

**Minutes of the Annual Congress of the European Veterans Fencing Committee  
held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2010 in Skopje, Macedonia**

Present:	Laki Dobridis	EVFC Member of Honour
	David Sweeney	President
	Marja-Liisa Someroja	Vice-President
	Margit Budde	Chairperson
	Sue Church	Secretary/Treasurer
	Alexander Kapustin	Russia
	Volkhard Herbst	Germany
	Jean-Pierre Mion	France
	Kerstin Warvsten	Sweden
	Roman Semykoz	Ukraine
	Tom Rafter	Ireland
	Jan Bade	Finland
	Nando Cappelli	Italy
	Jacques Houdart	Belgium
	Linda Lawes	Gt. Britain
	Pigula Tabeusz	Poland
	Slobodan Gaćeša	Croatia
	Aleksandar Anastasov	Macedonia
	Zoran Stojanović	General Secretary, Macedonian Fencing Federation

**1 Apologies for absence**

Max Geuter	President EFC/CEE Veterans Commission
Rudi Coessens	EVFC Member of Honour
Henry de Silva	EVFC Member of Honour
Jozsef Meszaros	Hungary
Paul Van Agtmael	Belgium
Hans Notter	Switzerland
Igor Skorynin	Belarus
George Prat	Monaco
Hynek Koutny	Czech Republic

**2 Welcome to new members**

The new country representatives are Kerstin Warvsten, Sweden; Jean-Pierre Mion, France; Roman Semykoz, Ukraine; Linda Lawes, Gt. Britain.

**3 Minutes of last meeting**

True and accurate record. Proposed by Tom Rafter, seconded by Volkhard Herbst.

**4 Matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda**

The database will be updated after this Championship and will be published on the EVFC website, subject to legal confirmation.

The minutes of the annual congress will be published on the EVFC website.

Kerstin Warvsten queried the number of referees. The referees to be supplied by each country are based on the number of entries from that country.

## 5 President's Report (previously circulated)

As agreed at our 2009 congress in Balatonfüred I have constructed a database of all veteran fencers taking part in the 2008 and 2009 European Championships in order that we can monitor conformity with the eligibility rules. Some data on birth dates of participants needs updating.

The problem of using and updating the database needs to be overcome. This might be achieved in the future if copies of the Inscription Annex B are sent, by the national Federations or the National Veterans Association, to the EVFC President or their nominee at the same time as sending to the Championships organizers.

Several comments have been received about the high cost of attending European Veteran Championships. This is an obvious problem driven by the number of participants in the individual championships and the desire to improve the standard of our events. We must seek ways of controlling costs for the benefit of the participants while at the same time continuing to improve the standards of our events. I have submitted some proposals, for consideration at our congress in Skopje, which hopefully will start this process.

Guiseppe Cafiero has raised the point that the number of referees to be supplied by each nation at the Individual European Veterans Championships should be determined by the number of weapons entered and not the number of fencers by that nation. He has also raised the point that the referees supplied by any nation should be in line with weapons being entered. This will result in a fairer and better-balanced supply of referees by the competing nations. In my opinion these are good points and should be incorporated into the rules for EVFC Individual Championships.

A new European Fencing Confederation (EFC) Veterans Commission has been elected consisting of Max Geuter (GER) Chairman and 5 members, Alexander Kapustin (RUS), Oscar Kardolus (NED), Benoit Pincemaille (FRA), David Sweeney (GBR) and Kerstin Warvsten (SWE). Jan Bade (FIN) is in reserve. The Commission will have its first meeting in at the Veterans World Championships in Poreč and it is intended to continue to work towards delivering the benefits of combining the European Veterans Fencing Committee with the EFC Veterans Commission.

The EFC has supported the 2010 Veterans Team Championships in Skopje by supplying at no cost two multi-weapon referees.

As you know, Margit Budde will resign her position of EVFC Chairman due to pressure of her work. I would like to thank her for her contribution to European Veterans Fencing during her tenure. I would also like to thank Marja-Liisa Someroja for her work and support over this year. Finally but by no means least I would like to thank Sue Church for tirelessly collecting EVFC subscriptions and most importantly of all ensuring that communications to member nations are prompt and clear.

