

Southern Region Fencing – Annual General Meeting 2014

Minutes of meeting on Sunday 14 September 2014, St Gabriel's School, Newbury.

The meeting opened at 12.30 pm

Attendees:

Allen Cooke
Bill Cousin
David Bradley
Deirdre Godfray
Ed Hancock
Fiona Loughran

Lorna Cooke
Marie-Claire Hardie
Marilyn Wheelband
Oliver Bickley
Rochelle Dazeley

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ian McQueen, Austen Rose, Gordon Hardie, Jacky Faulkner and Julie Jenson Bennett.

2. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes from the 2013 AGM were approved as a correct record.

3. Treasurer's report

David Bradley tabled a summary of accounts for 2013/14 (copy attached) and reported that the Region has a current balance of £13,565. This was a reduction from the balance of £16,485 reported at the 2013 AGM due to running costs of the coaching course (BF funding received in 2013), increased BYC entry fees from British Fencing (BF) and higher venue costs for competitions. The number of competition entries has also fallen.

The AGM welcomed the news that some BF funding has been received towards the cost of hub days. No more funding is available for coach education at present.

It was noted that the Southern Region Committee has agreed a small increase in competition entry fees for 2014 in recognition of increased costs.

4. Fund raising opportunities

Members discussed the possibility of fund-raising to support the Region's activities. Rochelle advised that regions have the opportunity to apply to Sport England for grants. A volunteer would be needed to lead work on this. The opportunity to sell refreshments at the BYC qualifiers would be useful, if volunteers can be found to run this.

Rochelle also offered to invite Tristan Hale to run a workshop on fund raising at the January development day.

5. Chair's report – Not available as the Region currently has no chair

6. Secretary's report

6.1. Thanks to volunteers

Fiona thanked all the volunteers who have devoted their time and energy over the last year to running some really successful and enjoyable competitions and training activities for fencers, coaches and parents. This includes Austen Rose, Ian McQueen, Allen Cooke, Lorna Cooke, June Mayle, Sam Gibbs, Julie Jenson Bennett, Deidre Godfray, David Bradley, Rochelle Dazeley, Oliver Bickley and Lee Banting, John Carins, Steven Davey, Herman du Preez, Alan Knowles and Milind Pradhan. Also thanks to everyone who has helped at competitions this year, including all the referees.

Fiona also thanked Andrew Livesey and Nicky Freebody, who have recently stood down from the Competitions Committee after making an invaluable contribution and June Mayle who stood down from the Chair role in 2013/14 and continues to help the Region in many ways.

6.2. Congratulations to the Region's fencers

The AGM congratulated fencers who had successfully represented the Region.

Successes at the BYCs included:

Messina Herrling (3rd U12 Epee)
Ben Schneider (1st U16 Epee),
Devlin Stigant (3rd U16 Epee)
Samuel Wilson (6th U14 Foil)
William Magnusson (8th U12 Sabre)
James Fotherby (5th U18 Sabre)
Zoe Sheehan (3rd U18 Epee)
Ellen Bradley (6th U18 Epee)
Edgar Hornby (3rd U18 Epee)
Charlotte Fairman (6th U16 Foil)
Serena Patel (7th U16 Foil)

Successes at the EYCs included:

Abigail Quelch (1st U11 Foil)
Heloise Harfie (2nd U15 Epee)
Eve Williams (3rd U11 Sabre)
Robert MacLennan (3rd U15 Epee)

Winton teams

Congratulations to our Cadet Winton Team on coming fourth, special thanks were given to James Fotherby for his support with refereeing having been injured and unable to fence.

Congratulations to our Senior Winton Team on coming 7th.

Congratulations to our VETS Winton Team on coming 4th, although they this was down to a points count as three regions were shown as 2nd.
And finally many thanks to all the teams and their Team Managers.

The AGM also congratulated Allen Cooke for receiving a special award at the Cadet Winton 2013 for his continued support of youngsters fencing.

