



3 Blades AGM, 31st January 2012, 6.45pm

Present

David Dobel-Ober (Chair)
Sally Peat
Caroline Bramwell
Angus Bramwell
James Fellows
Felicity Brown
Anthony Scragg

Apologies

Peter Ross

Introduction

David started the meeting with a brief history of the club.
The last AGM was held 12 months ago. The minutes were agreed from 2011.

a. Coaching

David is a Level 2, Sabre coach, and Sally is Level 1 Epee. Allan Skip is a Level 5 in all 3 weapons and helps at the club when he is available. All coaches give their services as volunteers

b. Membership

The number of members are slightly up on last year. We offer beginners a start session of 6.30pm in the Community room to learn the basics before moving on to the later session in the hall

c. Equipment

This year we have invested in new equipment; 12x jackets, 6x masks, a piste, 10x foils and a cage to store the equipment in.

d. Competitions

Thirteen of our members competed last year in Leon Paul, East Midlands and Open events Jack finished 14th and Edward 32nd in the Leon Paul rankings. Sally in the top 100 for epee.

Five entered in the East Midlands Championship last November, all came back with a medal, for 4 members it was their first competition,

e. Contact with other clubs

We will look at organising a local competition with Abbotsholme club and invited to the Four of Clubs at Stoke for a friendly competition.

f. Social Events

We will aim to run a BBQ again this year.

4. Finance/Accounts

Sally went through the Annual Account (attached). Sally talked about the termly fees giving the club a better cash flow for purchasing new equipment. 3 Blades was successful in a grant application that was awarded for just under £1000 towards the purchasing of equipment to support our members in competitions.



5. Armourer

Angus talked briefly about the role of the armourer for the club. A list of repair costs will be attached to the storage cage for information.

6. Committee

David went through the positions for the new committee and each was filled.

		Seconded by
Chair	David Dobel-Ober	Anthony Scragg
Treasurer	Sally Peat	Felicity Brown
Secretary	Caroline Bramwell	Anthony Scragg
Child Welfare	<i>Still to be filled</i>	
Social Secretary	Heather Rogers	Sally Peat
Armourer	Angus Bramwell	Caroline Bramwell
Club Captain	<i>Peter Ross to be asked</i>	

7. Matters Arising

g. Fees

To look at the current fee structure for visitors in particular to increase adult attendance. Sally will look into and report back at the next committee meeting with a view to implementing by Easter, when the next set of termly fees are due.

h. Training Days

David and Sally ran two days during last year, aimed at the junior members who are looking to compete. The club will aim to do the same this year.

i. Social (BBQ)

The club ran an informal bbq in July last year, with an opportunity to have a go at Epee. We will look at dates for another bbq in July, before the schools break up for summer.

j. Kit repair/maintenance

David asked for volunteers to help wash the kit on a regular basis to keep it smelling sweet! Felicity offered to take some kit to wash.

Caroline is happy to mend any kit requiring new Velcro, seam/tape repairs.

k. General Feedback

It was felt that the club caters for different levels of abilities and the choice of the 3 weapons

l. Any Other Business - None

8. Meeting Closed

David thanked the members and parents for attending the AGM, and closed the meeting at 7.25pm