## 6 Chairman's Report

Margit Budde stated that she will resign due to pressure of her work. It is very important to find more and more veteran fencers, and many travel to other countries for good tournaments. This is an important time and the EVFC and EFC, and also the FIE, should try to come together to discuss proposals and rules. Thanks to Aleksandar for organizing the Championships this year. It is the first big tournament in Macedonia, and good luck to all participants.

David Sweeney thanked Margit for all her work as Chairperson.

## 7 Secretary/Treasurer's Report

It was agreed at our meeting last year that the organizers of the Championships will collect the €15 subscriptions. No country should fence without paying.

ACCOUNTS 2009 (previously circulated)

Bank balance at 01 January 2009	£1656.53
Add:	
Income	
Subscriptions 20 x €15	£246.00
Interest	£6.72
Less:	
Expenditure	
Nil	

Bank balance at 31 December 2009  
On 27/4/10

£1909.25  
~~€177~~

## 8 Reports from country representatives

**BELARUS:** Veterans fencing in Belarus is now in the middle of its third year of existence. The starting point was 1<sup>st</sup> November 2007 when Minsk Veterans Fencing Club started its activity. The main coach of our club is Mrs. Irina Ushakova, two times world champion and silver Olympic medal winner in foil as a member of the USSR team. At the moment we have several dozen regular members in all 3 weapons, aged between 30 and 50. Unfortunately we are not able to send any teams to this Championship because we are still too young – with our existing members we have to wait for at least 3 more years to collect 150 years for epee and sabre teams. Last year we visited a number of tournaments in Poland, Russia, Germany, Italy and France with our fencers regularly reaching podiums or winning tournaments, mainly in men's sabre. Our best result so far was the first place for Mr Eduard Lanhe in men's sabre category 1 at the last Individual European Championship in Balatonfüred. As we do not yet have any veterans competitions at home, next season we plan to continue to visit open events in other countries. Also this year we plan to establish the Belarussian Veterans Fencing Federation to assist our fencers in their sports activities.

**BELGIUM:** This year our members have increased to about 70. We have 2 teams in Skopje, 1 men's epee and 1 men's sabre.

**CROATIA:** During this period the Croatian Fencing Federation is organizing the World Veterans Fencing Championships. All information is on the website [Croatian Fencing Federation](#). I have permission to announce official interest to organize the European Veterans Team Championship in 2012. We expect more veterans when senior fencers grow older. Several local veteran tournaments were part of official tournaments. Veterans are members of various fencing clubs, and there is an initiative to organize one veteran club. Some propositions for veteran tournaments will be presented to our Federation. This year only 40+ was organized without differentiation of other categories.

**CZECH REPUBLIC:** The association of Czech senior fencers was established in 2005 with 5 founders, and we now have close to 50 active members. The main aim is still to integrate senior fencers into active fencing. We are a small country and fencing is not a No. 1 sport. The Czech Fencing Federation has 37 fencing clubs and about 1200 fencers, more than half are still under 20 years. In January 2009 we organized the veteran tournament "Memorial Hugo Graf" at Teplice, and at this tournament we welcomed our friends from Germany, and our colleagues fenced in all veteran categories. In May in Litomerice we organized "Moteli", epee and foil, again all categories together. Also in June "Karlsbad Epee" and a new one at Zlin for foil and epee. The peak of our domestic season is "The Old Guard" at Hradec Kralove. This year we invited 55 fencers in all 3 weapons, and the fencers were split per categories. We participated in Balatonfüred and earned some medals. We appreciate invitations to tournaments in Poland, Germany, Austria, and Italy. We are still only morally supported by the National Federation and all expenses are covered privately. We hope to find a sponsor to help us in the future. Our main aim is to bring our senior fencers into contact with their friends in Europe. All information on [www.fencing.cz](http://www.fencing.cz)

**FINLAND:** We have about 25 veteran ladies and some 30 men taking part in national fencing competitions. In the Finnish Veteran Championships epee is the most popular weapon, with fewer competitors in ladies' and men's foil and men's sabre. Veteran fencing is growing due to active young clubs in Northern and Eastern Finland. About 15 -20 veteran fencers take part in international competitions, mainly European Championships. The best results achieved are in the ladies' classes. International epee competitions for veterans are arranged in Turku in October in connection with the Kupittaa FIE-Satellite Tournament. In January veteran fencers, and also foreigners, participate in normal senior category Levi Open Arctic Challenge. The competition is the world's Northernmost fencing tournament, and best veterans are awarded. Since 2006 Finnish veterans have organized small unofficial tournaments with Russian veteran fencers from St Petersburg.

