

Minutes of the
Annual General Meeting of Scottish Fencing Ltd
held at 1800 on 10 December 2024, via Zoom



1 Welcome and apologies

Attending:

Scottish Fencing Board

George	Liston	Chair
Stan	Stoodley	President
Hugh	Kernohan	Governance Director
Mhairi	McLaughlin	Equalities Director
Sam	McLellan	Director
Moya	Nelson	Director
Jude	Salmon	Club Development Director
		Performance Director and
Paul	Vaughan	Board Safeguarding Lead
Colleen	Walker	Finance Director

Scottish Fencing Staff

Alan	Martin (AM)
Daniel	Baker (DB)

Scottish Fencing Members

Sheila	Anderson
Keith	Davidson
Karen	Grant
Michael	Hawkins
Peter	Kilpatrick
Malcolm	Napier-Holford
Alexander	Pearson

Apologies:

Liz	Anderson	SF Staff
Stuart	Anderson	
Andrew	Brown	

1. Minutes of the 2023 AGM

SMcL proposed the minutes of the 2023 AGM as a true record and this was seconded by MN.

2. Accounts to 31 March 2024

CW presented a financial report based on the pending accounts to 31 March 2024.

An extension has been granted by Companies House as we are currently moving to a new company for preparing the accounts.

KG – When will we see the accounts?

As soon as the accounts are prepared they will be shared with the membership.

KG – What does the £2000 loss relate to?

Most small losses are due to operating costs being higher than the income from membership, specifically running events leads to small losses like the one from 23-24.

3. Scottish Fencing Strategic Planning

AM spoke about the SF strategic planning process and thanked the members for their input. The framework presented to sportscotland is 95% from the members.

4. Any Other Business

Question 1 from Patrick Kilpatrick

Can you clarify what the Social Media / Media & Marketing strategies are and how they tie in with efforts made to generate wider support or sponsorship/funding for SF itself and wider fencing in Scotland over the last year and for 2025 onward?

AM explained the role of social media for SF but understands that there can definitely be other ways to use it and suggestions are always welcome. Marketing tends to be for specific events or courses but there is also support for clubs around marketing.

PK – Are we chasing any funding beyond sportscotland investment?

Yes, but it is a very tough landscape at the moment. Funds are tighter than they have ever been and more groups are looking to access them. The staff team are working towards partnerships with Local Authorities as well on areas of shared interest. BC confirmed the landscape is really tough just.

SA – If membership income is looking like it is going up does that mean we have more members?

Yes the annual report shows a small increase, there could also be more members taking compete memberships which are more expensive and thus increase income.

6 Presentation of Awards

GDL gave a summary of the nominees and the winners were:

Crosnier Quaich for Performance: Sam McLennan

Crosnier Coaching Award: Phil Carson

Sword of Merit: Robin Paterson

GDL thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 19.45