

# BRITISH FENCING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Last Updated: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	18.09.2019
<b>Location</b>	House of Sport
<b>Present</b>	Chair, TC, MO, PA (left at 19:00), TCJ, CH, YH
<b>In Attendance</b>	CEO, DM, KR, VB and Tom Wilson from Haysmacintyre (part)

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Apologies** were received from: JT, CO, ACS, JC, RES

**New Declarations of Interest:** None

**Conflict of interest:** None

**Interim Decisions:** Approval of Junior and Cadet Selection Policy, Tri-service dinner (CH attended), World Championships results congratulations to all the fencers from the Board with special congratulations to Marcus Mepstead on his silver medal.

### **Upcoming Events for Board Attendance:**

AGM

Junior and Cadet Championships.

Eden Cup in November

The Camden International

2020 Senior Nationals in London

2020 BYC's on the second bank holiday

## 2. APPROVE PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING NOTES

The minutes of June were approved.

## 3. FINANCE PART 1-18-19 YEAR END

Chair welcomed Tom Wilson from Haysmacintyre.

Audit findings - AGRC went through in detail and happy with the audit findings.

Notes included as part of Board papers.

The document is clean with only minor points

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NatWest bank account – DM has written to bank to close the account

No adjustments to financial statements

No new controlled points

[REDACTED]

Membership income up

[REDACTED]

Board thanked Tom.

### 4. AGM

Notice and resolution online.

Board noted online documents and that membership prices will rise in line with inflation as agreed. CEO will conduct a question and answer at the meeting.

Board discussed the need for physical AGM's. There was no support for a full online AGM by the Board but there was support for looking into technology that could support a hybrid-model AGM.

### 5. SPORT FOR SOCIAL CHANGE STRATEGY

VB presented on the progress including the 5 core objectives:

- Physical wellbeing
- Mental wellbeing
- Individual development
- Social community development
- Economic development.

The document was circulated to the Board before the meeting. A discussion followed.

The Board thanked VB for all her work.

### 6. FUNDRAISING STRATEGY

The report by the Philanthropy Company had been sent to the Board. The report is funded by Sport England.

BF Chair will discuss with new Chair of BF Charity. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Chair to return to Board in November with BF fundraising strategy.

## 7. BREAK

## 8. FINANCE - PART 2.19-20 Q1 MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS



Membership downturn in income not a concern.

Commercial Q1 figures are on budget and will pick up at the end of Q2.

Board thanked DM.

Board approved Q1 accounts.

## 9. SELECTION STRUCTURE, RANKINGS AND POLICIES

Documents circulated to the Board. Approval will be sought off-line.

Board were asked to note that in 2020 there is no World Championships which could be a possible risk with regards the teams rankings going into 2021.

Board noted.

## 10. PARIS INVESTMENT CYCLE UPDATE

Number of meetings have been held by UKSport, the CEO has attended some of them. No indication of what funding BF will receive.

CEO presented list of strategic principles to form the basis of what kind of performance programme we seek to establish going into Tokyo cycle:



Board noted the principles and will email CEO their thoughts off-line on fencing 2032.

## 11. BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE ITEMS: AGRC

AGRC discussed and approved update of procurement policy. Brief discussion of principles.

## 12. BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE ITEMS: NOMCOM

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Candidates were interviewed for the position of Chair of the BF Charity. Nomcom recommended the agreed candidate.

The Board recommended to the trustees that they appoint the agreed candidate.

TC to update the BF Charity ToR.

**Board approved Honours process.**

## 13. CEO INFORMATION ITEMS

Board to note the updated World Championships report.

Q1 Scorecard will be presented together with Q2 at the end of Q2 at the November Board.

## 14. STANDING ITEM - SAFEGUARDING

No increase in the number of cases. CPSU review – nothing significant to report at this time.

## 15. STANDING ITEM - EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

No significant activity to report. Board noted.

## 16. AOB

Staff Changes – covered  
UKAF final agreement – noted

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LP MOU – touched on in previous Board meeting. Currently is in draft. TC and CEO to have time on the MOU

BAC MOU – noted

EFC Data transfer agreement – noted

Discussion – The Board to act as a promotor on the Climate Change action.

Action – CH to return to Board in November with specific suggestions.

**Meeting closed at 20:10**

**Date of next meeting November 26<sup>th</sup> at Schroders**