



# Fencing New Zealand

(Fencing New Zealand Incorporated)

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Fencing New Zealand Incorporated

<b>DATE</b>	Sunday 8 March 2020
<b>START/FINISH</b>	7.00 pm until 9.20 pm
<b>LOCATION</b>	Skype
<b>CHAIR</b>	Mark Rance
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Mark Rance (Chairman), Amanda Hopkins (Sec.General), David Elder, Kyle Macdonald, Steve Martin, Richard Johnstone, Bryan Clark, Alice Boyd, Dave Barson (until 8pm)
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Vanda Symon, Nicole Martin

	ITEM	ACTION	OWNER	DU E
1	<b>Quorum</b>	Confirmed.		
2	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b>	Minutes of meeting 2 February 2020 confirmed  Matters arising dealt with below.  The Board acknowledged the contribution of Vicci Lamb who for many years was Secretary General, and more recently, President of Central. Nicole Martin has been elected as President of Fencing Central.	Steve M/David E	
3	<b>Financial Report and Performance Report for 2019</b>	Report received for January through to 8 <sup>th</sup> March  Amanda presented the final Performance Report for 2019 prepared by Chatfield & Company. Report accepted and confirmed by the Board.	Amanda/Mark  Amanda/Richard Carried	
6	<b>Commissions</b>	Dave Barson presented Coaching Commission's draft paper: FeNZ Coaching registration. Discussed coaching pathway, registration, training and qualification of coaches, integrating a national programme, aligning with Oceania. Board was supportive and looking forward to the next stage. Coaching budget needs to build in Police check – Mark to follow up. Dave left the meeting.	Mark	
4	<b>Health and Safety</b>	Covid-19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussed the fast-moving situation with the disease and international travel.</li> <li>- Agreed that Officials should not be out of pocket in the event of cancellations</li> <li>- Set up a subcommittee to monitor what is going on as there are changes on a daily basis – Mark, Amanda, Alice, Kyle, David E, Baz</li> <li>- Will follow recommendations of the Ministry of Health and under guidance of medical officer Steve Fish</li> </ul> Guidance on attending clubs and competitions		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stressed the importance of mask hygiene and not sharing bottles and towels</li> <li>- Hand-shake – will temporarily suspend the Rule T122 requirement to shake hands – notice to be sent out. Recommend to salute as end of bout exchange.</li> <li>- FeNZ advisory to be issued Richard (done 11.03.20) /Mark/Amanda</li> </ul> <p>2020 Domestic Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To continue to monitor the situation through the sub-committee</li> <li>- Recommend additional condition of entry for competitions Richard to draft (done 11.03.20)/ Baz/Mark</li> </ul> <p>Potential financial exposure/risk in the event of forced cancellations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regions to check venue contracts</li> <li>- Officials to purchase flexi-date tickets</li> </ul> <p>Oceania U20s</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continue to liaise with OFC regarding the U20s.</li> </ul>		
5	<b>Competitions</b>	<p><b>5.1 Selections for Asian Senior Championships and Asian Olympic Zonal Qualifier</b> – Disputes Panel had determined (Decision issued 20 February 2020) that the current selection (made 22 January 2020) for men’s epee for the Qualifier tournament should be set aside due to the Selection Criteria not aligning with the NZOC selection criteria (published Selection Criteria had not been updated).</p> <p>The Selectors’ Commission have proposed updated Selection Criteria. The Board ratified the changes to the selection criteria for the Olympic Qualifier subject to a final review on the wording. Nominations will be reopened once the time and place for the Qualifier has been decided. Mark/Kyle/Steve/Richard</p> <p><b>Asian Championships</b> – Appeal by A Liu not upheld. Subsequently S Ogilvie pulled out due to injury. A Liu moved up from non-travelling reserve to team member.</p> <p><b>Postponement of international competitions</b> – Board discussed whether selections should be set aside and the nominations reopened. Selectors’ recommendation is to reopen nominations for events postponed due to Coronavirus. Decision deferred until feedback received from the Athletes’ Commission.</p> <p><b>5.2 Forward Calendar for next 4 years</b></p> <p>Forward Calendar exists, but without specific dates. Discussed locking in venues. Mark to work with regional presidents to set calendar by August.</p>		
6	<b>Commissions</b>	<p><b>Selectors</b> - Revised Selection Criteria for Olympic Qualifier as in 5.1 above.</p> <p><b>Officiating</b> – we have an issue with shortage of referees and DTs – with some regions having to pay for a significant number of referees to be flown in. There are 2 development opportunities to assess referees – one in Wellington (U15/U17 champs) and one in the Christchurch (SI champs). Regions are encouraged to make use of these opportunities.</p>		
7	<b>Other business</b>	<p>FIE 2020 Equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have approximately CHF5,000 again in 2020. Agreed to apply for FIE competition scoring boxes (Favero) and repeaters. Mark to follow up with Leon at OFC.</li> </ul>		

Meeting concluded 9.15pm. Next meeting 5 April 2020