



AGM APRIL 2013

AGENDA MALLARD FENCING CLUB AGM APRIL 2013

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CHAIRMANS REPORT

The last year has not been an easy one for the club, despite the number of members remaining fairly constant, the funds coming in have not been sufficient and we have not been able to secure a grant. Part of the reason for this was the cost of 1 coach who sadly we are no longer able to afford. However on a better note we now have a new coach – Ian Worthington - who has moved to Canterbury and is now coaching for us free of charge and we are very grateful to him. We are also very fortunate to also have 3 other coaches who all volunteer their time free of charge, Dominique, Keith and Jane.

This means that the outgoings for the club now remain the cost of the hall and purchase and repair of equipment, still major costs but hopefully the club will be able to increase in membership over the coming months to get back onto a better financial footing.

We did run an adult beginners course in December which was advertised around the town at a cost of £15 for 4 weeks and resulted in 4 new adults taking part. But none of these became members after the course.

We now have a new club website which Keith has very kindly taken over and revamped and all club information is regularly updated on it.

The club is also very grateful to founder member Mike Pethick who now very kindly gives his time to sit on the desk each week to sign fencers in and out and takes the money and for this reason we would like to present him with the mallard cup which is awarded to anyone who gives their time freely for the benefit of the club.



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MINUTES OF AGM APRIL 2013

Members present: Simon Hartley, Mike Pethick, Keith Silk, David Norman, Stuart Harris, Alan MacDonald, Dominique Kennett, and Jane Clayton.

There were no apologies for absence.

The chairman's report is available for all to read on the website.

The treasurer reported that the income is slightly down on last year, but this year should be easier as the club is no longer paying for a coach every week. The accounts are on the website for all to see.

The treasurer is going to look into moving the clubs deposit account elsewhere as the interest on the present account is pitiful.

There were no new nominations for the club committee positions, but all existing members were happy to continue so the committee was voted in en bloc.

David Norman suggested an additional committee member could be useful and he nominated Alan MacDonald, this was seconded by Simon Hartley.

Jane Clayton pointed out that Joanne Cornish the present junior representative would be leaving us in September to start university and suggested that a deputy should be appointed who could continue after she leaves. Jane nominated Emma Orton and this was seconded by Dominique.

In any other business, the proposed new club pricing policy was adopted and this is available for all to see on the club website.

A family concession was also added. Where more than 2 members of a family are fencing at the club a cap of 2 annual memberships would be made for the family.

Mike Pethick was concerned about the new rolling annual membership but Keith Silk said he could provide a computer program which would automatically send out reminders to members when their annual membership was due.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm