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WELSH FENCING
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
4th July 2010, Llanidloes Leisure Centre

Those present:

Anne Stewart, Mark Ridsdale, David Rees, Bob Turner, Peter Stewart, Stephen Teggin, Paul Harris, Meg Shepherd-Foster, Phil Shepherd-Foster, Daniel Jones, Gareth Law, Pat Shepherd-Foster, Nigel Gregory, Caroline Wheeler, Chris Wheeler.

1. Apologies for absence: Michael Clemitson, Jim Pratt, Steve Dignam, Allan Banks, John Hunt, Mike Norfolk, Carol Harris

2. Minutes of last AGM: signed and accepted.

3. Matters arising: none.

4. Officer's reports:

Chairman (Bob Turner)

After welcoming everyone to the meeting, Bob read from his written report. He called on clubs and individuals to support his appeal for donations to support the Welsh team competing in the Commonwealth Championships in Melbourne in October,

He outlined the reasons for Welsh Fencing becoming a company limited by guarantee, and reported that an EGM would be called to vote on/confirm the change of status in due course.

He reported on developments within the BFA – the implementation of yet another membership database, and the work of the BFA Membership Working Party, who are looking at a radically different membership structure for British Fencing.

He thanked all the officers/advisors involved with Welsh Fencing over the last year, including thanks to Anne Stewart and Steve Dignam who are standing down from office.

Finally he offered congratulations to Mike Norfolk, who was made an MBE in the Queens Birthday Honours for his hospital charity work and contribution to fencing in the Wrexham area.

Hon. Treasurer (Anne Stewart)

Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2010, were presented and accepted by the meeting.

Anne wished to record her thanks to Michael Clemitson for his continued help with the BFA membership database

Executive Member (Mark Ridsdale)

Mark remarked on the new BFA website, and reported that he would be continuing to maintain the WF website. He gave an update on the new BFA membership database which is being developed. He summarised the written report of Michael Clemitson, who has been liaising with the BFA to establish if the new database will meet WF requirements.

Hon. Secretary / CDO (Peter Stewart)

Peter summarised the program of work he had completed over the past year as CDO. He thanked the Junior and Senior Team Managers, Neal Thomas and Mark Nelson-Griffiths, together with their helpers/assistants, and congratulated the Senior Welsh team on their recent victory in the Winton cup.

Within the next few weeks he will be issuing a fixture list for next season's WF competitions (having temporarily taken over the role relinquished by Steve Dignam). Local clubs will be asked to assist with the running of these competitions, as in previous years.

He will be circulating a letter to all clubs concerning safety and membership issues.

5. Proposal for Welsh Fencing to become a Company Limited by guarantee. Already discussed in full under 'Chairman's report'

6. Election of Executive Committee members

Bob Turner remained as Chairman (2nd year of 4)

The following were elected to office:-

Vice Chairman	Allan Banks
Hon. Treasurer	Caroline Wheeler
Hon. Secretary	Peter Stewart
Executive member	David Rees
Executive member	Mark Ridsdale

7. Date of next AGM

July 2011