**FRANCE:** Hénin-Beaumont is preparing the 2011 Individual European Championship to be held in June 2011. Their organization team works in close relation with the Veterans French Commission. David Sweeney will be continuously informed thanks to a forum where all the in progress preparation tasks will be available. We have prepared a presentation in order to give you a general overview of the event and discuss some specific topics. Participation to the national circuit with 7 competitions, including the French Championship, is increasing, mainly in epee, with more than 850 fencers (190 ladies and 660 men). For these circuits, the average participation (men and ladies) is 160 for epee, 55 for sabre and 50 for foil. National Championships by team are organized for all weapons with separate ladies and men. Men epee team championship is held by club, about 50 should participate. We will take advantage of these next championships to test a relay system rather than 5-hits bouts. Some foreign fencers are familiar with the French circuit; we would like to have a more important foreign participation. But are foreign fencers interested? The Veterans Commission is also involved with the leisure practice which attracts fencers who do not wish to participate to the circuit.

**GERMANY:** At the individual National Championship in 2009 the number of weapon entries was again about 330 and the number of teams was again 42. The number of veterans' competitions did not increase anymore, the number of participants and entries differ within a wide range. We noticed a rising number of foreign entries as most of our tournaments are open, and international entries are gratefully accepted. German veterans achieved very good results in Balatonfüred, but we again failed in winning a gold medal at the World Championship in Moscow. The reorganization of German veteran fencing has reached another level. 3 qualification tournaments have been established. For the national ranking list the best 3 results from these qualification tournaments, the German individuals, and the better result of 1 international championship (European or World C) are taken. Last year, as a mark of recognition, the former "veterans advisory board" has been given the state of a "Committee" by the German Fencing Federation, so we have a greater responsibility for organization and rules of veterans fencing in Germany. All information on [www.fechten.org/fechten/senioren.html](http://www.fechten.org/fechten/senioren.html)

**GT. BRITAIN:** The first item to report is the name change of the Gt. Britain Veterans Association from National Veterans Association to British Veterans Fencing. This change took place at our AGM in March. Our membership remains very strong with 487 members. Our 2 qualifying events were very well supported this year. The Age Group qualifying event received a strong entry as did our British Veterans Championships. This year saw the re-introduction of our Unisex foil and sabre competition, and in July we launch our first Veterans Open competition at Stourbridge near Birmingham. Full squads were sent to Balatonfüred where we achieved second place in the championships with 5 gold, 1 silver and 7 bronze medals, and to the Veterans World Championships in Moscow where again we achieved second place in the medal table with 2 gold, 2 silver and 3 bronze medals. All information on [www.veterans-fencing.co.uk](http://www.veterans-fencing.co.uk)

**IRELAND:** As was stated last year, the Irish Fencing Committee (VFC) is a sub committee of the Irish Fencing Federation (IFF). It has responsibility for all veteran fencing in Ireland and must report to the IFF. The committee is made up of Eric Kemp, chairperson, Yvonne Murphy, secretary, and 2 representatives appointed by the IFF, Michael Ryan and Tom Rafter. Philip Lee took part in the World Championships in the foil 50-59 age group, and finished in the last eight. In April, in Edinburgh, a number of our fencers took part in the Quadrangular match with England, Scotland and Wales. However, the last 12 months have not been good for veteran fencing in Ireland. Family illnesses and injuries prevented training and participation in competitions, and that is why we have no team this year. Hopefully these problems are behind us and we look forward to greater participation in the coming year. There is a lot of enthusiasm amongst our fencers, and we hope to have 3 or 4 fencers competing in the coming Veteran World Championship.

**ITALY:** Veterans activity in Italy is steadily growing in quantity and quality. The National circuit includes 6 events plus the Italian Championships. They are spread all over the National territory to encourage participation from all regions. In each competition all weapons and age categories are present. Also the number of foreign fencers attending Italian competitions is growing, particularly from countries where there are less veterans, both from Europe and sometimes from overseas. Our national teams have been present with a wide number of fencers in Balatonfüred and Moscow, winning several medals, as usual. There is a steady cooperation with the Italian Fencing Federation, that has appointed AMIS for the whole veteran compartment, in spite of limited resources in the present economical crisis. Our competition rules and ranking system are a reference also for open categories. Giuseppe Cafiero, as a member of the FIE Rules Commission, has presented 1 proposal for ruling our category at world championships level based on European competition rules. This proposal will be examined by FIE Comex at the next meeting.

