



Fencing New Zealand

(Fencing New Zealand Incorporated)

Fencing New Zealand Annual General Meeting

Sunday 15th March 2020, 7pm, by SKYPE

Present: Mark Rance (President), Amanda Hopkins (Secretary General), David Elder, Vanda Symon, Alice Boyd, Ross Younger, Leasa Ogilvie, Sheldon Ogilvie, Claire Cooper, Kyle Macdonald, Sunnie Sun, Ryan Yan, Julianne Myers, Hamish Bulmer

1 Apologies

Alan Garmonsway, Richard Johnstone, Kate Brill, Martin Brill

Moved Mark/Leasa, Carried

2 Adoption of the Minutes of 2019 AGM

Minutes were moved, as a true and accurate record

David/Ross, Carried

3 Matters Arising from Minutes – None

4 Acknowledgements

Acknowledged the passing of Linda Boyd, mother of Alice Boyd and great fencing supporter, including Secretary and Treasurer of Fencing North.

Acknowledged the passing of Gaylene Ongley – Gaylene's contribution to fencing was extraordinary and she was considered by many as the matriarch of fencing in Auckland.

Both Linda and Gaylene will be sadly missed.

5 Presentation of Annual Report – President's Report received.

- Another busy year for FeNZ with some highs and lows
- Some great performances by our fencers internationally – including podium finishes in Australia for several of our athletes (Daniel Garelja (Foil), William Bishop (Epee), Anna Chalton (Epee) in the Open competitions in Australia and Mary Black in veteran Epee) and some stand out performances from our juniors – particularly from Lena Jacob, who achieved a gold medal in the AFF2 Open Women's Foil, Gold in Australian U23 and Gold in Australian Juniors 2019 and recently 2020. Chantelle May achieved a Bronze in U23 Women's Foil and Charlie Bioletti and Matthew Valkenburg a Silver and Bronze respectively in Australian Junior Men's Epee. Lena

also achieved an 8th place in a very large field in the European Cadet Circuit in Poland.

- Thank you to the coaches of the above-mentioned athletes, and to all the coaches at all levels across New Zealand.
- Standard of domestic events and entry numbers in Epee and Sabre improved over the year. Standard of the events was a particular focus area for the Board and Officiating Commission. This will be a challenge in future years and we will need to improve revenue streams to cover increasing costs.
- Development of the Commissions was a key activity of the Board and will continue in 2020.
- Funding for FeNZ and its programmes will be a key focus in 2020.
- Acknowledge the contribution of Vicci Lamb during her time on the FeNZ Board – as Secretary General for many years and more recently as President of Fencing Central.

Report moved Amanda/David, Carried

6 Presentation of Financial Statements

This is the second year for the accounts to be presented in this format

The report provides qualitative and quantitative information about the performance of FeNZ during 2019. Of note:

- FeNZ facilitated the participation of teams in 8 international tournaments and 3 training and coaching opportunities for officials and coaches
- Competitive membership numbers and revenue remained stable at just under 450 members and \$21,000 in 2019
- Nomination fees were lower as 2018 was a Commonwealth competition year for juniors and seniors
- Expenses were higher in 2019, with investment in strategic planning sessions, grants to attend international training, and a coaching workshop in Christchurch
- A new website was developed – which will be amortised over 6 years
- Administration expenses were higher due to the appointment of Chatfield & Co to review our accounting procedures, setting up Xero, and providing the Financial Performance Report.
- The regions contributed to the costs of insurance, FIE Equipment import duties and GST, they paid their share of the Paypal membership fees.
- The FIE / OFC continue to contribute grants to athletes attending Zonal and World Championships and for officials to attend training overseas.
- It was recognised that FeNZ requires more funding if the sport is to grow in NZ. This will be a focus of the Board in 2020.

Report received and approved. Moved Amanda/David. Carried

Mark thanked Amanda continuing her role as Treasurer as well as Secretary General over the period.

- 7 **Election of Officers** – no Board vacancies in 2020.
- 8 **Appointment of Treasurer** – proposed to continue to use Chatfields to assist with preparation of the financial accounts.

Moved Mark/ Leasa, Carried

9 **General Business** –

Proposal for an official mask design for NZ – Hamish Bulmer

Hamish presented the design. Questions were raised about whether everyone will be required to have the design on their mask; how much it would cost; whether members competing in a team would all either have to have the design or no design on their mask; whether it is complicated to replicate and whether there could be a template.

The mask had general approval and it was proposed that the Board takes this further with the FIE for approval, once the process has been clarified and questions answered about team participation.

Meeting closed at 7.40pm