

UPFC Minutes 06/03/2009

Present

John Cashman, Sara Fletcher, Adam Griffiths, Marina Hauer

1, Competitions

The date for our Friendly against Portsmouth and Southsea Fencing Club was announced – Monday 23 March, 2009 from 2000-2200

MH spoke about our competition, the “1st Annual Pompey Fencing Cup”, which is due to take place on Saturday 28th March.

Posters advertising the event and our invitation/ Application pack were shown to all those present.

All members of the club, plus members from the following clubs are able to enter for the competition. Entries are limited to specific clubs so as to limit numbers and allow for smooth running of the event. Clubs invited:

Portsmouth and Southsea	University of London
Chichester (2 clubs)	Solent Swords, IOW
Sussex University	Sway Fencing
Brighton and hove	Winchester
City University, London	Southampton University

It was expressed that all entrants for the competition must hold valid BFA membership cards.

MH will be compiling entries as they are sent in.

JC, Damien Stadden, Sarah Bovey and SF have offered their help on the day – two to help with check-in

MH has said she will contact Portsmouth and Southsea to request 2 additional pistes.

JC/ AG will look to repair our 3rd box so we can have 3 of our own pistes.

MH will design 3x 2nd place and 3x 3rd place certificates for the events, which will be printed by AG.

Athos Equipment d’Escrime are offering £50 for trophies, which will be purchased either by JC or Wayne Gardiner.

SF will look for a purple/ black table cloth in Fabric Land for the check-in table. This is hoped to subsequently be used at Fresher’s Fayre’s for a more professional look.

A projector should be available on the day, which will be used to display results and photos throughout the event. A laptop can be provided, and a printer may also be required. Extension leads will also be required (3+).

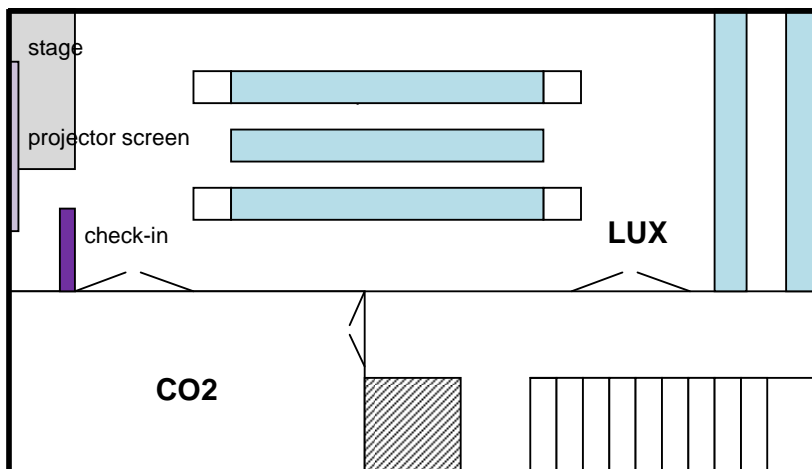
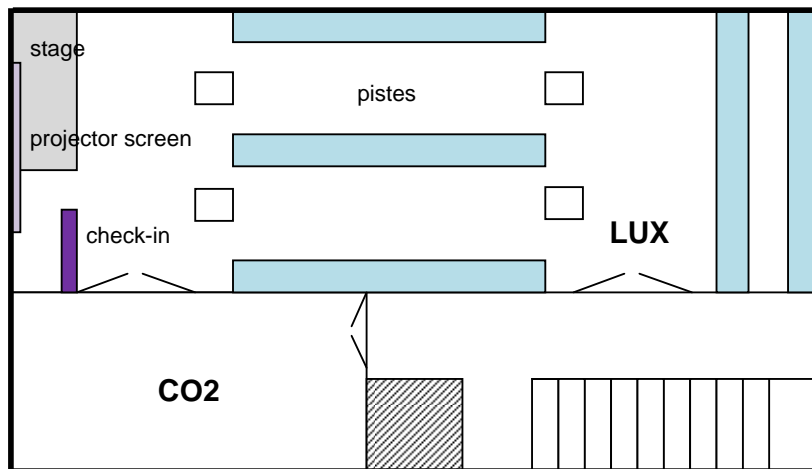
JC will purchase 5x rolls of duct tape to mark out the pistes.

We may provide limited refreshments on the day, so a table plus cups and bin bags will be required for these.

JC will look into booking CO2 and 2x function rooms to be used as a warm up area and changing rooms, respectively. He will also look into the possibility of using Nuffield Sports Centre changing rooms if function rooms are not available.

It was decided that competitors will want to be able to get to their bags easily throughout the event and avoid theft of personal items, so on the day they can be placed at the ends of the Club Lux.

Pistes may be marked out/ Lux layout as follows, subject to dimensions of Lux, which will be checked by JC and MH next week:



2, Issues with UPSU

The club has been contacted by Elaina Sperring who is standing for President of UPSU next year. She would like to know the issues we have had with the Union this year, and we have decided that the main issues were:

- Lux double booked without telling us (communication issues), resulting in loss of club revenue – although this issue seems to have been resolved,

- Lux being untidy – glass was found on the floors when we were training in there on some occasions
- Nuffield Sports Centre – sometimes blood on the floor – H&S issue
- St Luke's have been invoicing us for 2h but we only get 1.5h sessions (not so much UPSU problem)

JC has now sent these issues to Elaina.

3, Development Plan

The plan was passed to SF who agreed that everything is included. This has now been emailed to Graeme Hope and a further development meeting will be arranged.

4, Kit Supplier Presentations

Tuesday 17 March 1800-2030. AG is being sent along to see what can be done next year in the way of playing kit. RT and PK will also be attending to see what possibilities there are with regard to social kit for next year.

5, AGM's

The Fencing Clubs' AGM will be booked for the end of April by SF. A provisional date has been set as Tuesday 28 April.

Those interested in applying for a committee position for next year – job descriptions are available on www.upfc.co.uk and nominations will close on **Friday 3 April**.

The AU AGM takes place on Saturday 2 May (I think! Date will be checked by JC). It is due to start at 10am, followed by committee training for the new 2009-10 committee's.

6, AOB

BUDGET

MH has requested some money in next years' budget for publicity. This has been generally agreed to, and will be fully discussed at our AGM.

JC intends to plan a meeting with Simon Leach and the future president/ secretary to discuss the problems we have had this year so the club is not left with an insufficient budget next year.

KIT

AG discussed the need for additional weapons and has looked into prices from low budget suppliers.

JC asked AG to look at the Athos Equipment d'Esgrime prices as we are able to receive a 30% discount on kit and weapons are breaking too often in the club to purchase more expensive weapons. He also requested that AG looks into converting some weapons to the 2-pin system as these seem less liable to breaking. AG agreed that the club should phase in gradually to the 2-pin system.

AG will contact JC in the next week to discuss requirements for repairs and arrange what can be ordered from our remaining budget.