the work they had done and the contribution they had made to England Fencing over the past 8 years.

Luke Deamer was thanked for his valuable work in developing the referee pathway and training and Alex Savin was thanked for re-joining the board temporarily to assist leading up to the AGM.

CO gave a broad outline of the year ahead, welcomed the new Board Members and invited all members of England Fencing to pro-actively participate.

4. MP delivered financial report

The Accounts had been circulated. MP updated on minor details and the accounts were approved (CO proposed, MP seconded – unanimous vote)

MP sought approval to re-appoint Merringtons as auditors (MP proposed, AS seconded – unanimous vote)

5. HG delivered report on BF/EF working relationship and joint activities

Powerpoint presentation had been circulated and was addressed by HG. She advised that EF had 8,681 members which represented an increase of 3% on 2020 figures. It was pleasing to see growth in individual and club membership.

HG was thanked by the meeting and encouraged to continue to build a good working relationship with the new Board Directors with responsibility in this area.

6. A brief report on events in 2023 and upcoming events in 2024 was delivered by AS.

7. Regional Update

MS advised that regions were making progress in upgrading their governance and that there was increasing clarity about roles and responsibilities that it is hoped will continue to become clearer as ongoing discussions between EF and BF continue.

8. Representative Fencing

The report had been circulated but RS was unable to attend the meeting so could not talk to it.

9. Refereeing

The report had been circulated but LD was unable to attend the meeting so could not talk to it. LD was thanked for his valuable work and AS was also thanked for his assistance in this area.

10. Elections

MP confirmed that Alp Orge, Richard Bernstein and Alexander Tofalides had been elected to the board. They were welcomed.

It was noted that the gender balance on the Board needed to be addressed.

11. Honours

AS advised that Brian Robinson was awarded a silver medal.

12. Articles of Association

AS provided a detailed explanation of the updates to Articles of Association, to be voted on in conjunction with a new election for President.

13. AOB

LB sought a public vote of thanks for CO as Acting President. (LB propose, JK second – unanimous vote)

CH & CO highlighted collaboration between BF Sustainability Group and EF

There being no further business the AGM closed at 11.20 am