**NETHERLANDS:** Unfortunately there will be no Dutch teams in Skopje this year. For a small fencing country like ours it is not easy to send competitive teams. However, we will have a big delegation in Poreč. In 2009 we had 6 veteran tournaments in the Netherlands, 5 Open and National Championships. The number of participants is still rising. In the open tournaments there were between 50 and 60 fencers, and participants from Belgium, Germany, Italy and Turkey. In 2010 we will have 7 Open veteran tournaments. The next one will be in Tilburg on 13<sup>th</sup> June.

**MACEDONIA:** During the past year the veterans from Macedonia took part in many tournaments in Europe and the USA and in the European and World Championships. In order to develop the veteran movement, we are trying to also involve the veterans from neighbouring countries. We can say that we have had success, and we believe that we are on a good way to involve a few more countries. Recently we have organized 2 veteran tournaments in Ohrid with participants from Finland, Italy, Hungary, Canada, Serbia and Croatia. We are also trying to implement something new in veteran fencing. On 26<sup>th</sup> May we are organizing a 3 way match between the teams of Finland, Italy and Macedonia with over 190 years for a team. This is an experiment because there are more and more veterans over 60 and 70 years who, because of the regulations of 150 years for the team where 3 of them at the age of 50 will do, cannot participate. As you know, we are organizing the European Team Championships in Skopje this year.

**RUSSIA:** I would like to inform you of the development of veterans fencing in Russia in 2009-2010. All our work has been dedicated to improving the veterans movement and increasing the authority of veterans fencing, both in the National Federation and in the world. In March 2009 we held the championship of our country where more than 160 sportsmen from 25 regions of Russia participated. We took part in Balatonfüred and received 2 gold, 2 silver and 5 bronze medals. In September we organized the Moscow World Veterans Fencing Championship. More than 400 fencers from 34 countries participated in this great event. Russia won 5 gold, 1 silver and 3 bronze medals. The veterans themselves who were there could estimate the high level of this competition. We tried to create comfortable conditions and a friendly atmosphere for all competitors and their guests. In November we held the Veterans Fencing Cup of Russia, and 140 fencers from 25 regions competed. A very significant event occurred in January 2010 when we founded the Russian Veterans Fencing Federation. I was unanimously elected to be the president of this organization. Now we work independently, but always appreciate the support of the National Federation. One month ago we held the National Championships and 150 fencers from 26 regions participated. Now we are planning to create branches in all regions of Russia where fencing is popular. Our goals today are to perform successfully in Skopje, and in the World Championship in September.

**SWEDEN:** Due to Gunnar Jonsberg's illness in 2009, and my own enthusiasm for the subject, I offered to help him with his tasks for veteran fencers in Sweden and Europe despite the fact that I left the board of the Swedish Fencing Federation about a year earlier. The number of veteran fencers seems to have increased in the last year, and now there about 100, mainly men. However, a lot of fencers above the age of 40 that have come back to fencing after some years absence, still prefer to fence in the seniors class prior to veteran class, and some are still showing good results among the younger fencers. Many fencers seem to participate in tournaments close to their own home. The biggest veteran tournament in Sweden is the Ystad International, epee only, in the middle of June every year. In 2009 there were 32 starters from 9 different countries in the veterans' classes where men and women fenced together. Fencers come from all over northern Europe. Sadly, in the Swedish Championships 2010 there were only 12 participants in 1 epee-class, with only 1 woman. Unfortunately the organizer did not have the resources to arrange a foil-class at the same time. We hope that the foilists will get the chance to fence the championships later on in the autumn. We are not satisfied with the low amount of fencers in the championships. Some of the veterans will meet in Ystad in June this year to discuss the problem, and hopefully come up with good conclusions and ideas for increasing veteran participation. Another thing that is positive is that a lot of people have started acting and showing their opinion about veterans fencing. There is a lot of talking during different tournaments, there are mails sent to me as a veteran leader, and there are blogs on the subject. Out of discussions I am sure we can reach far. A goal for the next year is to state criteria for representation in international championships. So far it has worked out well without that, as there are not many fencers who wish to be part of the team, but with an increasing amount of fencers, results will have to be counted. We hope that this in itself will help to encourage fencers to leave home and compete a little more all over the year and also take part in tournaments abroad.

