

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

DATE	08 June 2025
START/FINISH	7 – 9.52 pm
LOCATION	Teams
CHAIR	David Elder
ATTENDEES	David Elder (President FeNZ), Jules Congalton (Treasurer), Will Bishop (Fencing Central), Hamish Clarke (representing President Fencing Mid-South), Amanda Hopkins (Secretary), Kyle MacDonald (Selectors Commission), Peter Butler (President Fencing North), Sheldon Ogilvie (representing Athletes Commission), Kate Brill (Independent Board Member), Alex Dong (President Fencing South), Grant Tweedle (Independent Board Member), Rachel Wyatt (National Fencing Administrator)
APOLOGIES	Heather Claydon (Officiating Commission), Simone May (National Development Director),

	ITEM	INFORMATION AND RESOLUTIONS	OWNER	ACTION
1	Quorum	Quorum of 5 required – 8 Voting members present - approved. David handed the Chair to Amanda to run Advised that meeting was being recorded for accuracy of Minutes	David	
2	Conflicts of interest	Not discussed		
3	Minutes of previous meeting	Minutes of meeting 6 April 2025 – taken as read. Moved Jules – Seconded David. Accepted and carried unanimously. Matters arising: Calendar structure & ranking issues Alex and Stephen in contact with Sporty. Sporty won't allow us access to the database. Looking at cloning the database, and keeping it synced so we can develop it. Stephen Peteresen will fund. Minutes of meeting 28 April 2025 – taken as read. Moved Jules – Seconded Peter. Accepted and carried unanimously.	Secretary	
4	Financials	Treasurer reports, taken as read 4.1 Treasurers Report - 9 Feb 2025 4.2 Financial position and report (Balance Sheet & Project and Loss) Forecasting large shortfall. 4.3 Refund and Compensation Policy. Jules moved the Board approve the policy for publication. Moved Jules – Seconded David. Accepted and carried unanimously. Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Administrator role, 238 applications, looking to appoint someone to the role this week, starting 1 July, for months handover. • Access to membership data from Sporty. Circulated proposed approach via email. All access is managed in line with our 	Jules	

		<p>privacy policy and the Privacy Act to protect members information. Club officials can request a list of their affiliated members, regional treasurer's and tournament organisers can request more detailed data as required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation statistics - broader participation statistics, not just affiliated members. Jules will talk to different clubs to see the best way to do that. If there's any objections, let me know. Jules to talk to David re history. • Currently, individuals pay for their own team entry fees. Jules moved that fencers pay teams fees up front and any associated fees e.g. referees. Refunds will be given if not selected, but not if they withdraw. Moved Jules – Seconded David. Accepted and carried unanimously. <p>Jules moved that the Treasurers report be accepted. Moved Jules – Seconded Will. Accepted and carried unanimously.</p>		Jules
5.	Event and Operational Items	<p>5.1 Calendar Structure and Ranking Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the calendar project, we tried a shared calendar so the organiser for each individual event can update the calendar details, and then individual athletes can subscribe to one calendar and get updates across the country. • The technical project is currently overwhelming for some committee members, so it has been put on hold until 2026. • David to speak to Heather about moving the 2026 calendar forward • Point raised that maybe easier to get traction with projects like this if an in-person meeting could be organised e.g. after a tournament, allowing for all in the project to iron out details. <p>Amanda handed the Chair back to David</p> <p>5.2 Selection Policy Review (Option A), taken as read 5.2a Draft Selection Policy – Option B</p> <p>Thanks to Will and everybody involved in the preparation of the policy document, for the immense amount of work that's gone into it.</p> <p>We have two options on the table, with Option A from Will and other members of the committee, and Option B from Kyle. Both have their advantages and disadvantages.</p> <p>Grant to take us through a working document he's created that highlights questions raised within each option. As a Board, we can decide the outcome of each of those points.</p> <p>Summary Option A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We want to keep it simple, and we want to improve international experience. • We need more people being able to go to competitions so that they can get the experience. And we hope that that will help incentivize people to want to go to more than just one or two comps a year. 	Working Group Alex David Sheldon	David

		<p>Will moved that the Board approve Option A. Moved Will – Seconded Jules. Accepted and carried unanimously.</p> <p>Option A is the new Selection Policy coming into effect on the 1st of January 2026 with the amendments we just voted on.</p> <p>Summary Option B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once the data is input into the ranking system, then it can be viewed for selection. It could be restricted to selectors, or it could be open for everybody. • It's inappropriate for people to go straight from New Zealand to World competition. A performance-based policy works in tandem with the development plan, as people gain more experience, they go from one competition up to the next. • If you set a low bar then performance will, by and large, be lower. If you set a higher bar, people, by and large are going to work harder to try and get over that higher bar and therefore produce better fencers. <p>Option B:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Selection caps enable the hard cap to apply if one fencer rather than the currently proposed 2 fences from the soft cap selection range would be selected. - yes <p>The difference between the philosophies; option A is participation-based; option B is performance-based. Is it you must demonstrate, or you can participate?</p> <p>Option B is building some of the nuances of a performance pathway into the participation policy.</p> <p>Final policy: Option A plus above voted amendments (no's 1-9), as well as a result at an AFF or equivalent competition within the past 24 months. <i>(Discussion as to whether this should be a top 32, or result in the top 50% Will to figure out the wording of options an equivalent performance, and distribute to the Board by e-mail, by next Sunday.)</i></p> <p>AP Rachel – Add a review to the Agenda for the 2027 June meeting.</p> <p>5.3 Referee Per Diems Per Diems have been set at \$50.00 pd for many years At U15/17 Champs Central increased this to \$80.00 for the event. Recommendation that Referee Per Diems are increased to \$100.00 pd as standard – postponed to next meeting</p> <p>POSTPONED:</p> <p>5.4. Tournament Budgets Reminder – Tournament Budgets must be submitted to FeNZ in advance for approval David to send 2022 minutes as reminder of the policy. If process is followed FeNZ will underwrite an over-run up to 20%</p>	<p>Will</p> <p>Kyle</p> <p>Will</p> <p>President</p> <p>David</p> <p>President</p> <p>Secretary</p> <p>Grant</p>	<p>Will</p> <p>David</p>
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5.	Regional Reports	<p>6. Regional Reports, taken as read</p> <p>6.1 North 6.2 Central 6.3 Mid-South 6.4 South</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matters Arising 	<p>Peter Will Hamish Alex</p>	
7.	Governance Issues	<p>7. Governance Issues</p> <p>7.1 Constitutional review – with lawyers; will get by email</p> <p>7.2 Commission Review – to be shared with whole community</p> <p>7.3 Welfare Committee Rachel to call a specific meeting with the voting Board members and HHO Complaints</p>	<p>Amanda/Grant</p> <p>Simone/Peter</p>	
		Meeting closed 9.52pm		