6.3. Competitions for 2014/15

Dates for 2014/15 competitions have been announced as follows:

30 November 2014	Southern Region Age Group Team competition
	Venue: Wellington College, Crowthorne, Berkshire
25 January 2015	Southern Region Foil age group qualifiers
	Venue: Bradfield College, Bradfield, Berkshire
1 March 2015	Southern Region Sabre & Epee age group qualifiers
	Venue: Bradfield College, Bradfield, Berkshire

In addition to these competitions, we hope to run some senior and novice competitions again in 2014/15. These will be planned once we have some more volunteers on our Competitions Committee, so the work involved can be shared out.

6.4. Hub Development Days

Hub Development Days have been held regularly through the year and are continuing with Julie Jenson Bennett as their administrator. Official SE funding via British Fencing finished at the end of March. The July hub was a successful day with lots of people participating in various workshops.

The next hub development day is planned for 4 January 2015.

7. How to maintain an effective region?

7.1. Committee membership

Marilyn Wheelbrand offered to join the Competitions Committee and take a lead in organising referees and boxes for competitions.

More volunteers are needed to replace several members who have stood down. Noted that Fiona would contact coaches, organisers, fencers and parents asking for support.

7.2. Referee training

Noted that it may be possible to run assessments at the Age Group team competition for those who recently took the referee training course.

Action: Rochelle

7.3. Referees at competitions

Agreed that clubs and schools would be encouraged to provide an appropriate number of referees and helpers at competitions, relative to their number of entries. It was not proposed to introduce referee charges to clubs at this stage.

Action: Marilyn & Fiona

7.4. Competitions Committee meeting

Agreed to hold a meeting at 8pm on Tuesday 7 October at Chieveley Services, Newbury. Invitations would be sent out explaining the need for additional volunteers and helpers.

8. Election of officers

8.1. The following people will continue in their roles. No alternative nominations were received.

Secretary - Fiona Loughran

Treasurer - David Bradley

Coach Co-ordinator: Oliver Bickley and Lee Banting

Lead Coach Educator: Steven Davey, with Herman du Preez & Alan Knowles

Welfare Officers: Lorna Cooke and Deidre Godfray

Regional Hub Lead Officer: Julie Jenson Bennett

Webmaster: Ian McQueen

8.2. The following posts in the Region remain vacant and volunteers are still sought.

Chair

Competitions Secretary

Development Co-coordinator

Schools Liaison

Clubmark Support

Post meeting note:

June Mayle has agreed to take on the role of Acting Chair to help the Region.

Southern Region Fencing

Item	Year End 30 June 2014 Income & Expenditure			2013
	venue hire	other costs	Income	
MERCHANDISE				
Trophies/ medals/ badges		1060.5		-640
Committee expenses		280.08		-626.73
Paypal fees		355.11		-560
BF Grant			1250	-450.92
				5000
Coaching course	479.98	1348.99	55	1447.57
Development days Totals	875	1980.31	3213	-368.96
Team competition				
Cadet Winton		1901.8	1190	-259.5
Senior Epee & sabre				
Age Group Foil				
Age group epee & sabre		2893	588	-1607
BYC entry fee				
senior/Novice Foil	2940.2	1358.98	5879.5	4843.96
unallocated	4295.18	11178.77		
COMPETITIONS				
Totals		15473.95	12175.5	6778.42
				-3298.45

Southern Region Fencing
 Year End 30 June 2014 Balance sheet

	2014 Income	2014 Expenditur	2014 Balance	2013 balance
Lloyds 30400568				7095.94
28/06/2013 opening balance			11300.07	
xfer from paypal	8,500.00			
payment from BF	1,250.00			
chqs & Cash paid in	4,045.50			
year total	13,795.50	14,764.02	10,331.55	11,300.07
30/06/2014 closing balance			501.88	386.88
30/06/2014 unclaimed cheques carried forward				
Paypal			5,572.47	
28/06/2013 opening balance				
payments in	7,018.32			
transfers to Lloyds		8,500.00		
Paypal charges		355.11		
year total			3,735.68	5,572.47
30/06/2014 Closing Balance				
Cash & Cheques			0.00	
01/07/2014 <i>None Held</i>				
Total	12,313.82	15,119.13		
Total Assets			13,565.35	16,485.66
change for year			-2,920.31	9,002.84