

European Veterans Fencing 2022 Congress, Hamburg

Wednesday 25th May 2022

Minutes

1. Present

Caryl Oliver	President	Isabelle Leveque	FRANCE
Benoit Pincemaille	Board member	Harald Lueders	GERMANY
Leonardo Patti	Board member	Gillian Aghajan	GREAT BRITIAN
Michel Deschamps	Board Member	Jerry Pregowski	POLAND
Sue Church	Member of Honour	Peter Brigola	AUSTRIA
David Sweeney	Member of Honour	Angela de Rioja	SPAIN
Michiel Uitdehaag	Invited as EVF	Frederico Fonseca-	PORTUGAL
	webmaster	Santos	
Sonja Lendi	NETHERLANDS	Atilla Czak	Invited (HUN)
Paul Van Agtmael	BELGIUM	Judit Gyiurkan	Invited (HUN)
Julie Adam	BELGIUM	Thierry Fremalle	BELGIUM
Ciney		Ciney	

Heine Rankl Florian	AUSTRIA	Oliver Debondt	BELGIUM
Klagenfurt			
Guy Riffuneau	FRANCE	Karl Robatsch	AUSTRIA
		Klagenfurt	

All members introduced themselves to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Karen Grant

John Mason

Jorgen Kock (Denmark)

Jozsef Meszaros (MOH)

Ferdinando Cappelli (MOH)

Michael Ryan (Ireland)

Hyner Koutney (Czech Republic)

Anton Kreiger (Switzerland)

Irena Sulij (Croatia)

Darko Knez (Slovenia)

2. HANDOVER OF THE FLAG

The flag was handed from Brussels to Hamburg.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2021 CONGRESS

The minutes were approved Nem. Con

4. PRESIDENTS REPORT

The President acknowledged Loki Dobridis who turned 100 in December 2021 and the Portugal Fending Federation which is celebrating its 100th year in 2022. Following the report it was agreed that Member of Honour status for Jorgen Kock

Following further discussion, it was agreed that greater numbers of Member of Honour could be admitted provided they did not have voting power to overcome the will of the member countries.

The following was subsequently agreed:

would be conferred formally due to his ill health.

- No limit on new Members of Honour who are welcome to attend the Congress but who will not have a vote.
- Existing Members of Honour will continue to have a vote but their vote will expire when they are no longer with us.
- Ex-Presidents conferred with Member of Honour status will have a vote at Congress.
- The Board will establish the criteria and process by which Members of Honour are identified and who is presented to Congress to be conferred with that status.
- Appropriate changes to the manual will be made.

The Presidents Report is available on the Website in the Members Area.

5. SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

This was available on the website and there were no questions. Nem. Con

6. PANDEMIC UPDATE

Michel Deschamps presented a pandemic update. This is now on the website.

7. EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

- The presentation is now available on the website.
- 2023 Individual Championships will be held in Thionville
- 2024 team Championships will be held in Ciney, Belgium.
- There were 2 candidates for the Individual Championships in 2025. Plovdiv (Bulgaria) and Klagenfurt (Austria)
- There was no representative for Plovdiv at Congress and therefore no presentation.
- Klagenfurt, following its presentation, was therefore awarded the 2025 Individual Championships. Nem con.

- In 2026 for the Team event, we are open for bids. We have had an expression of interest from Madrid.
- In 2027 for the Individual event, we have had formal expression of interest from Skopje. As the venue has changed from the previous application Skopje will be invited to present at the next congress following a site visit.
- A number of administrative changes to the Championships Handbook were presented and the document will be updated accordingly.
- It was agreed that in order to deliver the standard of event expected by fencers that the entry fee for Teams be increased to €400 per team. The Individual entry fee is to remain the same.

8. CIRCUIT COMPETITIONS

This Leonardo Patti presented a detailed analysis of the Circuit as well as a timetable for the coming season.

He also announced the 2022 Fencers of the Year who would be receiving their medals during the course of the Championships.

This document is now available on the website in the Members Area.

9. WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

Caryl Oliver acknowledged the work undertaken by Michiel Uitdehaag and John Mason in making the website more dynamic and responsive and confirmed that it would continue to be developed in order to support Veteran Fencing activity in Europe.

10. REPORTS FROM COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES

Caryl Oliver thanked those who had submitted reports and pointed out that those who had provided reports would be seen as having done so. She urged all members to avoid having a blank space beside their names on the website.

11. ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

John Mason was elected unanimously as a director but has indicated that this will be his last year in this role. It was agreed that Michiel Uitdehaag would be included informally in Board discussions pertinent to the website as a transition to seeking election formally at the next Congress.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

As they wanted to close the building there was no time for any other business.