



Fencing New Zealand

(Fencing New Zealand Incorporated)

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

DATE	Sunday 21 st February 2021
START/FINISH	7.00 pm
LOCATION	Skype
CHAIR	Mark Rance
ATTENDEES	Mark Rance (Chairman), Kyle Macdonald, Ross Younger (as Acting President of Mid-South), Vanda Symon, Nicole Martin, Steve Martin, Steve Clarke, Hamish Clarke
APOLOGIES	David Elder, Dave Barson, Alice Boyd Mark/Vanda

	ITEM	ACTION	OWNER	DUE
1	Quorum	Confirmed.		
2	Minutes of previous meeting	Minutes of meeting 6 th December 2020 confirmed. Matters arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Police Vetting – application process to be added to website and separate process for other roles– still underway. - Notification of Athletes’ Commission to be posted – to be completed 	Steve/Ross Carried	
3	Financials	Financial report received. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chatfield have provided a draft Financial Accounts for 2020 – Amanda to review and update the statement of service and activity parts - Need to check with Chatfield about treatment of the grants received in 2020 	Amanda/Vanda Carried Amanda	
4	Health & Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FIE have released revised guidelines for events during Covid-19 which include some rule amendments. - OC, Medical Officer and Health & Safety reviewed the rule amendments and relevance to NZ, who operate in Level 1, and have suggested guidelines to be adopted - Suggested Guidelines should be followed at all FeNZ events – and all regional events. It was agreed Alice should follow up on logistics of having a qualified medical official at events. 	Alice	
5	New Club Affiliations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pulse Fencing Club – Auckland – run by coach Rory Ogg. - Piwikawaka Fencing Club – Christchurch - run by coach Sheldon Ogilvie <p>Agreed to recognise both Clubs</p>		

			Steve M/Ross Carried	
6	Competitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Olympic Qualifier Update – Letter written to President of FIE about qualification system to the Olympics – signed by Fencing NZ alongside many other nations – including Italy. Still no confirmation on the date for the Qualifier, which was due to be held in South Korea April 15th and 16th. - World Junior and Cadet Championships – the FIE has confirmed that the competition will go ahead in Cairo in early April. Discussed whether NZ will send a team. Given that there are considerable health and safety risks and the government recommend no international travel, there are no MIQ spots available (and Mark had checked with MBIE who confirmed that sport is not a priority), and there are significant and constantly changing issues with flights and transit, decided that NZ would not be sending a team. <p style="text-align: right;">Mark/Vanda, Carried</p>Amanda to draft and post notice. - Selection Criteria suspension and notification – Proposal for changes to the Criteria given the Covid pandemic. Suspend the compulsory performance section. Selectors allowed to review results for more than 12 months and to make selection decisions using their best judgment based on the information they have to hand including both past results and current training activities. Fencers and coaches to submit evidence that they have a training plan. Selectors are not tasked with the review of the plan – they reserve the right to talk to the fencer or coach about their plan and that they are working towards that plan. Fitness, lessons, strength and conditioning etc. - Coaches’ and Athletes’ Commissions have reviewed and approved the proposals. Motion to accept the recommendations of the Selectors <p style="text-align: right;">Moved Steve M/Amanda Carried</p> - Sky next proposal – deferred until March meeting 	Amanda	
7	Commissions & Regions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Operational guidelines for Commissions – structure around the work of the commissions – having regular minuted meetings and recommendations recorded as approved by the Commissions – a short written report circulated with the Board papers - South – gearing up – optimistic – good response for beginners’ courses - Mid-South – gearing up – regional events starting – new club offering lessons – disciplinary issue ongoing - Central – first tournament coming up – regional AGM – finalised Calendar – more training camps – January camp went well. First Aid course – 14 attendees - North – First Aid course well attended – ran first tournament – Bubble Ensemble – demonstration for fencing at Movies in the Park – went down really well and they were constantly busy – January “Get back to fencing” camp exceptionally well attended with coaches and fencers from other regions and coaching and referee sessions – FIE published a story on the camp. <p>OFC Online referee seminar presented by Nicola Shackleton was very well received with attendees around several countries and many from NZ. Response from NZ was impressive. Hope to organise further seminars in NZ based on virtual development sessions. Congratulations to Nicola for the preparation for the seminar.</p>		

8	Development plan 2021	Deferred until next meeting. Regions to decide when they will hold their camps		
9	Privacy	Action – Mark to check where we are with the Privacy Policy...	Mark	
10	Other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AGM planning – 2 items for General Business received from Hanna Choi for discussion - Steve M showed his proposed updated rankings' system – a much improved offering 		

Meeting concluded 8.35. Next scheduled meeting – AGM - 7.00pm March 14th.