



Fencing New Zealand

(Fencing New Zealand Incorporated)

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

DATE	Sunday 7 November 2021
START/FINISH	7.00 pm
LOCATION	Skype
CHAIR	David Elder
ATTENDEES	David Elder (Chairman), Nicole Martin, Steve Martin, Rachel Rowlands-Clarke, Amanda Hopkins, Kyle Macdonald, Vanda Symon, Grant Tweddle, Alice Boyd, Hamish Bulmer, Sunnie Sun, Martin Brill (Commonwealth section)
APOLOGIES	

	ITEM	ACTION	OWNER	DUE
1	Quorum	Confirmed.		
2	Minutes of previous meeting	<p>Minutes of meeting 10 October 2021 confirmed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Amanda/Vanda Carried</p> <p>Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Athletes Commission – comprises Anna Chalton, Grant Tweddle, Hanna Choi, Sheldon Ogilvie – Chair to be appointed - U20s cancelled – to be posted on website - Olympic Solidarity Fund – application submitted for Technical Coaches Course for 2022 - FIE – nominations to committees etc for Congress – David, Mark to discuss to Helen - FCA – Sally (Secretary General) resigned in October with immediate effect - 		
3	Financials	<p>Financial report received.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Amanda/David</p> <p>Signatories for accounts still to be resolved – after lockdown</p>		
4	Health & Safety	<p>Nothing to report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safeguarding Committee – Alice, Rachel, David to progress 		
5	Competitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussed schedules for tournaments in 2022 – NI, SI, President’s Cup, Nationals all the same as in 2021 - Easter Event/Waitangi Event and SS & U20s are different 		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Secondary School Teams – up to 16 teams per event – 4 from each region with unused places to be offered to other regions - Easter Event & Waitangi Event are ranking tournaments - Format of Easter Tournament not agreed – Selectors to review - Format of SS/U20s not agreed – Selectors to review and resolved by end November - All other formats approved <p style="text-align: right;">Moved David/Steve Carried</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussed participation at World Juniors – which could conflict with compulsory tournament “Easter tournament” for Commonwealth selection. Selectors to discuss. - Asian Seniors begin 10th June in Seoul - Asian Games – is the NZOC involved in this? Oceania fencing federations have been invited to participate – Amanda to check with Tara 	Kyle Kyle	
6	Commonwealth Fencing Planning	<p>Papers received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussed the payment of fees to coaches and managers – namely the rate of the per diem/expense payments and the number of days payment is expected. In the past, payment of the per diem has been for the days of the competition and additional expenses for shoulder or travel days, depending on the competition. Coaching Commission would like the higher rate to be paid. Athletes’ Commission to provide feedback. Decision deferred to the next meeting. Grant to liaise - Discussed the total cost of the tournament for participants – which will be in the order of \$5,000 to \$8,000 – depending on flights, accommodation, entry fees (number of events entered), Manager/Coach levy, plus daily expenses. - COVID19 rules around entry to the venue – the organisers will have strict rules in place and daily testing. If you fail a test, you will be excluded and will not be able to compete. - Fencers should be aware of the costs of participating in the tournament AND the implications of catching Covid19, which may end any participation. 	Grant	
7	COVID19 Vaccination Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussed draft notice from Covid Committee. This is for National events – the first of which will be in January. Notice approved. <p style="text-align: right;">Moved Amanda/Steve Carried</p>		
8	Oceania Coaching Commission	<p>Oceania Coaching Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Congratulations to Martin Brill who has been appointed to this Commission 		
9	Officiating Commission	<p>FIE Material Rules – a few changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maraging Sabre Blades – propose that Fencing NZ adopt with a 2-year notice period – so by January 2024 all sabre blades in national competition are to be maraging blades. Strongly encourage all purchases from now be maraging blades. - Clear body wires and transparent plugs – not proposing for these to be mandatory at NZ competition as it is not a safety issue, but fencers should consider this for future purchases and they are required at any FIE competition (including OFC events). - Hamish to draft a Notice 		

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10	Commission Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NZOC Athlete Leadership Network – would like a representative from the fencing community. Amanda to follow up with Athletes’ Commission - Terms of appointment – deferred to December 		
11	Regional Reports	Nothing to report		
12	Privacy	- Privacy Officer – still searching		
13	Other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Image Policy – approved <p style="text-align: right;">Moved Vanda/ Steve Carried</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Membership Tiers – ongoing – need to approve by end November – to be done via email <p>Board only time.</p>		