

**MINUTES OF THE FENCING CLUB AGM HELD ON**  
**FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2010 AT 6.30PM**

**Present:** Rupert Davies-Cooke (RDC) Chairman, Anthony Bowran (TB) Secretary, Paul Standing (PS), Charles Lavington (CL), Jim Ashley-Down (JAD), Alan Bergman (AB) , Lucinda Gallant (LG), Satvinder Sahota (SS)

**Attendees:** Mark Anderson (MA)  
Paul Abrahams (PA)  
Ragaqat Ali (RA)  
Anthony Bartlett (ABT)  
Alistair Bird (ABD)  
Steve Colliver (SC)  
David Court (DC)  
Alexandra D'Arcy Irvine (AI)  
Martyn Deane (MD)  
Geraldine Doolay (GD)  
Camilla Higgins (CH)  
James Higgins (JH)  
Nicholas Mathieu (NM)  
Andrew McQueen (AM)  
Dean Menegas (DME)  
Jeremy Raj (JR)  
David Partridge (DP)  
Laura Pascoe (LP)  
Emma Ross (ER)  
Stephen Steinberg (SST)  
Beverley Vardigans (BV)  
Tiffany Dawn Waddleton (TW)  
Mark Wiltshire (MW)  
Nancy Winters (NW)

1. **Apologies**

Anthony Cotton, Brian Cramp, Gerry Gajadharsingh, Sunil Sabharwal, Ivor Thomas, James Chambers

2. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were unattainable although no points were raised in respect of these minutes.

3. **Election of the Committee**

RDC informed the AGM that there were concerns regarding the current formation of the Committee. There was a view expressed that the Committee was too large and there were too many roles.

RDC put forward nine candidates for the election to the Committee.

RDC moved to elect the proposed Members for the Committee. There was discussion amongst the attendees that an election should be held at the AGM. MA informed the meeting that the customary practise for electing a Committee is that the candidates are drawn from the Membership and a Chairman is then elected. The Chairman is then able to invite new Members to the Committee. This procedure is laid out in the Articles of Association.

DME did not agree with this procedure and felt that it excludes Members that would like to stand for appointment to the Committee. DME proposed that a new Committee be elected at the AGM. CL disagreed with DME as the procedure for electing a new Committee cannot be altered at an AGM. The Committee will meet to discuss a new electoral procedure and the set up of the Committee and the findings will be presented at a future EGM.

PA stepped down from the election as he felt that he could not be on the Committee until basic rules of constitution have been set up.

RDC informed the meeting that JAD, CL and PS would meet and put together suggestions for rules of constitution. MW and TW both offered their services as they have had experience setting up constitutions.

CL said that a sub-Committee would be set up and made up of Members of the Fencing Club. These Members would then not have to attend

## Committee Meetings.

AM proposed that the Committee remain as is and the EGM be held in three months time. This motion was seconded by MW.  
The meeting agreed to this motion unanimously.

Members would be advised when a date had been agreed for the EGM.

### 4. **Any Other Business**

DC raised the issue of the Fencing Club's child protection policies and whether they will be advertised to Members like other fitness clubs. General discussion followed about whether adults could be present if they were not certified to work with children. MA informed the AGM that the issue was a Lansdowne issue as it pertained to all areas of the Club and a child protection officer had been appointed who was setting up guidelines which would be put into place.

RDC elected to put the children's fencing course on hold until the guidelines has been formulated and the Junior Fencing Club Committee has reviewed the information.

TW directed the AGM to the issue regarding the removal of wheelie bags from the fencing store room. TW felt that short notice was given and that Members should be allowed to submit suggestions so as to best utilise the space.

RDC informed the AGM that the time by which Members have to remove their bags from the store room has been extended by a further month. If Members have any old or unused equipment it must be removed as soon as possible.

TW suggested that if Members have weapons on the shelves they are not permitted to have a bag and vice versa. This idea is to be discussed by the Committee and the problem with space and shelving in the store room will be addressed.

No further business was raised and RDC declared the meeting over.