



Secretary's Report 2011/2012

1. Committee Makeup

After being a member of the committee since the Club's foundation, Angelika Dennis, has decided to step down. She has volunteered to carry on conducting the duties of Child Protection Officer, in a non-committee position.

Due to work commitments, Mike Dennis, has stepped down from his role of Outreach Co-ordinator. As a regular attendee of outreach sessions, as a coach, Angelika Dennis has volunteered to be the Club's new Outreach Coordinator. This role encompasses responsibility for liaising with schools, youth organisations etc, to arrange outreach sessions in the community. She will take a lead in organising sessions including: coordinating coach and volunteer availability; as well as seeking new opportunities for outreach.

This year we've ran outreach sessions at the Royal School for the Deaf, Mickleover Primary School and with the Scouts. We hope to carry on with these links and build our outreach provision, whilst acknowledging the limitations on us in terms of numbers and availability of qualified coaches.

2. Swordmark

We have had a Club visit from Norman Randall, the Swordmark Champion from British Fencing Association. Norman highlighted issues we need to tighten up on in order to be classed as a Swordmark accredited Club, such as Health and Safety policies.

Norman praised Foiled Again, commending us for our commitment to providing all weapon fencing sessions to people of all ages and abilities and our commitment to taking fencing into the wider community. Events we have taken part in this year include the 'Go Sport' disability roadshow put on by Derbyshire County Council aimed at promoting sports to people with disabilities.

We have all the tools to make Swordmark, we just need to evidence this now. A Club Development Plan has been made available for members to view, and their thoughts, suggestions and input is eagerly sought.

3. Membership

Foiled Again has seen membership grow/decrease 9% in the past year.

It was with sad regret that the Committee made the decision to cancel the Saturday sessions. We have tried actively advertising the sessions, changing the pricing structure to encourage flexible pay as you play fencing and changed the time of sessions to encourage greater participation. Unfortunately, despite these attempts, the Saturday session had to be stopped. This was finally decided on the basis of: increasing lack of available coaches with tow bars to take and return the



trailer of kit and; the small numbers of fencers, making the session economically unavailable in the long term.

4. Coaching Staff

Coaches have begun a series of Coaching training nights aimed at continual professional development and honing of their coaching skills. We would like to thank the Head Coach, Mick Dennis, for organising these, and the members who have graciously volunteered as stooges.

A new coach has joined the team this year, Harriet Wheeler, who qualified as a level one coach at the beginning of 2012. Next year we expect Christopher Manning, to likewise, pass his level one coaching course.

Please note that bursaries are available from Sport England for people wanting to become a coach and, if other avenues of funding are not available, Foiled Again will reimburse reasonable expenses (including course fees) for those who successfully pass their qualification and make a commitment to using their coaching skills at the Club.

5. Insurance

Foiled Again has a duty to:

- a. Ensure all members are aware of their responsibility to have their own personal insurance, once they've completed the first 10 beginner session; and
- b. Assist members in selecting the correct insurance for them and obtain it.

We believe all members are now aware of the need for them to have their own insurance, where applicable. We have run numerous advertising campaigns including in the newsletter, on the website and by making announcements at sessions. We have tried to make obtaining insurance as easy as possible by having application forms at the Club, as a link and downloadable on the website and by having sign up available online at the Club.

There is not universal take up yet however and so this task is still ongoing into next year.

6. Competitions

Foiled Again has started to build links with local fencing clubs and will be hosting junior interclub competitions this Winter. There will be an evaluation following each event with the hope that we will be able to roll out a more extensive competition calendar for all members of the club, of all ages.

The Foiled Again annual competition will take place at Landau Forte, Derby, this year creating another valuable link with a local school. Please mark 15th December in your diaries as the date for the competition. This will also be the last opportunity to fence in 2012!



