

## **CFA AGM Minutes**

**Friday October 20<sup>th</sup> 2017 Cherry Hinton Village Centre**

Present: Tracey Coates, Chris Convine, Ian Coates, Alexandra Sapetsching, Peter Lennard, Alan west, Carol Ashman, Peter Thompson, Dan Tozer

Apologies: Phil West, Sarah Paveley, Mike Ellis, Ian Whittingham

Meeting open at 7.17

1. Minutes of the last AGM

These were agreed, with a grammatical amendment, IC then signed a copy of the minutes. There were no matters arising that were not on this year's agenda.

2. Chairman's report

IC gave his report, he stated that the county had had a reasonable year, similar to last year and thanked all those that had helped with the events throughout the year.

3. Treasurer's report

PT gave his report, the financial summaries are attached, the county reserves are £385.51 higher than last year. However, he is unable to reconcile where this money came from and needs to speak to Bridget to sort this. This may include money from the junior competition last year, AW is sure this money was handed over to someone. As there is an excess of money rather than a shortage he is not too worried. He also reported that the new account is working well and that the information requested from the bank for FACTA has been provided.

There was some discussion about how to improve the financial position from competitions. The price and number of entries at county competitions needs to be weighed against the price of venues, however there is no immediate issue. The other improvement that could be made is with food at the CWT. DT to check the situation with regard to whether a café has opened at the centre, or whether we could get someone in to run one on our behalf, if they have a catering licence. It was also noted that the fencers wanted sandwiches and it was discussed whether we could provide these and make a mark-up.

4. Captain's report

TC had little to report, the 4-weapon made a small profit and was well received.

5. Secretary's report.

The report is attached to these minutes.

6. Armourer/PR/ER rep

There was nothing to report from the armourer or PR. TC gave the ER rep's report, the ER has carried on being active with a vet Winton cup team being sent as well as the senior and junior versions.

7. Election of committee

No new nominations were received, the current committee were all happy to stand again, CA proposed a block re-election, PL seconded. This was carried unanimously.

8. Club affiliations and competition fees

PT asked which clubs were affiliated. Currently HFC, CFC, Cambridge Sword and Dragon. DT is to chase ARU, OPS and Saffron Walden about their status. DT

proposed no increase in fees for either affiliation or competitions, PT seconded.  
Passed unanimously.

9. New BFA competition regulations

DT went through the new rules (see document attached for details), briefly all competitions need to be licenced. These cost between £5 and £40 and need to be obtained before the competition. A competition organiser and welfare rep also need to be registered and present.

10. Welfare audit

The current BFA welfare audit of all clubs was brought to everyone's attention. All clubs need a welfare rep who has attended 3 courses (Time to listen, En Gard ready and safeguarding children), details of these courses can be found on the BFA website. The safeguarding course is also run by other organisations. All committee members should also be DBS checked, email the BFA to obtain a form. It was noted that the cost of these courses could form grant applications, particularly is the recipient can act as a welfare rep at county events.

11. County competition dates

A proposed list of competition dates was circulated. This is attached, please comment ASAP.

12. CWT

DT stated that planning is ongoing, everyone agreed to lend their boxes for the event. It was noted that someone is needed to take on the food organisation, particularly after the current situation with regard to the venue is clarified

13. County fencing audit

CFC, HFC and dragon provided information on the number of fencers at various levels in the county. PT will email AW the dragon return. Phil West will collate the data.

14. AOB

DT noted that all CCFA committee members should have DBS checks, this is covered by the fact that they are all also club committee members so will have them.  
CA brought up the possibility of county grants to help tjise fencing internationally. It was noted that anyone is free to apply, but there are many members of the county who fence internationally and the costs involved are very large.

The meeting was closed at 8.43