



# Fencing New Zealand

(Fencing New Zealand Incorporated)

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

<b>DATE</b>	Sunday 3 February 2019
<b>START/FINISH</b>	7.00 pm until 9.00 pm
<b>LOCATION</b>	Skype
<b>CHAIR</b>	Mark Rance
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Mark Rance (Chairman), Amanda Hopkins (Sec.General), Richard Johnstone, Vicci Lamb, Kyle Macdonald, Vanda Symon, Steve Martin, David Elder, Dave Barson, Nicola Shackleton, Alice Boyd, Steve Clarke for National Development Programme session only.
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	No apologies

	ITEM	ACTION	OWNER	DUE
1.	<b>Quorum</b>	Confirmed.		
2	<b>Previous Minutes</b>	<p>2 December 2018</p> <p><b>MOVED as a true and accurate record</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Richard/Vanda</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p> <p><b>Actions reviewed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publication of Minutes – Minutes to be split where necessary – general and “in committee” for confidential items. Minutes without in committee sections to be published on website.</li> <li>• Website – Membership system updated for 2019 and preparation done for new membership categories, online training to be provided for one person from each region.</li> <li>• Australian Nationals Cadet/U15 participation – report received 3.02.19 and discussion deferred to next meeting. Discussed with AFF representative the small venue and difficulties faced by fencers and managing teams – the competition will continue to be run out of this venue so no change here and this will have to be taken into account by the tour managers.</li> <li>• National tournament participation WIP</li> <li>• Terms of reference for Commissions – WIP</li> <li>• H&amp;S – Head knock protocol - WIP</li> </ul>	<p>Mark/Amanda</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>Commissions</p> <p>Richard/Neil</p>	
3	<b>Financial Report</b>	<p>Financial Report received.</p> <p>Discussed payments and receipts outstanding. Chasing up OFC for FIE Congress reimbursement.</p> <p>Discussed the Olympic Solidarity Grant, awarded to conduct two coaching courses in Auckland and Christchurch. Given the uncertainty about the receipt of the funds, the courses were run under budget (largely due to lower venue hire than expected).</p> <p>Waiting for the NZOC to come back with instructions.</p> <p>AGM preparation ongoing.</p>	<p>Amanda</p> <p>Amanda</p>	
4	<b>Health &amp; Safety</b>	<p><b>Incident Reports -</b></p> <p>Nothing to report from Amanda and Richard.</p>		

