



Fencing New Zealand

(Fencing New Zealand Incorporated)

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

DATE	Sunday 5 th September 2021
START/FINISH	7.00 pm
LOCATION	Skype
CHAIR	Mark Rance
ATTENDEES	Mark Rance (Chairman), Nicole Martin, Steve Martin, Rachel Rowlands-Clarke, David Elder, Amanda Hopkins, Kyle Macdonald, Vanda Symon, Grant Tweddle, Martin Brill
APOLOGIES	Alice Boyd, Hamish Bulmer

	ITEM	ACTION	OWNER	DUE
1	Quorum	Confirmed. Welcome to Grant Tweddle who has been appointed Project Manager in the lead up to the Commonwealth Fencing Championships 2022 in London		
2	Minutes of previous meeting	Minutes of meeting 1 st August 2021 confirmed. Matters arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Entry forms for the National SS were updated to include information on Drug Free Sport NZ – and DFSNZ cards were distributed at the NI Champs. Rachel to provide other regions with wording to incorporate in their Entry Forms. - Referee representation in the OC is a WIP - Membership Tiers WIP - Calendar and Selection Criteria below - Mark acting as Privacy Officer – nothing to report 	David/Rachel Carried Rachel	
3	Financials	Financial report received. Affiliations – work on the new membership tiers is underway. Important that all fencers are affiliated – not just fencers who compete in Regional or National events.	Amanda/Vanda Mark/Steve Carried	
	Commonwealth Fencing Planning	Grant presented his plan for the lead up to the Championships. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Selectors are proposing a Long List application process for the Championships – in line with Commonwealth and Olympic Games selection process. A training plan to be provided to the Selectors. Board agreed that this would be a good idea and a Google Form to be provided. 		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nominations would then be called in April 2022 – with the selections made in early May – date to be decided. Nomination Fee is payable at that time. Kyle to liaise with Grant to agree a date. - Presented timeline for decisions and “go”/ “no go” date depending on conditions in NZ and the UK – MIQ spaces and logistics of taking a managed team to the tournament. Agreed 1 May for go/no go for managed team. - Separate decision on non-managed team – individual risk - Agreed with the various recommendations – selection criteria to be confirmed to take into account lack of international travel and national tournaments <p>Selections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Selections will be made from the Long List unless there are exceptional circumstances. - Long List candidates should provide training plans - Rankings – will only include Fencing NZ official calendar events – Regional and National competitions, unless based overseas, plus FIE events, AFC & Aussie Nationals - Events where there is insufficient representation will be considered on a case by case basis – with an objective judgement focused on minimum skill set. Selectors to determine the minimum requirements. - Athletes’ Commission favours participation, but this is a pinnacle event and a minimum skill set is required. - Selection Criteria to be adapted for COVID19 and published – Selection Criteria for Commonwealth Fencing Champs in main document to be struck out and referred to new specific document. Wording to be updated. Moved/Seconded to accept the new criteria with updated wording and Team Event selection clarification Steve M/ Rachel Carried - Team selection discussed – Mark to check with Heather about the numbers and rules around the Team Event 		
5	Competitions and Calendar for 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OFC Championships cancelled - Agreed to decide on NZ Championships on 28th September, when we will have a clearer idea of the latest Covid outbreak in Auckland. Will only go ahead if Auckland (the host region) is in Level 1. - Post on website - Officials to hold off from purchasing flights until 28th September - Calendar – several options on the table – dependent on whether Nationals are held in 2021 - Unlikely to be able to reschedule the NZ Juniors given that Exams have been delayed by two weeks, taking them into mid – December - Decided to cancel 2021 National events if unable to be held – not take them into 2022 as selections will be based on age groups as at 1 January 2022 for Commonwealth selection. Moved Steve M/ Amanda Carried 		
4	Health & Safety	Nothing to report.		
6	Commissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Athletes’ Commission – Anna has stepped down for the moment for personal reasons. Board to appoint a replacement head of the Commission 		

7	Regional reports	Nothing to report		
8	Privacy	Nothing to report		
10	Other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Budapest FIE Coaching Course – January to April 2022 – tricky for NZ to participate and acceptance is not notified until late December, making it even more difficult. Post on Facebook with expressions of interest to go to the Coaches’ Commission in first instance - Asian B examinations – have had notification that these will take place in October in Tashkent. No one suitable currently and pretty much impossible for NZers to attend. - World Fencing Day 11 September. No big event planned as still in Lockdown. - Image Policy – deferred 	Mark/David	

Meeting concluded 9.15pm.