

## **Commonwealth Veterans Fencing Association**

Minutes of Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2009 at the Commonwealth Veterans Championships in Jersey.

**In Attendance** Henry de Silva (Isle of Man) – President, Steve Cooke (Jersey) – Chairman), Helen Smith(President CFF), Bob Turner and Mike Norfolk(Wales), Mike McEwan(Scotland), David Sweeney(England), Jenny Bonney-Millett(Australia),Gaby Weisz and Marvin Fine (Canada), Robin Dupre (Jersey), Tony Redemeyer (South Africa), Meyrick Simmonds and Ross Martel (Guernsey), Francis Kwong (Singapore), Kate Elvin (Northern Ireland), John Ramsey(CFF), John Crouch(Secretary)

1. Apologies for absence were received from Marie-France Dufour.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

3. There were no matters arising.

4. Reports of Officers

i. The President thanked everyone for attending the meeting and commented on his pleasure at the continued increase in the number of fencers competing. He said he was delighted that Jersey had offered to run this event and thanked them for all their efforts. Finally he thanked the Secretary for all his efforts over the past two years.

ii. The Secretary reported the he and Marie-France Dufour had produced the Statutes and Competition Handbook. He has also liaised with Harriet Jordan to produce a veteran's web page on the CFF. This still required results from previous years. The CVFA had a balance of £81-59.

The President said that he had results from all the previous years. It was agreed that the Secretary could spend up to £50 on his own responsibility.

5. The Secretary read out the attached report from the Chairperson of the CFF committee responsible for Veteran's affairs.

It was requested that all countries be kept informed of the committee's discussions.

6. Statutes. There was considerable discussion about the eligibility rules proposed by the CFF and how these would affect veterans. The President of the CFF explained in detail what the current rules allowed. The statutes were agreed with one vote against.

7. Competition Handbook. The handbook was agreed. It was suggested that the competition organisers might look at fight-offs for the age group medals. It was agreed to try this if time allowed.

NOTE: There were several issues which arose during the event and these will be circulated for discussion in another document.

8. The Chairman welcomed everyone on behalf of Jersey and asked for assistance in keeping the event running. A detailed programme had been circulated to all fencers.

9. Election of Officers

i. The Chairman of the CFF proposed that Henry de Silva be elected as an Honorary Life Vice-President. This was to reflect the immense contribution that he had made to establishing and encouraging fencing in the Commonwealth. Agreed nem con.

- ii. President. Bob Turner was proposed by Henry de Silva and seconded by Dave Sweeney.
- iii. Secretary/Treasurer. John Crouch was proposed by Mike Norfolk and seconded by Dave Sweeney.

10. There were two offers for the next event – Singapore and Melbourne.

The previous meeting had agreed that the next event would be held in 2010 in conjunction with the Senior Commonwealth Championships. It was probable that these would be held in Melbourne, although this was yet to be confirmed. The offer from Singapore was also discussed and would be held in reserve for 2010 or 2011. The secretary would circulate the formal offers when they were received and an electronic vote would be used to agree the venue and date.

11. AOB. The President of the CFF suggested that the Veterans needed to look at medical certificates for future events.