

Scottish Fencing



The National Governing
Body for Fencing in Scotland

Annual General Meeting 2016

Agenda

- Minute of AGM Feb 2015
- Presentation of Accounts
- Special Resolution to alter Articles
- Election of Directors
- President's Report
- General Discussion
- Awards

Housekeeping

Liz Anderson

Quorate?

11. PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

(1) The quorum for the transaction of business at a general meeting shall be ten Voting Members and/or Delegates.

- No of voting Members present:
- No of voting Delegates present:
- No joined by Skype:

- Apologies received:

1 Minute of meeting, 7th Feb 2015

- Draft version on website 9/3/16
- Any corrections?
- Sign copy

2 Accounts for 1/9/13 – 31/8/14 and 1/9/14 – 31/3/15

NB Accounting Date changed –

- Changed a few years ago to Aug 31st to meet **sportscotland** requirement of planning (4 year plan) and awarding grants by seasons;
- **sportscotland** changed their policy to pay grants in their fiscal year (end 31 March);
- Became unworkable to be out of phase with **sportscotland** grant year; change to 31st March so 15-16 will coincide with **sportscotland** grant year.

Questions on Accounts?

- Dave Carson ACA, Independent Financial Director

Special Resolution

35. ALTERATION OF ARTICLES

- (1) None of these Articles shall be altered or added to except by a resolution of the Company passed in general meeting by not less than three-quarters of the votes cast by Voting Members and Delegates present in person or by proxy at the meeting at which the special resolution is tabled.

Special Resolution

Special Resolution to Alter the Articles of Association of Scottish Fencing Ltd At a General Meeting of the Company on 9th March 2016 in Edinburgh

It is Resolved that the following changes be made to the Articles of Association Scottish Fencing Ltd:

In Sub-Clause 7 (1) the word “or” is replaced with “of”.

Sub-Clause 7 (6) is changed from:

“(6) Every Member, Affiliated Club or Associated Body shall pay such subscription (if any) of the appropriate class as shall be determined by Resolution passed at a General Meeting” to

“(6) Every Member, Affiliated Club or Associated Body shall pay such subscription as determined in the Bye-Laws”

Election of Directors

- Up to 7 Elected Directors
- Up to 2 Independent Directors, one of whom should be Finance Director – these appointments are made by the Board
- Potential to correct demographics of Board by 2 further Appointments by the Board
- Board may temporarily fill vacancies at any time by appointment
- Currently 4 elected, 2 Appointed temporarily and 1 Independent

Election of Directors

- There have been no nominations from Members wishing to stand for election
- Lesley O'Donnell and Sheila Anderson (currently appointed by the board to fill vacancies) have indicated their willingness to continue to serve
- They are therefore duly appointed as Elected Directors

Record of Appointments of Directors of Scottish Fencing Ltd

	Start of current term	End of term	Note
Chris Hyde (President)	Feb 2015	Feb 2019	Elected for 2 nd term
Mike O'Donnell (Chairman)	Feb 2015	Feb 2019	Elected for 2 nd term
Roy Clarke	Feb 2013	Feb 2017	Elected for 1 st term
Dave Carson	October 2014	N/A	Appointed Independent Director
Billy Steele	Feb 2015	Feb 2019	Elected for 1 st term
Sheila Anderson	Feb 2015	Feb 2019	1 st term (appointed, then elected Mar 2016)
Lesley O'Donnell	Feb 2015	Feb 2019	1 st term (appointed, then elected Mar 2016)

President's Report

- Development
- Performance
- General

Development

Development - Membership

March 2014 - ~ 700

March 2015 – 911

March 2016 – 1100

March 2017 (Target) – 1500!

