



# Fencing New Zealand

(Fencing New Zealand Incorporated)

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

<b>DATE</b>	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
<b>START/FINISH</b>	7.15 pm / 9.35 pm
<b>LOCATION</b>	Teams
<b>CHAIR</b>	David Elder
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	David Elder (Chairman), Rachel Rowlands-Clarke, Peter Butler, Steve Martin, Alice Corin, Nicole Martin, Amanda Hopkins, Heather Claydon (Officiating Commission), Kyle Macdonald (Selectors Commission) Martin Brill (Coaches Commission) Hanna Choi (Athletes' Commission representative), Grant Tweddle, Vicci Lamb
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Stephen Peterson, Sam Parish,

	ITEM	ACTION	OWNER	DUE
1	<b>Quorum</b>	Confirmed.	David	
2	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b>	Minutes of meeting 14 <sup>th</sup> August – Confirmed  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trophies yet to be returned – Amanda and regions to post</li> <li>- Fencing NZ Pins WIP</li> <li>- Referee Course – WIP</li> </ul>	David/Steve M Carried	All
3	<b>Financials</b>	Report received – still no invoice from UEL for the accommodation. Several payments outstanding – waiting on bank accounts Newham camp in London – several fencers did not pay at the time and so have to be chased up and paid by Fencing NZ. This was not expected and creates additional work.	Amanda/St ephen  Amanda/Peter	
4	<b>Health &amp; Safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No email reports received – discussed the reporting – need to email <a href="mailto:healthandsafety@fencing.org.nz">healthandsafety@fencing.org.nz</a>. Tournaments to report a “Register” of less serious injuries (eg. Cramp, blisters, plasters) and fill in a Report for the more serious injuries – eg. flick to back of head, serious strains, broken bones etc). Both to be sent to Alice.</li> <li>- Register Form to be created on Google – <b>Alice to review reporting and more important issues get escalated to Board</b></li> <li>- Safeguarding – research continuing – WIP</li> </ul>	Alice  Alice/ David	
5	<b>Competitions</b>			

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>NZSS</b> – Tournament report to come Black Card issued – Black Card Process had been drafted but not formally adopted – was to be presented at this meeting. Black card was issued for throwing mask overarm and fencer also refused to salute. Recommendation – to follow FIE rules – but only one black card (when it was a 2 black card offence). 60-day penalty. Appeal allowed. Review has been completed. Report issued. <b>Coach and fencer to be informed by Heather</b>. Fencer has 10 days to appeal.</li>   <li>Unfortunately this was not the only issue – a fencer later in the tournament punched a hole through a wall upstairs. Fencer immediately told the DT. Parents involved and will pay for the damage.</li>   <li>- <b>U15/17/Juniors</b> – numbers are low – issues with not enough fencers to run events. Could be flexible with the age-groups after consulting fencers and DT</li> <li>- <b>Oceania/ NZ</b> – entry fee \$90 for individuals \$80 for Vets., \$150 for teams – Oceania team event only – allowed up to 2 teams per country. Fee high for a NZ Nationals but the costs are considerably higher for an Oceania event. Cheaper than the Oceania events in Australia. Budget – using historic numbers (2018). NB – only TWO FeNZ events have broken even this year to date. Need to decide selection process for the Teams event – at least 2 teams per event per weapon. Selections to be made before/after the individual event – <b>Selectors to propose nomination and selection approach</b>.</li> <li>- <b>Referee course</b> – this will be run by Irina Knysch (FIE head of refereeing) and will be run in the days before the Oceania Championships. Regions nominate the referees to attend the course. <b>David to check the standard required for the course</b>. Funding – see below</li> <li>- <b>World University Games</b> – taking place in Chengdu in August 2023. This tournament is outside the normal selection policy – very large tournament with multiple sports. A significant team fee to be paid to the organisers. A great experience to be involved in a tournament like this. Need a Selection policy for this tournament and to discuss inclusion in the pathway. Standard to be decided – suggested Asian Championship standard. <b>Expressions of interest to be posted (Amanda). Grant to assist in organising the operational side.</b></li> <li>- <b>Commonwealths</b> – report to be completed. Survey out for feedback (thanks to Grant and Simone for setting this up). 2 Covid cases in the NZ Team during the event. One fencer was not able to compete.</li> <li>- <b>Calendar for 2023</b> – has been circulated for comments – <b>comments please by Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b></li> <li>-</li> </ul>	Heather	
			Kyle	
			David	
			Amanda/Grant	
			All Regions	
6	<b>Referee Development</b>	<p>CONGRATULATIONS to Michael Claydon (all three weapons) and Daniel Ko (Sabre) for passing the FCA C Exam in Kuala Lumpur in August.</p> <p>Referee Course funding – have a grant from the OFC. Discussed and agreed to finance up to 4 referees’ cost of travel and accommodation up to \$6k subject to the regions contributing a similar amount.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Moved Amanda/Steve Carried</p>	David	
7	<b>Commission Reports</b>	<p><b>Officiating</b> Black Card process and policy – <b>comments to Heather please</b> Team events – need to formalise Teams at Age Group events – WIP</p>	ALL Heather	

		Heather to come up with plan for the OC.  <b>Coaches' Technical Course</b> Coaches selected <b>Was reminded by the NZOC that the Report had to be in almost immediately after the completion of the course – 20<sup>th</sup> December – so have to be ready to send by end of course. (Stephen/Martin)</b>	Stephen/ Martin	
10	<b>Privacy</b>	- WIP		
11	<b>Other business</b>	- Medals – national medals – situation when a team has not won any bouts? Discussion to continue.		

NEXT MEETING – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October