



Fencing New Zealand

(Fencing New Zealand Incorporated)

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

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| DATE | Sunday 6 March 2022 |
| START/FINISH | 7.00 pm |
| LOCATION | Skype |
| CHAIR | David Elder |
| ATTENDEES | David Elder (Chairman), Nicole Martin, Rachel Rowlands-Clarke, Amanda Hopkins, Kyle Macdonald, Sam Parish, Grant Tweddle, Hamish Bulmer, D Barson, Hanna Choi (Athletes' Commission representative), Peter Butler, Vicci Lamb |
| APOLOGIES | Alice Boyd |

| | ITEM | ACTION | OWNER | DUE |
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| 1 | Quorum | Confirmed. | | |
| 2 | Minutes of previous meeting | Minutes of meeting 13 February confirmed. Matters arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of people allowed in venue limit excludes workers. Have some outstanding questions with MBIE, who have yet to respond - Safeguarding policy – next meeting Oceanics being held in CHCH – Helen Smith to inform OFC and advise if there are any concerns | David/Rachel Carried | |
| 3 | Financials | Financial report received. Accounts for 2021 to be adjusted for funds in Paypal. Signatories on the Fencing NZ bank account – to remove Vanda Symon and add David Elder and Nicole Martin | Amanda/David Carried David/Rachel Carried | |
| 4 | Health & Safety | New Safeguarding Policy out for comments. To be ratified at next meeting. | | |
| 5 | Competitions | - SI Championships to go ahead with appropriate protocols in place, as recommended by medical officer and in line with government advice – recognise symptoms and RAT test and self isolate; Vaccine Pass event; | | |

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| | | <p>wear masks when not fencing; if feel unwell – do not come and exercise personal responsibility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Selectors will take into account if unable to attend - Athletes and Officiating Commission agree to go ahead Motion to proceed with SI Championships David/Steve M Carried Unanimously - Easter Tournament/Carnival – Similar scenario. Motion to proceed with Easter Tournament pending any major change at a government level or numbers of officials and fencers unable to attend are too great to make the event viable - David/Steve Carried Unanimously - Calls for nominations to several upcoming international events have been posted. - Team attending the World Junior Championships in Dubai to be published – including the FIE appointed referee from NZ. - Question concerning Masters Games – is this a Fencing NZ sanctioned event? The NZ Teams' event, University Championships and Masters Games are recognised by Fencing NZ and to be included in the Calendar – but not official Fencing NZ events, which are essentially the national tournaments. Fencing NZ is happy to assist with the Masters Games. - | | |
| 6 | Commonwealth Fencing Planning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vicci Lamb, Team Manager, welcomed to the meeting - Need to find a sponsorship/fundraising manager – an advertisement to be posted - Appointment Committee to appoint coaches | | |
| 7 | Commission Reports | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Terms for appointment for sub-committees postponed - Level 1 Online Foil Course – OFC confirmed it would subsidise 7 places (50% subsidy of AUD335 each), could extend by 3 people. Motion for Fencing NZ to subsidise the 3 additional places (50% of course fees AUD335) Amanda/Steve Carried - Discussed the payment of the remaining fee. Regions to decide if they wish to subsidise participation further. Otherwise for participants to pay. - Received official confirmation of the successful application for the Olympic Solidarity Funding for a Technical Course for Coaches – Foil. Coaching Commission to set dates and organise the expert coach. Item to be posted on website/Facebook - | | |
| 8 | IT Changes | <p>Have moved emails onto Microsoft Exchange – each Board Member has access and each Commission head will have shortly. Thanks to Steve and Eric Drouman for their work on achieving this outcome.</p> | | |
| 9 | Regional Reports | <p>South – preparing for South Open Mid South – SI Championships up next and preparing for this Central – first regional tournament coming up and AGM North – next up Ongley tournament – 3rd tournament of the year. End March Junior Champs</p> | | |

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| 10 | Privacy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Privacy Officer – still searching – one suggestion from Central – David to follow up. | | |
| 11 | Other business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letter in support of Ukraine – support stance of the OFC and FIE. Suggested including guidance on where fencing community could contribute if they wish - AGM next Sunday – Amanda to send out Google Meet and documents - Question raised about a Coaches Code of Conduct in the area of relationships – suggested a policy based on Sport NZ policy – Safeguarding Committee to look into this <p>Moved into Board only time</p> | | |