



KENT COUNTY AMATEUR  
FENCING UNION

Incorporating the KENT SCHOOLS FENCING ASSOCIATION  
Affiliated to BRITISH FENCING

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Annual General Meeting Minutes

3rd November 2008

1. Present  
Peter Huggins (PH); Lisa Pelham (LP); Jane Clayton (JC); Marc Chapman (MC); Alan Rainey (AR); John Anderson (JA)
2. Apologies  
John Hyde; Corsini King; Simon Hartley
3. Minutes of last meeting  
Agreed
4. Matters arising  
Need to find a child welfare officer for the county – will need to be trained-who is a suitable candidate  
Pistes not being used as epeeists mess them up and have to be preserved for any possible Pre-Olympic training camps .  
Insurance needs to be looked at by Tenterden.  
First Aid – changing coaching needs and may not necessarily need First aid. Child welfare is needed though.  
6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Dec is a 'Club Leaders' course- PH looking for a venue for two days.  
Referees courses – England running their own courses for 3 regional and 4 county.  
EGM 2008 –Alan Rainey and Jane Clayton co-opted- matters arising-Karen Greenwood has been awarded an honour by England Fencing – do not know what it is yet. (update- BRONZE MEDAL)
5. Officers' Reports  
Chairman - see report attached. PH nominated Anne as life vice president - Jane seconded. Apologies to John Anderson for him not receiving the same honour – PH nominated and JC seconded for life vice president.  
Kent Sports Development unit spending £16,000 (£26,000 over three years) on fencing. Ten locations for Pre-Olympic fencing training camps in Kent, 4 for modern pentathlon, almost ten for wheelchair.  
Can put out 12 international standard pistes in Kent, plus with those FIE sets of apparatus from Tenterden and Maidstone, we can run a good international event in Kent.  
What is happening to the wheelchair pistes? – 5 will be available, but the metal underneath will not be available until after 2012. Available for club loan on a basis of if you break it you pay for it- Contact PH.  
Club listing – about half of the clubs in Kent are members of the BFA (contacted Peter Smith), but there is some discrepancy in this.  
Royal Tunbridge Wells is, Durovernum is, Kings at Canterbury is, UKC are in process, Blackheath needs sorting out, Eltham college is arguing, but may be sorted out. We would like to try to get some others registered, then Kent will be a very healthy county.  
Cyril Lee trophy – JC kindly provided Kent County Foil results for 2007 – PH calculated that Tenterden has won by 30 points to Mallard's 28, and Gravesham's 18. Vets – PH to do later. (ATTACHED)  
  
Treasurer – see report attached. The adults made a loss, any profit was by the schools. At the end of year £460.19 profit .Still amount outstanding of £135 payment from Blackheath for team foil. But they haven't billed for £148. Team epee will write off team epee. £27 for four weapon. Mallard there is a discrepancy of £18 – Dominique Kennett cannot check as gave all paperwork to AR via PH – could be a discrepancy – AR to return 'return to Mallard.  
JA has audited accounts and says they are very well written, and is happy with them.  
  
Captain – not at meeting, but see report attached. Kent's main event is the Excalibur in which we did not do very well, not because we fenced badly, but because the other teams are getting better. We need to choose teams earlier (Colours Awards)  
  
Schools' Secretary –Not at meeting- PH Kent Schools under 16/senior boys and girls foil epee and sabre booked at Canterbury on 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2009. Jamie to help PH run. Jamie to do under 10,12,14's on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2009. Jamie already has KCAFU fixture list - Lisa to send out fixture list to AR.
6. Election of Officers  
Chair: currently Peter Huggins – Proposed by JA- all agreed  
Vice Chair: currently Jane Clayton (co-opted at EGM)- PH proposed, AR seconded, all agreed.

Secretary: currently Anne King –has resigned. Lisa Pelham – PH proposed, MC seconded, all agreed.  
Treasurer: currently Alan Rainey – Proposed by JA – all agreed  
Captain: currently Corsini King – Proposed by JA – all agreed  
Schools' Secretary: Jamie Miller - Proposed by JA – all agreed

Election of area representatives:

East: currently Jane, Simon Hartley. Jane and Simon are stepping down. Marc to be instated, Dominique Kennett or Helen Easter may be possibles – JC to ask them. Post meeting note: DK instated

Mid: Lisa stepping down. Need two from Mid Kent

North: currently Kola Ayanwale, Catherine Gandolifi. Will continue

7. Appointment of Auditor - currently John Anderson – will continue
8. Appointment of Web Site Manager - currently John Hyde – will continue, but need to change it if nothing happens. Oldest website is still active – PH has spoken to Roger to try to get old one shut down, Newer one now shut down after virus made in impossible to update. JH to do new web site by EGM in June, if nothing done, then need to change web manager.
9. Appointment of Child Protection Officer – possibly Jamie Miller- MC to ask him
10. Mallard Club Mark - Jane Clayton. Mallard is the third club in the country to get it. Well done. Large file to produce, 4 basic sections to provide evidence for. A useful document is by Kent Club development- Clubmark examples of good practice and BFA website. For a regular intake need one coach per 12 youngsters. All coaches need to be England Registered. Constitution needs to be very open in accordance with their guidance. Need to show that you have tried to establish links with as many schools as possible, even if you are not successful in establishing the link. There are lots of courses you have to go on, Kent Sports Development Unit run all the courses, Guthrie Miller at KSDU is a good contact. Rodney Frances of England Fencing came down to Mallard last week, and gave certificate there and then. Helps on efficient running of club, and legality. Process has taken 16 months. File is available for use, so long as JC gets it back in one piece. England Fencing will do a check on Mallard's development plan. PH thinks KSDU is extremely helpful – second to none, way ahead of London, and Essex in terms of Olympics.
11. Club Lists – work carried out initially by Anne King but latterly by Lisa Pelham. Marc Chapman does not coach at Mallard. LMP to email out list to all committee members.
12. Coaches operating in Kent  
PH has developed a list. SEVERAL COACHES not registered with England Fencing – see attached list.
13. Coach training – possible course 6/7 December – mainly foil old leader's course less than level one, maybe some epee. Kent will get its expenses and profit will go to BFA.
14. Competition Entries – Review of current criteria for Kent Closed Events – in our competition rules you need to be a BFA member and belong to a BFA registered Kent club. This is an old rule, so it stops people just fencing for medals and not fencing for Kent. There is individual membership. Tim O'Connor is objecting to it. Eltham college won a lot of Kent events (PH assumed they were BFA registered) PH asked if we should continue with it as it is. Agreed unanimously KCAFU can get a list of Club BFA expiry dates. No direct debits on BFA anymore.
15. AOB - JC – getting some trophies for ladies epee and ladies sabre competitions. County could buy two shields for £100. Kings School has team foil trophy – Marc Chapman to chase. LMP can create a register, and chase. PH to organise two new perpetual trophies for Womens Epee and Sabre.(ORDERED)  
MC – schools events – thought that there were some trophies. Think Manola has some, PH has two. Need to look for missing schools trophies.  
AR – could write on winner and where it went on comp return.  
LMP – Jamie was going to let Chris Penney know schools contact details for schools.

Lisa Pelham 21.11.08