5	<b>Membership categories</b>	<p>FeNZ is introducing new categories within Individual Memberships in order to capture the fencers that fence at clubs and schools, but who do not compete in the regional and national competitions (fencers only tend to affiliate to FeNZ if they intend to compete in tournaments).</p> <p>A short-term free membership category is being introduced as a lead in to the social and competitive membership categories. The goal is to record everyone who fences. The categories for 2019 with fees payable to FeNZ (regional fees may be applied in addition to the FeNZ fee) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New fencers 3 months free</li> <li>- Junior - school/club* \$10.00</li> <li>- Senior – club* \$10.00</li> <li>- Junior – competitive \$50.00</li> <li>- Senior – competitive \$50.00</li> <li>- Associate \$20.00</li> <li>- Life member FeNZ nil</li> </ul> <p>*The social membership includes one free Novice competition</p> <p>Benefits of FeNZ membership include full liability insurance under the FeNZ insurance policy, use of FIE equipment donations by clubs, coach training courses. Capturing fencing participation also increases the chances of accessing other funding sources. Discussed the process of capturing the new fencer memberships and appointing a membership officer. Decided to develop further outside meeting and implemented as soon as possible.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Moved Mark/Steve Carried</p>	Mark/David	
6	<b>Competitions</b>	<p><b>5.1 Calendar 2019</b> – Regions to enter their tournaments into the FeNZ website Calendar. Fencing North is moving to a new venue as some of the competitions have outgrown the existing venue. Changes have had to be made to some dates due to availability. Dates yet to be finalised.</p> <p><b>5.2 Australian U20 and World Cadet / Juniors</b> – Anya Kamynina and Kyle Macdonald (8 foil and 5 epee participants) have been selected for the Australian U20s and Anya for the World Championships later this year (4 foilists).</p> <p><b>5.3 Asian and World Championships</b> – nominations to be opened</p> <p><b>5.4 Tokyo 2020 Olympics</b> – Amanda met with the NZOC Olympic Team Manager who is meeting with all Olympic sports' bodies to ensure early preparation for the 2020 Olympics. He encourages sports to list Long List candidates as early as possible. The qualification period starts in April. Fencers need to be aware of the Selection Criteria under which they have to beat a top 32 fencer in a DE round in an FIE event, as well as qualifying in the Zone Qualification tournament. Fencers must therefore attend FIE World Cups, Grand Prix, Zone Championships or World Championships.</p> <p>Kyle to provide a paragraph on expectations for fencers wishing to be included in the Long List.</p>	Regions  Amanda  Kyle	
6	<b>National Development Programme</b>	<p>Steve Clarke – the new Chair of the National Development Programme joined the meeting to give an update on progress. Steve had spoken to several members of the fencing community, including athletes overseas. Considered resourcing, High Performance and Participation, issues to confront and quick wins for the pathway. Will provide a written report before the Strategy Meeting to be held 23 February in Auckland.</p> <p>Timeline – to begin implementation 2 or 3 months</p> <p>Current situation – most High Performance is currently through clubs. FeNZ will seek to give direction to programmes delivered by coaches.</p> <p>Retention – work being done on numbers and reasons why fencers quit.</p>	Steve C	
7	<b>Commissions</b>	<p><b>Officiating Commission</b> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mask requirements – to continue with the protocol from 2018, except for the</li> </ul>		

		<p>Oceania Cadet Championships in Wellington – which will require masks with the new attachments (to be made clear in marketing and entry material).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New FIE rule on non-combativity will be implemented at the National U20 competition. The rule is complex with a new series of P cards. Nicola to send out information and will be posted on website. Fencers should be aware that they will be penalised under the new rule.</li> <li>- Referee Development Programme – which includes a pathway with regions – to be sent to the regions and published on the website.</li> </ul> <p><b>Coaches Commission</b> – Dave reported that the Bill Ronald course in Christchurch was well received.</p> <p><b>Selectors Commission</b> – Kyle Macdonald to continue as Head of the Selectors.</p> <p>Vicci requested it be noted that she objected to the process of the appointment of head selector. The wider fencing community should have been consulted and she questioned that the process was correct given that in her view the Constitution required the Head Selector to be a Board Member. Mark to follow up with Vicci and Richard.</p> <p><b>Athletes Commission</b> – a new commission to be formed. Moved Mark/Vanda, carried. Alice Boyd to lead the Commission.</p> <p>Expressions of interest to form part of the 4 Commissions to be posted on website.</p>	<p>Central</p> <p>Nicola</p> <p>Nicola</p> <p>Amanda</p> <p>Mark/Richard/Vicci</p>	
8	<b>Regional reports</b>	North, Mid-South reports received. No activity report from South.		
9	<b>Club Affiliation</b>	<b>Whangarei Swords Club</b> – application to affiliate ratified (outside meeting).		
10	<b>Other Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mixed Events</b> – the 2018 mixed events’ trial (women/girls fencing in Mens’ events) is to be reviewed by the 4 commissions plus Steve (National Development Programme) and Neil (Safety). Feedback to be sought from fencers.</li> <li>• <b>AGM</b> preparation ongoing</li> <li>• <b>Strategy Session</b> – 23 February, Auckland – Fiona Taylor from Business365 has been engaged to facilitate. Fiona was recommended by Sport NZ. Pre-meeting questionnaire will be required to ensure the best use of the time.</li> <li>• <b>FIE Equipment distribution</b> – to be discussed offline</li> </ul>	<p>Mark/Commissions/Steve/Neil</p> <p>Mark/Vicci Amanda</p>	

Meeting concluded 9.00 pm. Next Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> March