

EXEC 2019/20 REVIEW

Objectives upon being elected:

1. Better provision for experienced fencers (especially coaching).
2. Charity work.
3. Use the significant inherited funds to increase the provision of kit, especially pistes.
4. A clear novice development plan.
5. Increased participation in competitive fencing, particularly from novices.

Achieved:

1. Improved coaching provision for team members with Tomi.
2. Increased charity work: Gracie's quizzes.
3. 2 major kit purchases:
 - a. Got everything required to run the novices on sabre, and sufficient electric kit to permit an uninhibited transition to this once ready. Also coaching aids.
 - b. Purchase of pistes. Once clear WS would not be providing anything we rapidly worked out a plan to reach a target of 6 pistes. That has now been achieved.
4. Working closely with Conor there is now a clearly defined programme for novices which has been successful achieving a competitive standard in all three weapons.
5. Another successful novice comp: 8 competitors from us, £500 made, new unis included (e.g. Salford).
6. Good team performances: 1s finish 2nd and still on cup run, women's finish 3rd, 2s has been effective in giving novices opportunities for competitive fencing.
7. Won Lincoln Cup with novices.
8. Members competing at: Welsh Open, Oxfam Open, BUCS Nationals, Aldershot Open, London regional Open, West Midlands Cup, Ellie went international, we'll be sending people the Leicester Open and maybe Exeter.
9. Effective club-club networking: Cemented the extremely valuable relationship with Shakespeare's, building a relationship with Hillingdon, will be establishing a novice focussed friendly match against Salford in T3.

For the future:

This is not a document to pat the outgoing exec on the back. We recognise that there are several areas where the club can be improved:

- The continued development of integrating novices and experienced fencers. There remains, to some extent, a club of two halves.
- Attendance has dropped this year. Retention from the first term into the second was poor.
- The club has not circled once – the club must have regular socials alongside the more significant events which we have had (quiz, ice skating etc). The WUMATS link is insufficient for providing this.
- We believe the groundwork in terms of club sustainability, community contribution, team and individual performance has been laid for a realistic application to Performance Sport, and encourage the next exec to pursue this.

Last night, 19 members were present for the exec elections and the following have been elected by the club.

President:	John Wilson
Vice President:	Anne Kāknēna
Treasurer:	Charles Cox
Social Secretary:	Lera Smith
Equipment Officer:	Damian Mikolajczak
Women's Team Captain:	Ellie Parmar
Men's Team Captain:	Ben Udrzal

Congratulations to the new exec!