



Fencing New Zealand

(Fencing New Zealand Incorporated)

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

DATE	Sunday 13 February 2022
START/FINISH	7.00 pm
LOCATION	Skype
CHAIR	David Elder
ATTENDEES	David Elder (Chairman), Nicole Martin, Rachel Rowlands-Clarke, Amanda Hopkins, Kyle Macdonald, Sam Parish, Grant Tweddle, Hamish Bulmer, Sunnie Sun, D Barson, Hanna Choi (Athletes' Commission representative), Peter Butler (Fencing North)
APOLOGIES	Kyle Macdonald, Alice Boyd, Steve Martin

	ITEM	ACTION	OWNER	DUE
1	Quorum	Confirmed. Welcome to Sam Parish – new President of Fencing South. Thank you to Vanda Symon for years of service.		
2	Minutes of previous meeting	Minutes of meeting 5 December 2021 confirmed. Matters arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Question raised on the number of people allowed in a venue – whether the 100 limit includes workers – workers are not included in the total numbers for venues, unless otherwise stated by venue operator – or to allow 1 metre distancing. David to review against new Govt requirements - Signatories for the bank account to be completed - NZ Olympic Committee athlete leadership role – see below 	Rachel/David Carried	
3	Financials	Financial report received. Appointment of Chatfield & Co to complete the Annual Accounts Treasurer – Board agrees to appoint Stephen Peterson to act as Treasurer – as from 1 July 2022. To be ratified at AGM	Amanda/Nicole David/Nicole Carried	
4	Health & Safety	New Safeguarding Policy out for comments. To be ratified at next meeting.		

5	Competitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oceanics to be part of the NZ Championships 2022 to be held in Christchurch – Helen Smith to confirm ChCh is OK at next OFC meeting - Agreed to hold the NZ Secondary School Championships and U20s together with the Sabre SS competition starting Wednesday 31st August in the evening. - Easter Tournament in 2022 – may be in the middle of the worst of the Omicron outbreak. Similar for South Island Championships. Continue to monitor. - Confirm Go/No Go for SI champs at 6th March meeting - Asian Junior and Cadet Championships – Grace Shen will be participating at the Asian Junior Championships in Tashkent. Grace Shen, Charlie Bioletti (attending the FIE Camp), Tom Saran, Ryan Stewart, Chantelle May in Junior World Championships and Cooper Gouge in both Cadet and Juniors at the World Championships. No official managed team to be sent and fencers are participating at their own risk. Emails sent making this clear. Fencing NZ has to facilitate their participation with the FIE and the organisers for hotels (due to Covid19 protocols). There will be a Junior Epee Team with Bioletti, Saran, Steward and Gouge. Anya Kamynina has been appointed as a foil and epee referee at the World Junior Championships. - Considered the other international tournaments. Agreed nominations to be called for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Asian Championships – Seoul 10 June to 15 June o World Senior Championships – Cairo – 15th to 23rd July o Australian Juniors – Melbourne 28th and 29th May o Australian Cadets/U15 – Sydney 2 to 5th July - Aus Cadets/U15s anticipated to be a Managed Team. Manager nominations to be requested at same time as Individuals - Asian Games – have not heard whether Oceania will be allowed fencers to attend these games. 		
6	Commonwealth Fencing Planning	<p>Papers received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Management Selection: Committee has met and recommend the appointment of Vicci Lamb as Manager to the Commonwealth Fencing Championships subject to obtaining an up to date police check through Fencing NZ and she is encouraged to complete DFSNZ models 1 & 2. Moved that Vicci Lamb be appointed as Team Manager Amanda/ Nicole Carried - Commonwealth planning report - the organisers Covid19 plan appears robust. - Draft Risk Assessment Plan out for comments - Circa GBP50 for rooms at university accommodation (half board) – all single rooms with ensuite bathroom and arranged in flats with some cooking facilities. Consider this as a good option for the team. To follow up and make provisional bookings - Insurance - a problem if government advisory is Do Not Travel (red). This is due to be lifted in March 		
7	Commission Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NZOC Athlete Leadership Network – Athletes’ Commission recommended Sheldon Ogilvie to take part in this network. 		

		<p>This is a discussion/information forum set up by the NZOC and they requested a fencing representative. Agreed that Sheldon should be the NZ representative on this forum for a period of 2 years.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Amanda/David Carried</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Selectors' Report – listed the fencers who have been selected for the World Junior and Cadet Championships as above. - Referee training – high level discussions with the OFC. Proposed applying for grants to pay for the referee training. Agreed to apply for \$22,000 for the year. Motion – The Fencing New Zealand Board agrees to submit a funding application to Pelorus Trust for the amount of \$22,000 to assist with the costs of running a training programme for Fencing referees. <p style="text-align: right;">Amanda/ Nicole Carried</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coaching Course – Global Fencing Masters are offering online training courses. The OFC have agreed to subsidise a Level 1 foil course. EOI to be sent to the OFC Referee Commission by 28th February. - International tournaments – discussed a list of potential international tournaments for our fencers – with details on entry requirements and standards. Many tournaments have been cancelled due to the pandemic over the last 2 years. Amanda to draft a list with Hamish. All FeNZ committee members asked to contribute. 		
8	Regional Reports	Nothing to report		
10	Privacy	- Privacy Officer – still searching		
11	Other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IT changes – moving email to Microsoft Exchange and other fencing NZ emails will be available for the Commissions etc. Fencing NZ officers will have access to Microsoft 365 if they wish. <p>Moved into Board only time</p>		