Scottish Fencing Ltd AGM Minutes



The Annual General Meeting of Scottish Fencing Ltd was held at the offices of Scottish Fencing, Caledonia House, Redheughs Rigg Edinburgh EH12 9DQ, at 1900 on Wednesday 9th March 2016.

In attendance:

Chris Hyde, President	Liz Anderson
Mike O'Donnell, Chair	Keith Davidson (via Skype)
Sheila Anderson, Board Member	Karen Grant
David Carson, Board Member	Alan Loveland
Roy Clarke, CEO and Board Member	Paul Neil-MacLachlan
Lesley O'Donnell, Board Member	Jennifer Griffin, sportscotland
	(observer)
William Steele, Board member (via	
Skype)	

(Those joining by Skype could only hear the meeting.)

The chair of the meeting, Michael O'Donnell, confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

Apologies were received from: Peter Drummond, Clyne Grant and Bob Jamieson.

Minutes

1. Minute of Scottish Fencing AGM, 7th February 2015

The 2015 AGM minutes version 2 were accepted with no changes.

2. Accounts for periods 1/9/13 -31/8/14 and 1/9/14 - 31/3/15

The accounts for the periods 1/9/13 -31/8/14 and 1/9/14 - 31/3/15 were presented. MOD explained that the accounting year now falls into line with sportscotland's funding period and this is why there are two sets of accounts for this AGM.

3. Special Resolution

The meeting unanimously agreed to adopt the special resolution to correct the articles of association.

4. Election of Directors

There were no further nominations for the vacant positions on the board so Sheila Anderson and Lesley O'Donnell were duly appointed.

5. President's Report

The president reported on the activities on Scottish fencing over the year. Without a National Development Officer in post the president thanked Mike O'Donnell for achieving the sportscotland membership target and Phil Carson on his work developing the coach education materials.

6. Awards

Crosnier Quaich - Richard Kruse

In recognition of his fourth Olympic Games and his best season to date the board awarded the Crosnier Quaich to Richard Kruse.

Crosnier Coaching Award - Phil Carson

The board gave this to Phil due to the great achievements of his squad of young sabreurs.

Sword of merit - Keith Cook

The board wished to recognise the work Keith is doing in introducing young people into fencing and for the energy and enthusiasm he brings to the sport.

Discussion

Karen Grant raised the question of what Scottish Fencing was planning to do to support and promote veteran's fencing. Roy Clarke replied that Scottish Fencing needs to move towards a model where Scottish Fencing supports clubs to run development activities such as running adult beginners classes. The board is too small to run such activities and it needs to be clubs, supported by the new swordmark accreditation, that offer taster sessions to anyone interested in taking up fencing.

There was discussion around how Scottish Fencing could improve the Academy training days to encourage more fencers to attend. The board have discussed this in detail and have ideas on how to redevelop the academy training days. There are plans to produce a new and varied programme of events next year.

The meeting closed at 19:57.