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Modest growth last quarter

Membership has increased modestly in the last quarter of this year. We now have 77 regular members and 10 provisional members. We expect membership to increase next quarter. This due to the start of introduction courses and a school fencing project. Our main focus is of course to provide quality of the fencing lessons.

New Epee trainer

After our former epee trainer left there was uncertainty whether we would be able to find a suitable epee trainer. But fortune favoured us, we found a very very good one: Pavlo Kirpulyanskyy from Ukraine. We will provide more insights on his idea about teaching fencing on the trainers page of our website soon.

Conditions for renting fencing equipment will change

A fair amount of members rents equipment from the club. Since these materials are used intensively during the week cleaning and repairing them has become a logistical problem. Our volunteers can not keep track, which in return clashes with hygiene and safety standards. In order to deal with this problem the board has decided that conditions for renting material will change. Starting August 2024 members will be obliged to buy a glove, a fols de corps and an electric weapon after 6 months of membership. Members who rent clothing will be provided with a personal set, which they are expected to wash themselves. The use of club material for those who want to take part in competitive fencing tournaments will be restricted (an exemption will be made for instance for those who start tournaments withing Jeugdpunten Toernooien)

Competition training on Friday (new)

Starting 2024 there will be a specific training for those who (want to) compete in tournaments. These trainings are focussed on improving competition skills. Trainers will be Elise and Pavlo and will take place between 19-22 hour. This training will be free of charge during the first year in order to draw many members and in return will see more members taking part in competition.

Wanted: secretary

As a unfortunate result of the withdrawal of our current secretary, we are looking for a new candidate. If you are interested, let us know. Activities will consist mainly in setting up the agenda for board meetings and keeping record of them. This includes menacing the board members every now and then. There are 4-6 meetings a year.

Provide copy for our newsletters

Finally, we would like to receive input for our newsletters from our members. For instance pictures of weird things during training, our pictures on fencing events.