

## BFC AGM Minutes 21.11.2023

Present: Goran, Jacob, Alice, Pete, Paul, Will, Kat, Marissa, Rupert, Sherena.

Apologies: Guy, Benny, Kane, James, Joel, Alex, Stephen Leigh.

### Reports.

Chair. Paul.

Pleased to see members taking more responsibility within the club.

We have enrolled in the GB League, a national initiative from BF, that Pete administers for the club.

So far, no visiting fencers from other clubs.

So carry on what we are doing.

Paul and Alice are interested in coaching.

Treasurer. Kat.

In short: Opening balance - £537.10      Closing balance - £639.25

About £514 was spent on club kit.

£311 came in from memberships.

Kit that was bought second hand last year was sold on this year at a slight profit, and some of the kit is in club use.\*

Secretary. Tim. (Below is my report, which I didn't present at AGM)

Sept 2022 course. 10 started.

Stirling, Paul Harris, James Alex and Finn attended club. Stirling and Paul joined.

Jan23 9 started

Noah, Jack, Benny, Red joined.

May23 8 started

Shahbaz, Shoaib, Stephen Leigh, Felix attending.

Sept23 9 started.

Goran and Jacob here today.

There are about 19 names on the waiting list now. I continue to get enquiries by email.

I confess to being less than assiduous in collecting subs.

Our link with the Uni of Bradford has weakened, maybe broken.

Ruby and Jose, regular foilists at club nights, have moved away, Ruby to Sheffield and Uni at Bristol, Jose back to Cordoba in Spain.

Kit. Purchased – Foil blades, Epee, 2 groundleads, batteries.

Income from kit sales - £205\*

Donation from Will – to spend on kit.

Yorks Team Foil;- Jack, Jose, Ruby. 8<sup>th</sup>

Bradford-Leeds Challenge – we lost.

NYC Feb5 Stirling Gold U14 epee  
Jules Gold U17 epee  
Jun25 Ellis U17F  
Stirling U14E Silver  
Jack U14F 11<sup>th</sup>  
Nov19 Shoaib U17F Bronze

Committee.

No nominations.

Paul, Kat, Tim are happy to continue.

Welfare Officer – Regan willing to take this on. James unable to continue, Alice willing to stand in.

Pete – competitions officer.

AOB

Timing bouts? Worth looking at.

Fb. Guy is looking after the Facebook, Pete says fb is a way of getting cheap widespread publicity. Tim gets enough email enquiries to keep the beginners courses going. The website is visible (Goran and Jacob found the club online) Whatsapp could be set up to link the foil, epee and sabre groups.

Kit. Need – larger lames, medium lames, breeches, plastrons.

Big dilemma is transition to 2-pin body wires and plugs – do we go all-in at once, or put up with a gradual transition, weapon and body wire bit by bit.

We may be able to give contribution to the cost of getting coaching qualifications.

Pete asked about travel to comps being subsidised – mebbe a bus if numbers suit.

A decision was made between subs staying at £24 or being raised to £36.

Subs stay £24, look at a raise next year.

Alice asked if the format of the Leeds match could be changed – odd number of team matches, or a different format such as the Big Bash held at Manchester before COVID.

The next one is at Leeds so is likely to be the same – Tim will consider changes.