



# Fencing New Zealand

(Fencing New Zealand Incorporated)

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

<b>DATE</b>	Sunday 6 October 2019
<b>START/FINISH</b>	7.00 pm until 8.50 pm
<b>LOCATION</b>	Skype
<b>CHAIR</b>	Mark Rance
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Mark Rance (Chairman), Amanda Hopkins (Sec.General), David Elder, Richard Johnstone, Vicci Lamb, Kyle Macdonald, Dave Barson, Steve Clarke (left at 8.25pm), Bryan Clark
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Steve Martin, Alice Boyd, Vanda Symon

	ITEM	ACTION	OWNER	DU E
1.	<b>Quorum</b>	Confirmed.		
2	<b>Previous Minutes</b>	15 September 2019 <b>MOVED as a true and accurate record</b>	<b>Richard/Vicci</b>	
		Due to time restriction, the meeting focussed on the issues below.		
3	<b>Proposed Fees for 2020</b>	<p>Affiliation fees and administration fees have not been reviewed for several years. It was agreed that there needs to be an increase in affiliation fees and an introduction of administration fees to cover some of the work done by Fencing NZ on behalf of fencers and to contribute to the costs of the infrastructure of the sport in NZ (e.g. insurance, international fees – OFC, Commonwealth, FIE etc, NZOC, shipping, training, meetings, equipment, team fees, administration etc.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Affiliation Fees for 2020:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreed to increase the fees to \$55 for competitive fencers in 2020 after many years at \$50 (regions may apply an additional regional levy)</li> <li>• Agreed to leave Associate membership at \$20 for 2020</li> <li>• Agreed to leave the Club and School Social Membership at \$0 for 2020 with a review for the 2021 season in October 2020.</li> <li>• Agreed to leave Novice Membership at \$0 (Novice is a maximum of 90-day memberships for fencers who are attending a course or trying out fencing)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Collection of Data for Club and School Social Memberships and Novice Memberships:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreed that only competitive fencers and associate members be required to use the FeNZ online membership system to register.</li> </ul>		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreed to introduce a Spreadsheet for clubs to collect data on fencers to send to Fencing NZ Secretary General on a Quarterly basis. David to provide the sheet already prepared for this purpose.</li> <li>• Agreed that clubs be sent a reminder through the regions that they are required to collect the data, which is important for FeNZ to collate in order to understand the number of people fencing in NZ, trying out fencing and the growth of the sport.</li> <li>• <b>Upgrades from Club Social Membership to Competing Fencer Membership:</b> To be completed by fencers through the Membership System on fencing.org.nz.</li> <li>• Agreed to introduce new administration and team entry fee charge of \$50 each for overseas tours, plus an administration fee for entering FIE/FCA/EFC events. Agreed that Veteran events will now be “nomination” events.</li> <li>• Agreed the Licence Fees payable in 2020, it was noted this was just a cost recovery transaction – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FIE \$70</li> <li>• AFC \$25</li> <li>• EFC \$50</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Agreed Minimum Entry Fee of \$60 be set for National Events in 2020 Fee Proposal Moved to be accepted by Mark/Richard Carried</li> </ul>	David  Regions	
4	<b>Calendar 2020</b>	<p>Discussed the latest draft of the Calendar.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U15/Cadets to be held in Central after Anzac Day – a three-day event</li> <li>• Presidents Cup may move a week forwards or backwards or may switch with North or South Islands due to venue availability</li> <li>• The Asian competition calendar has not been released at this stage</li> <li>• Forward Calendar to be updated</li> </ul>	David  Mark	
5	<b>Commissions</b>	<p><b>Athletes’ Commission</b> Report received. Commission has met and has a new dedicated page on the FeNZ website with Mission Statement and contacts for Members in each region.</p> <p><b>Officiating Commission</b> Report received.</p> <p>The members of the Commission were ratified by email by majority in September. Members are: Bryan Clark, Nicola Shackleton, Leasa Ogilvie and Hamish Clarke. Objections were raised by some board members over the absence of a member from North, despite there being a suitably qualified candidate. Letter received from Fencing North outlining their objections.</p> <p>Discussed the terms of reference of the OC. Should the OC be providing the framework, guidelines and standards for competitions, refereeing and officiating, and the regions deliver / train people to meet those standards? Or should the OC be responsible for testing / providing accreditation. Arguments for OC retaining control over this and for the regions delivering through their own experts. Financial constraints a major issue given the costs of running tournaments and lack of regionally qualified officials.</p> <p>Further discussion needed and terms of reference agreed.</p> <p>Other Officiating Commission business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bryan reported that from January 2020, only clear body wires will be acceptable at international events. The Commission decided to implement this new rule only for NZ competitions with an international element – eg Oceania Championships. A notice will be posted regarding this new equipment requirement.</li> <li>- The Officiating Commission has requested the Regions provide a list of all their tournament officials.</li> </ul> <p><b>Coaching Commission</b> – verbal update – had met and discussed ways forward.</p> <p><b>Selectors’ Commission</b> – verbal update – had met, had been involved in the Squad</p>		

		Selections for the NDP, reviewing Selection Criteria for ongoing events.		
6	<b>National Development Programme</b>	Provisional list of Squad members circulated. No further information available as Steve left the meeting.		
7	<b>Competitions</b>	<b>6.1 North Island Champs</b> – Comprehensive report provided by David – not discussed due to time <b>6.2 National Secondary Schools</b> – report to come <b>6.3 National Championships Wellington</b> – on track <b>6.4 Calendar 2020</b> – as above		
8	<b>Regional reports</b>	Reports received from South and North.		
9	<b>Other Business</b>	SGM - Reminder that the SGM will be held next Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> October. Regions to provide a contact for the Skype meeting. Medals – new medals have been purchased – cost of \$5.40 each. Mark has the medals and is keeping a register. Regions to pay for medals.		

Meeting concluded 8.50pm. Next Meeting: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.