**SWITZERLAND:** The situation of veteran fencing is positive, and we will create a Veteran Circuit with some competitions in different regions of Switzerland. We continue to push veteran fencing.

**UKRAINE:** For the last 2 years the quantity of fencers in the Ukrainian Veteran Fencing Association at the age of 35-55 increased. The UVFA organizes 7-8 competitions for veterans in the year, but just in epee. 8-12 fencers take part in international competitions in Russia, Poland and others. The last year was successful for our best veterans with 1 silver medal at the European Championships and silver and bronze medals at the World Championship in Moscow. There are financial problems and also problems obtaining entry visas.

## **9 Proposals from EVFC President (previously circulated)**

1. In order to have a more managed approach to the organisation of EVFC Championships and to ensure safety of participants and to control cost of participation I propose the following addition to the Rules for Championships.

*Proposed addition to the Rules of EVFC Championships.*

**Candidate host nations shall submit a proposal dossier to the officers of the EVFC at least 2 years before the proposed date of the championships. The dossier shall contain the technical and financial details of the proposal.**

**The officers of the EVFC will study the proposal and appoint a representative to work with the organising committee of EVFC Championships.**

**The organisers of the European Championships shall, at their reasonable expense, invite the appointed EVFC representative to**

- visit and inspect the Fencing Venue as to suitability
- discuss the supply of technical equipment
- examine the provision of refreshments for officials and participants during the Championships
- confirm the availability of convenient and suitably priced accommodations
- discuss the transfer arrangements between accommodations and fencing venue
- liaise with the organising committee, prior to approval by the EVFC, regarding entry fees.

The EVFC representative shall report back to the Officers of the EVFC the findings of the visit and make any recommendations necessary.

The officers of the EVFC shall, where necessary, request modifications to the organisers arrangements to ensure the safety of the participants at the Championships, the control of costs of participation and the continuing improvement in standards.

The officers of the EVFC shall approve the budgeted Entry Fees and recommend the Candidate's proposal for acceptance.

The EVFC representative will be invited to be a member of the organising committee if necessary at email distance.

David Sweeney stated that a Handbook of requirements for organizing Championships will be published on the EVFC website, and all information will be easily accessible. This proposal will ensure the flow of information and enable a check to be kept that arrangements are being carried out according to the Handbook. He would also like to see an ambulance present, if possible.

Proposed by Jan Bade  
 Seconded by Tom Rafter  
 AGREED

2. The EVFC is collecting money each year from member nations in the form of membership fees. This money was originally envisaged to be used for stationery and minor expenses. With the use of email communications the drain on these funds is very low and in fact the funds are slowly accumulating. I propose that the membership fees could be better used by the organizers of the championships who are now tasked with collecting the membership fees from participating nations. For instance the membership fees could be used to defray the cost of inviting the EVFC Representative during the verifying stages of Candidates submission.

*In order for this to happen a change must be made to the constitution. Therefore I propose that Article 7 of the constitution be modified as follows,*

## 7. Receipt and Use of Funds

a) Each member country will pay an annual subscription ~~to cover the administration costs of the EVFC.~~ This is **€15 per year and will be collected each year by the European Championship organisers. This money shall only be used for the benefit of that year's Championship.**

b) Fencers will only be allowed to participate in European Veterans Championships if subscriptions have been paid by their countries or by themselves.

c) No committee member will receive any personal expenses or honoraria from ~~these funds~~ **held in the EVFC bank account.** Any use of funds other than for administration (mailings, maintenance of Internet etc.) will be agreed by the full Committee before any expenditure takes place.

d) The Executive (President, Vice-President and Chairperson) are authorised to spend a maximum of **€75** in total annually for special reasons without application to the Committee.

Henry de Silva thinks that the €15 subscriptions should stay in the EVFC account. The proposal is that the subscriptions for 2010 will be added to the EVFC account for this year only, and in the future the subscriptions collected for each year will go to the organizers of that Championships.

During discussion of this proposal it was suggested that the amount of the membership fee (€15 per year) should be removed from the Constitution 7a) and replaced with "A membership fee".

Proposed by Jan Bade  
Seconded by Volkhard Herbst  
AGREED  
Constitution to be amended as soon as possible.

It was agreed that the membership fee should be €20 from 2011.

