



Fencing New Zealand

(Fencing New Zealand Incorporated)

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

DATE	Sunday 3 April 2022
START/FINISH	7.00 pm
LOCATION	Teams
CHAIR	David Elder
ATTENDEES	David Elder (Chairman), Nicole Martin, Rachel Rowlands-Clarke, Amanda Hopkins, Kyle Macdonald, Sam Parish, Grant Tweddle, Hamish Bulmer, D Barson, Hanna Choi (Athletes' Commission representative), Peter Butler, Vicci Lamb, Alice Boyd
APOLOGIES	Steve Martin

	ITEM	ACTION	OWNER	DUE
1	Quorum	Confirmed.		
2	Minutes of previous meeting and Minutes of AGM 2021	<p>Minutes of meeting 6 March confirmed as amended Item 7 – Commission Reports : "...<u>Coaching</u> Commission to set dates"</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Amanda/Peter Carried</p> <p>Matters arising: SI Champs – went well</p> <p>Minutes of 2021 AGM held March 13th 2022 were accepted as an accurate record. Moved Amanda/David Carried</p>		
3	Financials	<p>Financial report received.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Amanda/David Carried</p> <p>Invoices to be sent to participants of World Juniors for Hotel and Transport costs paid for by Fencing NZ.</p>	Amanda	
4	Health & Safety	No comments received on Safeguarding Policy. No reports received. Will hold another meeting to discuss next steps on Safeguarding Policy.	Alice	
5	Marketing	Dave Gouge introduced himself and offered to help Fencing NZ with their marketing strategy. Assistance in this area is gratefully received.		

6	Competitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Easter Tournament/Carnival – all on for the 15th April. Discussion on the entry fee – seen by some as too high and too much of a barrier to participation. This is \$10 more than the normal National competition but was set after completing a budget and setting a level where FN will break even, with an estimated 150 entries. There is a relatively high risk of a considerable loss. Still uncertain are accommodation costs for Officials. Any reports suggesting that FN increased the price to make a profit is absolutely not the case. Tournament on track but very light on foilists. Hands on deck for the 4 day competition is a real challenge due to the Easter holidays. - Discussed paper sent by David on underwriting national tournaments due to the uncertainties. David to send paper again. - Discussed whether there should be a standard fee. - Numbers of Cadets are pretty small and if they do not pick up, the DT will escalate this. Selectors will recommend decision on course of action. If there is no Cadet competition, entry fees for this event will be reimbursed. - National Secondary Schools and U20s – Peter raised this issue again as running a 4 day competition, which includes work days, needs a rethink as it is very difficult to get officials to take days off work. Hamish to review with Pete Butler and Rachel whether we can split U20s to another weekend and take another look at the Calendar. - Teams Competition – 15 May – this is a “friendly” competition over 3 weapons. May have to split over 2 days. It is a Club based competition with Club teams. - Regional tournaments – question raised whether the balance of Ranking Tournaments is correct between regions, with North holding 7, Central holding 6, Mid-South – 2, and South 4. Regional events attract far fewer points than national competitions and Regional Open. Selectors to have a look at this and report back. 	Kyle Hamish North Kyle	
6	Commonwealth Fencing Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nominations have closed and have received around 50 nominations – fewer than expected and makeup to be confirmed. - UK Organisers have released an Information Pack. - Coach selections can be made once makeup of nominations confirmed - Will probably require an assistant manager - Several items to be completed including paperwork for participants, code of conduct review and uniform - Funding – need someone to take this up otherwise there will be no sponsorship or funding. Suggested asking for sponsorship once selections have been made. 		
7	Commission Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Terms for appointment for sub-committees postponed - Olympic Solidarity Technical FOIL Coaching Course December – dates are 10 to 18 December – 9 day course. Endorsement from the OFC. Level 3 course and Level 2. Expert will be Zoltan Bernat – a Hungarian Coach who does the FIE training in Budapest. Drafting promotional material and information pack in liaison with OFC. Discussion about venue – Coaching Commission to come back with budget and rationale for choosing venue – which has been suggested as the Fencing Institute in Christchurch. Flights for the expert have to be organised as soon as possible as close to Xmas – FIE may be organising the flights – awaiting confirmation. David to organise meeting regarding the organisation of the course with Amanda and Dave. 	David/Dave/Amanda	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Registration of NZ Coaches – discussed where we are with this. 40 coaches so far – waiver on the First Aid course due to Covid – all registered coaches have to go through a police check process. Work in progress. - Mixed gender fencing at National events – Athletes Commission raised the question on whether fencers should be told that they may have to fence in mixed gender and if so, they get a full refund if they do not wish to. Agreed it should be standard practice to offer an opportunity to fence off if more than one entry. Decided there should be an informal fence off, with referee, but no official championship awarded. 	Dave/David	
8	Regional Reports	No written reports received.		
10	Privacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Privacy Officer – still searching – David to follow up with Central suggestion. - 		
11	Other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tournament pathway – WIP - Officiating Commission – resignation from Leasa Ogilvie. Hamish will be leaving at end April. To discuss how to move forward at Strategy session to be held at Easter Carnival <p>Moved into Board only time</p> <p>Strategy Session to be held over Easter Carnival weekend. Place and time to be decided.</p>	Amanda	