



Fencing New Zealand

(Fencing New Zealand Incorporated)

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

DATE	Sunday 11 December 2022
START/FINISH	7.00 pm / 9.21 pm
LOCATION	Teams
CHAIR	David Elder
ATTENDEES	David Elder (Chairman), Peter Butler, Steve Martin, , Nicole Martin, Amanda Hopkins, Heather Claydon (Officiating Commission), Kyle Macdonald (Selectors Commission) Martin Brill (Coaches Commission) Hanna Choi (Athletes' Commission representative), Grant Tweddle, Stephen Peterson, Sam Parish, Alice Corin, Rachel Rowlands,
APOLOGIES	

	ITEM	ACTION	OWNER	DUE
1	Quorum	Confirmed.	David	
2	Minutes of previous meeting	<p>Minutes of meeting 6 November – Confirmed</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Amanda/David Carried</p> <p>Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2023 Affiliation fees confirmed - Concussion – email discussion – how to deal with fencers presenting with injury on the day – Heather and Alice to look at the entry form and liaise with Steve F. - Claims for referee course – up to regions to manage distribution from Fencing for expenses for referee course - Registration of coaches – next meeting – Steve and Stephen - Appeals process – big piece of work that requires more time – need to consider priorities – is on the list - Olympic Solidarity course – starting Monday - Drug Free Sport representative – none identified and date closed 	All	
3	Financials	<p>Report received – new format from Xero system. Discussed the payments and receipts where FeNZ acting as an agent and paying on behalf of athletes – not income for FeNZ.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Stephen/Amanda Carried</p>		
4	Health & Safety	Report received.		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alice reviewed the injuries during Oceania event – one concussion (previous injury), and minor injuries dealt with on the day. Discussed how to deal with athletes arriving with a prior injury – as was the case for the concussion. Heather and Alice to discuss with Steve F to come up with a proposal on how to deal with this– including maybe revising the sign in process. - Safeguarding forms circulated - Discussed safeguarding around the various events – including camps - Matrix has been drafted - Feedback to Alice. Would like to publish before next season 	Heather/Alice	
5	Competitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - World University Games – Selection criteria published. But questioned with regards to Teams – Selectors to revise the criteria to include teams before Xmas. - Olympic Qualification Criteria – WIP – Selectors to review – Needs to be in place and approved prior to start of Selection period in April. Kyle to discuss with David - Australian Juniors – around 25 fencers – Manager needed. David to form a Panel to select the Manager for the Juniors - World Juniors / Cadets Bulgaria – OFC have accepted R Stewart and have put his name forward to the FIE. Waiting for confirmation of acceptance - Asian Junior Champs – dates confirmed as beginning of March in India. No city named confirmed as yet David to raise with OFC - Asian Senior Champs – no date or place confirmed – will have to revise the closing date for nominations if still no information in January David to raise with OFC - World Champs – nominations close 30th January - Oceania Cadets – will most likely take place in Tahiti in September To be confirmed at OFC meeting 17/12 - Disputes Panel – decision not to select based on no NZ Citizenship upheld. This is an Oceania rule. Nomination form should be updated to reflect this. David to take this issue informally to OFC to ask if there is any room for including residents but not citizens in the teams in the future. <p style="text-align: right;">Amanda/SteveM Carried</p>	Selectors David David	
6	Ranking points' changes	<p>Selectors have proposed to rebalance the tournament ranking competitions on a 2-year trial basis –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 Domestic events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NZ Open, President's Cup, NI, SI Champs - Plus 4 Regional Champs - Plus up to 2 others per region – recommended by the regions <p>All other age-group ranking points competitions to remain the same. NB – agreed that specific weapons in each tournament could be nominated but max 2 Regional Ranking events per weapon.</p> <p>Rational – to encourage greater participation across the regions and allows regions to look at different formats (other than the ranking tournament format) for other competitions to encourage participation.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Steve M/Rachel Carried</p> <p>To be communicated via the Regions and on the website once exact Ranking Tournaments have been agreed. Regions to advise Steve M of selected tournaments.</p>	Regions / Amanda	

7	Commission Reports	<p>Athletes' Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report received. NZ Cups – would like the cups to be awarded in 2021 and 2022 – no NZ Championships in either 2020 or 2021 (which are the years for inclusion in the calculation for the NZ Cup in 2021 and 2022). Agreed the cups should be awarded. <p style="text-align: right;">David/Sam Carried</p> <p>Action – Steve M to calculate the winners and to check there were no travel restrictions in place during the qualifying tournaments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have some Constitutional amendments for the AGM <p>Coaching Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coaches Technical Course – December – starts Monday. Venue looks great. - Have circulated a draft “Enticement” policy – introducing treaty obligations and Fencing NZ values. - Noted that clubs are not required to be aligned with the FeNZ Policies – this however may not be the case as affiliated/recognised clubs are required to abide by Fencing NZ rules under the Constitution. To be investigated further by Stephen and a review on how clubs are affiliated <p>Registration of coaches – Steve M to work with Stephen as above</p>	Grant	
8	Marketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft paper by Janis Hill on fencing and development has been circulated for review 		
9	Development Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Would like it to be a “Steering” Group rather than Committee - Job description and TORs have been drafted - Director to be appointed – Amanda to post a Call for Applications to close 22 January. <p>Agree with this process</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Amanda/Steve M Carried</p>	Amanda	
9	Regional reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Taken as read - Mid South have agreed to fund Sheldon’s Women only Epee Camp (it may include other weapons) and have allocated \$2,000 to support the camp – which is half of the Fencing NZ grant for camps for the South Island. South agreed to this. There was no formal clarification around the use of the grant for camps and it was considered a matter for the Regions. - Discussed the camps coming up, and the need for “national” coordination. The new Development Director to take this on. 		
10	Privacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WIP 		
11	Other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Olympic Solidarity Applications – 2 applications submitted – one for Athlete Development (US24K) and one for support for training camp (US12.5K). - FIE Congress - David attended and provided a report. A lot of discussion about the inclusion of Russian and Belarussian athletes. Usminov provided 25% of the funding for the FIE so there have had to be some significant cuts in the budget. The remainder of the funding comes mainly 	Amanda	

		<p>from the IOC. Those athletes are banned until April 2023 when there will be another vote (March 2nd).</p> <p>2024 Junior/Cadet Champs to be in Saudi Arabia (only applicant).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stephen Peterson circulated his report on the State of Fencing – comments to Stephen. - Stephen P to circulate “Doodle” poll to determine: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Weekend in February for a meeting in person – 2. Date for next FeNZ meeting - AGM DATE – set for Sunday 19th March 2023 – Amanda to check the elected members’ rotation 		
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NEXT MEETING – See above