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## **BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT**

# British Fencing Annual General Meeting & Forum Saturday October 8, 2016, 11.30am, at the British Olympic Association (BOA) Charlotte Street, London

Dear Member.

On behalf of the British Fencing Board, I invite you to the Annual General Meeting of British Fencing in London on Saturday 8 October, where your Board will invite you to receive the accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2016 and take part in Forum questions and discussion. The Board will introduce Anne-Catrin Sallaba who joins the Board following this AGM, and John Troiano, who rejoins the Board, both as a result of the recent elections.

The Board will also seek your approval of its appointment as the new Independent Chair of British Fencing, Mark Lyttle, as I stand down, with effect from and including 1 November 2016 for a term of four years. The Board will also seek your approval of the re-appointment of Hilary Philbin as British Fencing's President for a term to expire at the first Annual General Meeting of British Fencing after the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

The Board is also proposing, on the recommendation of the Association's Electoral Officer, a special resolution to amend the Articles of Association following the introduction of the new membership scheme. The purpose of these amendments is to clarify who is entitled to vote at general meetings of the Association and who is entitled to stand for election to the Board. These amendments do not remove the entitlement to vote from anyone who currently has the privilege to vote.

The Annual Report and Accounts will be published on our website at least 10 days before the Meeting. John Troiano, in his capacity as Chair of the Board's sub committee for Audit, Governance & Risk, will take members through the accounts and finances and respond to your questions.

The formal notice of the Meeting and resolution to be proposed are set out in the document below. If you would like to vote on the resolution but cannot come to the Meeting, you can appoint another person as your proxy to exercise all or any of your rights to attend, vote and speak at the Meeting by using the methods set out in the notes to the notice.

I hope you are able to attend the Annual General Meeting and look forward to your continued involvement in, and enjoyment of, our sport.

David Teasdale

Chair of British Fencing

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# BRITISH FENCING COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1917099

# **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting (the "Meeting") of the Company will be held at 11.30 am on Saturday 8 October, 2016 at the offices of the British Olympic Association at 60 Charlotte Street, London W1T 2NU.

The Resolutions below are proposed as ordinary resolutions:

Resolution 1: to receive the annual accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2016

**Resolution 2:** to approve the appointment of Hilary Philbin as President of British Fencing for a term expiring at the first annual general meeting of the Company after the Olympic Games in Tokyo in 2020

**Resolution 3:** to approve the appointment of Mark Lyttle as Chair of British Fencing for a term commencing on 1 November 2016 and expiring on 31 October 2020

The Resolution below is proposed as a special resolution:

Resolution 4: to approve the following amendments of the Articles of Association of the British Fencing:

- a) To delete the existing definition of Voting Member in its entirety at Article 1.26 and replace with the following:
  - 'Voting Member' means a Member who belongs to a class of membership of the Association which, under Article 9 and the Bye Laws, has the privilege of voting in the Association's elections:
- b) To insert the word "Voting" before the words "Member" and "Members" where they appear in Article 28.3 and to delete the words "having the right to vote at the meeting" in this Article; and
- c) To insert the word "Voting" before the word "Member" in Article 40.

#### Formal business: Action to be taken

You will find attached a Form of Proxy for use at the Meeting. Please complete, sign and return the enclosed form as soon as possible in accordance with the instructions printed thereon whether or not you intend to be present at the Meeting. Forms of Proxy should be returned so as to be received by the Company's Head Office as soon as possible and in any event no later than 48 hours before the time appointed for the Meeting.

## Recommendation

Your Directors consider that the resolution in the notice of the Meeting is in the best interests of the Company and its Members as a whole. They recommend that you vote in favour of it as all the Directors intend to do.

Yours faithfully

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Georgina Usher CEO British Fencing