



# Fencing New Zealand

(Fencing New Zealand Incorporated)

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

<b>DATE</b>	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2020
<b>START/FINISH</b>	7.00 pm
<b>LOCATION</b>	Skype
<b>CHAIR</b>	Mark Rance
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Mark Rance (Chairman), David Elder, Kyle Macdonald, Richard Johnstone, Vanda Symon, Nicole Martin, Steve Martin, Hamish Clarke
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Dave Barson, Steve Clarke, Alice Boyd

	ITEM	ACTION	OWNER	DUE
1	<b>Quorum</b>	Confirmed.		
2	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b>	Minutes of meeting 7 <sup>th</sup> June confirmed	David/Richard	
3	<b>Matters Arising</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Oceania U20s</b> likely to be called off due to travel restrictions. NCEA exams have been delayed a week, which may cause issues for fencers. It was agreed that if OFC U20's is called off, <b>National U20s</b> could be brought forward – David to liaise with Hamish on potential date.</li> <li><b>Ranking points</b> – covered in Selectors' meeting minutes – Covid19 has affected all fencers and will be taken into account for potential selections. Nomination Forms to be amended - fencers will be required to provide results to be considered and training plan. No plan to change ranking system itself – Selectors will take a holistic view of impact of Covid19 and lack of competition.</li> <li>Proposed and accepted that <b>Mid-South Championships</b> on 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> October be re-designated as <b>South Island Championships</b> to provide a national level tournament in Christchurch</li> <li><b>Privacy</b> – membership list is no longer available through the fencing NZ website. Privacy Officer role to be progressed and appointed.</li> </ul>	Mark	31 July
4	<b>Financials</b>	<p><b>Financial report</b> received. Insurance refunds received for cancelled Jakarta flights but not for flights booked through travel agents which had offered flight "credits". Flight credits have to be forfeited in order to claim for loss on insurance. This is being followed up.</p> <p><b>Funding</b> – submitted application to Sport NZ for Covid19 funding.</p> <p><b>Funding paper</b> – David gave a summary of his comprehensive funding paper sent to the Board in May. The Board to consider the options and priorities for 2021 with feedback by Sunday 12 July.</p> <p>Action – Board to review paper and respond by 12 July with approval or otherwise</p> <p>Action – Board and commission heads to provide potential funding initiatives to David by 12 July</p>	Board Board	12 July 12 July

5	<b>Health &amp; Safety</b>	No applications received for H&S Officer for FeNZ. To be discussed further.		
6	<b>Competitions</b>	<p><b>Oceania U20s</b> – as in part 3 above</p> <p><b>Olympic Long List update</b> – given the delay to the Olympics, the list has been revised to include fencers who for extraordinary reasons can now be considered. This includes the NZ top ranked men’s and women’s foilists and three top FIE and NZ ranked women epeeists. All fencers have been advised of the criteria for selection to the Olympic team. Only one fencer per weapon and gender can attend the Zone Qualifying competitions, which was delayed in 2020 due to COVID19. Selection for the Zone Qualifying is in accordance with Fencing NZ Selection Criteria.</p>		
7	<b>Commissions</b>	<p><b>Selectors’ Commission</b> – Meeting held to discuss ranking system and points and selection criteria following Covid19.</p> <p>The following recommendations were ratified by the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selectors will take into account competition results older than 12 months</li> <li>• Nomination Form to be updated as above</li> <li>• Fencers will have to go through the selection process again for the international events that were postponed in 2020</li> </ul> <p>Feedback on the following recommendations to be given to the Selectors’ Commission by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Selection Criteria updated to include Long List selection</li> <li>• Max points for senior national tournaments – max points awarded providing there are 6 or more fencers, if less than 6, 50% of points awarded</li> <li>• Proposed amendments for points awarded for FIE events</li> </ul> <p><b>Officiating Commission:</b> Hamish to follow up with applicants to the Officiating Commission. Requires assistance to engage referees for national events.</p> <p><b>Coaching Commission:</b> Report received. Coaching registrations are coming in slowly – only FN registrations received so far. Regular Oceania Coaching Commission meetings are now being held via Zoom.</p>	All	ASAP
9	<b>Commission and Regions</b>	Fencing North report received.		
10	<b>Other business</b>	<p><b>Transgender policy</b> – suggestion that Fencing NZ adopt a policy with respect to transgender fencers. AFF policy circulated. Investigate other policies and OFC / FIE / Sport NZ recommendations.</p> <p><b>Insurance for 2020-2021</b> – Material Damage insurance policy up for renewal. Regions to state whether value of equipment to be insured has changed. Travel policy on hold until international travel and competitions are back.</p> <p><b>Commonwealth Fencing Federation</b> – report received from Vicci Lamb (Board member of the CFF). 2020 competition (Veteran) cancelled. 2021 Cadet &amp; Juniors scheduled to be held in Hyderabad, India. 2022 Open Commonwealth &amp; Vets to be held in London. Teams are restricted to a maximum of 4 fencers. Next meeting / AGM 15 August.</p>	All	

Meeting concluded 8.37pm. Next scheduled meeting 7.00pm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020