

Swindon Fencing Club A.G.M.

26th October 2009

The G.W.R Bar

Present: Neil Bromley, Richard Togwell, Jennifer Stanford, Andy Courtenay, Chris Reynolds, Claire Cuthbert.

Apologies: Clare King, Mike Bradbury, Rob Jandy, Rosie Burgess

The Committee was re-elected as is. Due to more requests for friendly matches at the club Neil is to ask Rosie if she is still able to be on the Committee; if not Andy Courtenay to take on the role or to assist.

Question from AC – ‘do we feel that we have achieved what we set out to in 2009?’

Response from President that we have achieved a great deal this year – highlights include

- we now have a functioning accurate website;
- club numbers are up, as are standing order payments,
- the coaches have bought in to what we are trying to do - provided coaching master classes and better footwork classes where we have a much higher number of participants than previously;
- we have also been able to start some members off on a basic coaching course.

The accounts were presented. For the first time we have calculated a depreciation amount for all of the clubs assets. As a result of this we will show a loss this year rather than a small profit. Jennifer Stanford, a qualified Accountant, together with the Committee signed off the accounts.

There is a need for a more comprehensive signing in book – this was bought to light by the recent fire alarm sounding at the hall. The Committee will provide such a book for members to sign both in and out. It will also be necessary for the juniors to do this. It was suggested that a parent be persuaded to take control of this until the adult fencing session starts at 20:00 hours. – **Action –Neil Bromley**

We discussed inviting Deirdre Godfray, as children’s liaison to the next Committee meeting to discuss talking with parents re the sign in/out register and the need for them to complete information packs for their children. We would also like the parents to form a rota of

people prepared to take door fees from fencers, again until the adults arrive at 20:00 hours.

– **Action – Neil Bromley**

The President suggested we perform an audit of the email addresses we have for everyone and that this is an annual occurrence. Rob Jandy to send out email asking people to respond to active email addresses. Non responsive addresses will be deleted. – **Action – Rob Jandy**

The President is to arrange for a club banner advertising Swindon Fencing Club. He has also arranged for some publicity material which will be available for club members to stick up at their place of work, again to advertise the club.

AC pointed out the club members do not get to see the minutes of Committee meetings – it was therefore proposed these are posted on the website. Toggy will add a page to the website ‘contact the Committee’ it will ask how members would best like to receive information etc. – **Action - Toggy**

In response to the agenda item to buy wine for the college hall staff at Christmas to thank them for their help and patience each week– this is already done and will continue.

We discussed SFC becoming involved in a charity event – we are already involved in the Old Town Festival. The Committee would be in favour of club participation in another event if someone else were to organise it. At present the Committee has no capacity to undertake this. It was suggested that the chosen charity would be voted by club members. – **Action – Club Members to volunteer to organise this.**

Any other business:

The Committee to discuss further master classes with the Coaches and Armourer – including weapons maintenance. To be announced in the future when times and dates confirmed. It was also suggested that the Committee discuss with the Armourer what services he could provide to club members and at what cost – **Action - Rosie Burgess (in her absence – Neil Bromley)**

CRB checks for the coaches/team leaders – this is currently being done.