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Chairman's Report 2012

As mentioned last year the club is going for Sword Mark status. While initial expectations were that there would be a simple transition from Club Mark to Sword Mark this has not always been the case as our first review with Norman Randal proved. While some of our documents can simply be carried across a significant number have required alteration. However we are currently undergoing our first review of what we have achieved so far and any member who would like to help and contribute to this is encouraged to do so.

The email distribution mentioned last year are almost complete, with just a last round of testing to complete. Over the last 12 months the Coaches and Committee have been using similar distribution lists which on the whole appear to be working very well. We believe that the current setup for the Club Members will provide increased information on the club whilst protecting our members so far as is reasonably practicable. To achieve this all email address on the server will have a unique ID number as opposed to the members name which is only relevant to Foiled Again. To date the SMS system remains an open issue as so far a suitable system has not been found.

The committee is aware that some of the membership has expressed concerns with the warm-up routines at the club. To help remedy the situation I would ask that all members that have such concerns please let us know what sort of improvements you would like to see and the Coaches will endeavour to make the necessary changes.

This year also marks another first for Foiled Again, we have recently been contacted by a national hotel chain who are interested in commissioning us to feature in two of their 2013 family activity weeks. While all the details have yet to be confirmed I am hopeful that this will allow Foiled Again to bring fencing to more people.



Payment in	2011/ 2012	2010/ 2011	2009/ 2010	2008/ 2009	2007 / 2008
Week Nos					
date					
opening balance					
gift aid start up					
membership fees	£5,455.52	£ 6,378.00	£7,039.50	£7,220.50	£ 7,537.50
social membership	£20.00	£ 100.00	£200.00		£10.00
Donation					
refunds		£ 25.00			
net interest				£190.00	
from petty cash					£21.00
Events	£56.00	£ 68.00	£202.00		£277.00
contribution coaching course		£ 80.00			
creative wear ltd		£ 49.00			£258.50
restricted fund					
for kit purchase	£676.34	£284.33	£511.85	£626.93	£1,725.50
coaching course venue					
certificates/badges	£63.50	£ 43.00	£154.00	£138.85	£7.30
kit hire	£128.81	£ 5.00	£15.00	£29.00	£20.00
out reach	£300.00	£ 463.75	£620.00	£385.00	£1,535.00
Total paid in	£6,700.17	£ 7,496.08	£8,742.35	£8,590.28	£11,391.80
Payment out					
Rent	£2,276.75	£ 3,320.50	£2,870.80	£2,818.37	£3,280.85
LNF fund					
Kit Insurance	£638.39	£ 638.39			
Equipment	£2,724.55	£ 3,309.83	£4,743.69	£3,339.41	£4,124.90
BFA Affiliation	£30.00	£ 40.00	£40.00	£40.00	£80.00
Coach expenses	£736.49	£ 1,099.98	£1,379.69	£420.52	£598.00
Refunds/reimbursements	£162.79	£ 31.48	£63.50	£234.10	£89.68
Committee expenses	£601.87	£ 269.12		£77.00	£132.00
social membership		£ 130.00			£10.00
telephone				£25.20	£145.86
stationery/ink		£ 64.20	£6.84	£90.92	£32.99
postage	£4.41	£ 4.70			
Courses		£ 272.00	£330.00	£370.00	£63.00
advertising/hosting		£ 100.00		£91.94	
trans to petty cash					£10.09
laundry	£400.00	£ 350.00	£287.00	£226.50	£122.13
Events		£ 100.00	£1,102.00	£425.00	£445.00
graded certificates				£270.00	
web site	£52.00	£ 250.00	£46.33	£60.00	£98.97
creative wear ltd		£ 41.20			£407.96
cancelled cheque + bank charge					£173.39
Total paid out	£7,627.25	£ 10,021.40	£10,869.85	£8,488.96	£9,814.82
Cash Difference	-£927.08	-£ 2,525.32	-£2,127.50	£101.32	£1,576.98
HSBC August	£1,071.53	£ 2,132.14	£4,388.93	£6,506.90	£4,900.87
Treasurer August	£1,071.53	£1,863.61			