## **10 Progress reports on European Individual Championships**

**2011:** Hénin-Beaumont, France. 2/3/4/5 June  
Jean-Pierre Mion gave a presentation. Hénin-Beaumont is near Lille in northern France and near to the motorway with many hotels. The sports hall is very big with 40 pistes and they are used to organizing big competitions. The Championships will be for 4 days, not 6 as in Balatonfüred, based on more than 1,000 participants. It will be possible to enter all 3 weapons. The website address will be available very soon.

The equipment checks will focus on safety:  
Mask, visual inspection, FIE label  
Blades, FIE mark. Size of weapon to be checked, but not flexibility  
Lamé, visual inspection. No body wire and no glove checks  
Referees to make all other checks on the piste

Registration fee to be €30 per fencer  
Registration to be only through Federations  
EVFC membership fee will be collected  
Registrations will be accepted up to 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 1 month before competition, and €20 can be refunded up to 20<sup>th</sup> May.  
No refunds after 20<sup>th</sup> May

Participating countries to supply referees according to the EVFC rules.  
The correct number of referees is very important, and the fine for no referee will be €200 per missing referee.  
All nations to send list of participants and referees.

David Sweeney stated that the fine should be €300 for no referee. If a nation does not supply a referee and does not pay the fine, only 4 weapon entries will be allowed to fence. Referees can be from any country, and can be borrowed.

The level of referees should be National and above. At present there is no age restriction. Quality is important, not age, but this may change in the future.

**2013:** Proposals invited. Ascension date 9<sup>th</sup> May.  
Must ensure there is no limitation of participants. Minimum of 30 pistes required.

## **11 Progress reports on European Team Championships**

Comments on the 2010 Team Championships, Skopje.  
Aleksandar Anastasov stated that they have overcome difficulties and are now ready. There are 17 nations and 63 teams. Photos will be on the registration tag. There will be no drug testing. Referees are a problem, and it should be made clear in the future that the referees supplied must be relevant to teams entered, and the Rules should be amended.

David Sweeney to write and circulate the correct words that referees must match weapons. This can be agreed by email vote.

Aleksandar suggested a special competition with all team members to have a minimum age of 60 years, with maybe 190 years minimum total. He will put forward a proposal and circulate this for feedback.

David Sweeney wished the Macedonian organizers good luck and he was sure the Championship will be very successful.

**2012:** Ascension date 17<sup>th</sup> May  
Croatia put in a firm offer, and will forward their proposal after the World Championship in September.  
AGREED

**2014:** Proposals invited. Ascension date 29<sup>th</sup> May

## **12 FIE Veterans World Championships**

Poreč, Croatia. 28<sup>th</sup> September – 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Members have received a paper from Giuseppe Cafiero. Veterans are to be part of the FIE, but it is very important to retain the veteran system.

Some disagree with category 40-49 years, exclusion of fencers who have participated in the previous 2 years. Volkhard Herbst commented that FIE referees could be used but extend the age to over 60 years. It was generally agreed that teams should be included in the World Championships. Jean-Pierre Mion suggested that the total age for women should be 140 years and 150 years for men, as for European Championships, and that we need to find a formula for teams. He suggested 2 rounds of pools and then DE based on the 2 pools, because of individual expenses for fencers. Aleksandar Anastasov suggested DE with repechage, but it was agreed this was not a good idea. David Sweeney will pass on comments.

## **13 Election of Officers**

The post of President for the next 2 years is open for election in 2010 (“even years”)

David Sweeney is prepared to stand again

No other nominations

Margit Budde proposes David Sweeney

Seconded by Tom Rafter

ELECTED UNOPPOSED

The post of Chairman is open for election for 1 year only.

Henry de Silva said that he would be prepared to stand as Chairman again, but this is not possible because he is a Member of Honour and also because he is the same nationality as the President.

Margit Budde suggested Giuseppe Cafiero

Linda Lawes, Gt. Britain, proposes Jean-Pierre Mion from France

Seconded by Margit Budde

Jean-Pierre Mion is willing to stand

No other nominations

ELECTED UNOPPOSED

## **14 Any other business**

John Mason, the EVFC webmaster, requests all member nations to advertise their veteran competitions on the website. Details to be in English please.

This year the organizers of the Championships collected €15 subscriptions from:

Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Finland, France, Germany, Gt. Britain, Hungary, Italy, Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Ukraine.

**The next EVFC annual congress will be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011**