Development - Membership

Most growth has come from recruitment of primary school/plastic fencers –

Must gratefully acknowledge the help and efforts of:

- Keith Cook, Callum O'Donnell, Andy Alderman, Ken Rose, Dave Rollo, Phil Carson, Chloe Dickson, Sarah-Jane Hampson

With Director Mike O'Donnell's oversight and co-ordination and, for last 10 weeks, Car Stevenson

Development - Membership

- Next steps are to focus on the conversion of plastic fencers and their retention in the sport,
- NDOs will work with clubs to see how SF can help and provide resources for this process

Development – Coach Education

2 RSF courses (17 Passes), 1 Level 1 courses, 2 Level 2 courses

- Phil Carson and Paul Neil-MacLachlan have redesigned all literature for L1 & L2 and have developed L3 literature ready for launch
- Also invested in photographic and video resources for coach education support and will develop area of website for Coach support – thanks to Phil Carson for developing these resources
- We have a (this week) received a draft Heads of Agreement from Stirling University for the L4 course in conjunction with their MSc/PGDip course
- Very grateful to coach ed group: Paul, Phil, Ken Rose, Lorraine Rose, Dave Rollo and Charity McArdle for their continuing development work in this area

Development – Coach Education

Future Plans

Priority for the future will be developing quality coaches established in clubs.

Needs...

- a register of who is qualified and what they are doing
- a strategic plan for increasing the number of coaches working in our clubs.

Development - General

We have run:

- 3 Safeguarding and Protecting Courses (26 attendees) (Thanks to Lesley O'Donnell)
- First Aid Courses (Thanks to Ruth Thomson)
- Concussion Workshop
- Senior Referee Course (23 Passes)

Development - General

We have given young senior fencers opportunities to work as technical support staff to National Teams to gain experience for coach/Team Manager/CDM roles in the future.

Development - General

We have subsidised single trips for Senior Coaches to World Cups/Grand Prix and Junior World Cups if they have succeeded in getting their fencer selected for the GB squad.

This is to give the coaches the opportunity to witness first-hand the coach support at world level in their weapon

Development – sportscotland KPIs

- 20 individuals completing CPD or advancement with their coach and referee qualifications **(Achieved)**
- 30 individuals with new entry level coach and referee qualifications **(Achieved)**
- Increase membership from 911 to 1,100 (17%) by 28th February 2016. **(Achieved)**
- Engage 10 clubs as participants in Swordmark scheme **(Scheme V2 completed, piloted next 2 weeks)**

Development – 2016-17

Focus on:

- Club development – review of clubs through Swordmark Scotland and pilot programme of support leading to greater focus in 2017-21 Strategic Plan
- More Development events through SFA
- One SFA event per month (inc Performance Days)

Performance

Performance - Stand-out performances

Richard Kruse – 6th in European Champs, 2nd in Turin GP, 4 x L16s in WCs, selection by right for Rio

Jess Corby – Commonwealth Cadet Individual Gold, Commonwealth Junior Individual Gold, Commonwealth Junior Team Gold
(to add to Senior Team Gold 2015)

Georgina Usher – European Veterans Epee Champion

Performance – Notable Performances

Congratulations to other Scots who have been selected for GB for Major Championships:

Katie Smith, Chloe Dickson, Kate Daykin, Sarah-Jane Hampson

And to Scotland Cadet and Junior Commonwealth Squad, finishing second in medal table

Performance - sportscotland Performance KPIs

- 15% Scottish representation on Team GB at Rio 2016
- 5 or more Fencers to be in the top 8 of the GB Rankings
- 3 or more Scottish based fencers selected for the Talent Confirmation Stage of World Class Programme

ALL ACHIEVED

Performance - General

- Focus has been on younger fencers
- Continuing success of Challenge Wratistlavia
- Recruitment of YWCs
- Need better uptake and further development of SFA
- Short-term prospects are limited and significant performance development work is required

Awards

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- Crosnier Quaich for outstanding performance
 - Richard Kruse
- Roger Crosnier Coaching Award
 - Phil Carson
- Sword of Merit
 - Keith Cook

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General Discussion