

UPFC AGM Minutes 28/04/09

Present

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1. Recap of previous year's development

Publicity:

The purchase of club socks has helped improve team identity at matches. This will continue into the following year. Advertising must be continued in halls and other university buildings in order to attract more members. The fencing roadshow was not contacted but will remain a possibility for the following year.

Property:

A full kit inventory was carried out in the October of 2008 with all new kit purchased in the summer break catalogued. So far, we have been unable to purchase two pistes but aim to achieve this before 2012.

Progression:

In regards to training, proficiency awards were continued with several club members gaining grade 1 in foil. Marina Hauer and Simon Norman achieved coaching qualifications which will help the long term future of the club. Team specific training must be increased next year to allow for improvement in BUCS. We were, however, unable to secure a single venue this year and did not look into any external coaches or development days. These shall remain targets for 2009/10. A training handbook was not organised. This seems to be a large amount of work and will be replaced by links to useful websites.

As well as participating in BUCS, UPFC held friendlies from late feb/early march and organised the Pompey Fencing Club. This will continue in 2009/10.

Where safety is concerned, the club remained to have members gain first aid and MIDAS qualifications.

2. Budget 08/09

The overall total loss in 2009/10 was -£694. The collective income was £4241 with an expenditure of £4920. The main losses were on coaching as we had not budgeted for a women's team and in venues due to the move to St. Luke's.

3. Elections for committee for 09/10

The new committee for 2009-2010 is as follows:

President:	Marina Hauer
Vice President:	Sara Fletcher
Treasurer:	Pavel Angelov
Armourer:	Patrick Thomas
Team Captains:	Chris Sharland (M) Sarah Bovey (W)
Social Secretary:	Damien Stadden

4. Development focus 09/10

Publicity:

It was agreed that measures should be taken to improve team identity at matches. As suggested above there will also be an increase in posters placed in university buildings advertising the club. An attempt will also be made to host the fencing roadshow.

Property:

An inventory of club equipment will be carried out early next year by committee members. There is also interest in purchasing a piste which will be looked into further next year.

Progression:

An aim for next year is to increase the amount of training available for the teams. In addition, to eliminate the need for transport of kit, a single venue shall be hired. Increased training time was discussed and will be provided if the venue can offer this. The possibility of hiring external coaches has also been discussed, along with that of development days. This shall be looked into further next year.

Competition will also be increased, with more friendlies in addition to BUCS matches and the Pompey Cup.

5. Budget 09/10

Next year, it is estimated that we should budget for a income of £4918 and an expenditure of £4552. This should leave us with a profit of £366.

6. Social Kit

The Athletic Union's move to a single supplier for playing and social kit was discussed. Social kit will be provided by Sporting Spirit next year. Club members are unhappy with this decision.