

**Minutes of General Meeting Held on 10 July 2013**

**1. Receive & Confirm Minutes From 2012 AGM**

Alain opened the meeting and thanked all for their attendance... although copies of the 2012 meetings had been forgotten! The minutes were agreed in principal, and would be made available on the Club website in due course.

**2. Chairman's Report**

Alain read through a report of the last year – including details on the 2012 Olympic Games, feedback on the Club's new structure, details of the club kit (coming soon), outlining the Club's goals going forwards, and thanking the current committee for their hard work.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

Colin gave an overview of the Club's accounts over the last year and its projection for the next. There was discussion around the membership subscription fees, which have remained unchanged over the past 8 years, in contrast to other costs (mainly hire of sports hall) which have continued to rise.

It was noted that the Club had invested in 'Mini Fence' equipment to be used as part of taster sessions/demonstrations – for example in local school assemblies.

**4. Captain's Report**

Philippe read his report of the last year, including a number of individual results as well as the friendly match held against Portsmouth Fencing and Southampton Epée Clubs, as well as mentioning details of the proposed re-match vs. RMAS (Royal Military Academy Sandhurst) which is in negotiation.

## 5. Resignation of the Acting Committee & Election of the New Committee

Those on the current committee stepped down, with election of the new committee as follows:

**Chairman** Alain Barbasiewicz

**Treasurer** Colin Barbasiewicz

**Secretary** Steve Allison

**Club Captain** Philippe Barbasiewicz

**Junior Rep'/Welfare Officer** Annette Hornby, Jeff Rosenbaum

**Ordinary Committee Member** Dave Hillier, Verity Howell, Steve Bateman

N.B. Many thanks to Gav Lyon for his many years of service to the committee.

## 6. Other Items to be Discussed

### a. BB&O Committee

Alain explained that the BB&O Committee had extended an invitation for a volunteer from RFC to join their committee, as our Club was one of the largest in the region it would ensure that the county gets a wider perspective. It was noted that the committee meetings are held by conference call rather than in person, and Alain advised that a reminder would be sent out in due course.

### b. Membership

As per the Treasurer's report, it was noted that an increase in membership subscription fees would be prudent in light of rising costs – this would be taken forward by the new committee.

### c. Club Competition

#### i. Awards

Alain presented prizes to the winners of the monthly competition, as well as of the RFC Open trophy and Chris Reading Trophy. The winners were:

David Gregory (September '12), Alex Sallons (October '12), Ashlee Grainger (December '12), Anil Darji (January '13), Felix Stansfield (February '13 + Chris Readings), Dave Hillier (March '13 + RFC Open), Calum Maynard (April '13), Steve Allison (May '13), and Sam Hughes (June '13).

#### ii. Going Forward

Alain explained that the previous committee had had a number of discussions regarding the Club competition going forward, and these would be finalised by the new committee and advertised in due course.

## **7. Any Other Business**

### **a. Junior Competition**

(John Vousden). It was suggested that the Club look to organise matches for its junior members with other clubs in the area. The suggestion was well received and will be taken forward by the new committee.

### **b. Club Kit**

(Anil Darji). It was asked when the new range of club kit would be available, and what the prices would be. Alain advised that there were 4-5 designs for t-shirts, and in the next couple of weeks the new-style hoodie and tracksuit trousers would also be arriving; prices are TBC and all members will receive updates via email and the website when finalised.

### **c. Trophies**

(Verity Howell). It was asked whether the Club was any further forward with donating a trophy for Ladies Epée to the county. Alain advised that enquiries had been made some time ago to no avail, but would be renewed in due course.