



BRITISH FENCING

Minutes of the General Meeting of the British Fencing Association held on Saturday May 19th 2012, commencing at 11.30am at the British Olympic Association, London.

To be approved at the Annual General Meeting held on the 20th October 2012

Present:

The meeting noted the attendance of 9 Directors – Keith Smith (President and Chair of the meeting, “The Chair”); David Teasdale (British Fencing Chair); Piers Martin (CEO); Andrew Brannon; David King; Murray Morrison; Alp Orge; Libby Payne; Mike Thornton – and 18 members.

Also in attendance:

The meeting also noted the attendance of Mike Townley, BF Solicitor, and Katie Dolan, BF Events Coordinator.

Apologies for absence:

The meeting noted formal apologies for absence had been received from Director Penny Spink MBE, and from the following Members: Janet Baron, Peter Baron and Rochelle Dazeley.

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1.	<u>Welcome and Apologies for Absence</u>
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| 1.1 | The Chair welcomed those present to the British Olympic Association for the British Fencing Association (the Company) General Meeting (the Meeting) and gave a verbal report on his Presidential term. |
| 1.2 | The CEO informed the Meeting that he had received apologies from those listed above. |
| 1.3 | The CEO informed the Meeting that he had received Proxy forms from 54 members. One proxy form had been received after the deadline and was therefore invalid. |

2.	<u>Chair’s Report</u>
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| 2.1 | The Chair of the Association then gave a verbal report on activity of the Company since the last General Meeting. |
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3.	<u>Special Resolution: Amendment to the Articles</u>
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| 3.1 | The Members present discussed the proposed amendments to the Articles of Association and the Directors present explained the governance rationale behind them, including the obligations required by funding providers. Following this discussion, the Directors recognised some Members present had reservations about the Special Resolution in its current form. Consequently, the Directors left the meeting to discuss this. |
| 3.2 | The Directors returned and proposed to the Members present that they withdraw the proposals until the AGM in October so that the Board could consult further with the membership on the proposed amendments to the Articles of Association. The Members present approved the proposal <i>[17 for; 3 against; 1 abstention]</i> . |

4.	<u>Close</u>
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	With no further business the Meeting was declared closed by the Chair at 12.27am. <i>[After the meeting closed, there was an informal discussion between Directors and members on the governance recommendations]</i>
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