



Fencing New Zealand

(Fencing New Zealand Incorporated)

Fencing New Zealand Annual General Meeting

Sunday 14th March 2021, 7pm, by SKYPE

Present: Mark Rance (President), Amanda Hopkins (Secretary General), David Elder, Nicole Martin, Vanda Symon, Alice Boyd, Ross Younger, Leasa Ogilvie, Kyle Macdonald, Mary Black, Kate Brill, Martin Brill, Julianne Myers, Hanna Choi (joined), Daniel Ko (joined for last agenda item)

1 Apologies

Diane Swain, Heather Claydon, Sheldon Ogilvie, Dave Barson, Richard Johnstone

Moved Vanda/Kate, Carried

2 Adoption of the Minutes of 2020 AGM

Minutes were moved, as a true and accurate record

Leasa/Ross, Carried

3 Matters Arising from Minutes – None

4 Acknowledgements

Acknowledged the passing of Rex Hefferen, a long-term fencer in the Auckland community. Rex continued to fence regularly at Auckland Swords Club well into his late 70s and was a great supporter of the sport. He will be sadly missed.

5 Presentation of Annual Report – President's Report received.

- International events were impacted by the Covid19 pandemic – with teams organised for Asian Junior and Cadets and World Junior and Cadets' Championships disappointed as both were cancelled early in the year, and all other international tournaments cancelled for the whole of 2020.
- National tournaments were also cancelled as the pandemic made travel uncertain.
- Were fortunate to receive funding from the FIE and Sport NZ, to help the sport over this period.
- Good progress with Coach development with the Fencing NZ coach accreditation now in place.

- Active in referee development with Nicola Shackleton delivering virtual seminars on behalf of the OFC.
- Uncertainty may be the case also in 2021, with the pandemic continuing and disruption to travel and borders closed.

Report moved Vanda/David, Carried

6 **Presentation of Financial Statements**

- The pandemic reduced receipts of member generated revenue as international activity was affected by the pandemic and affiliations were down due to no National tournaments
- FeNZ facilitated the participation of fencers in 9 international tournaments – the Australian Junior Championships and various World Cup and Grand Prix events early in the year, plus one virtual referee seminar
- Grants were received from the FIE and from Sport NZ. Half of the Sport NZ grant was deferred to 2021 as Affiliation fees have been discounted to take into account less fencing activity in 2020 and operating costs remain the same
- Fencing NZ covered the total insurance costs in 2020-2021 as regional income impacted by the pandemic

Report received and approved. Moved Amanda/David. Carried

Mark thanked Amanda continuing her role as Treasurer as well as Secretary General over the period.

7 **Election of Officers** – no Board vacancies in 2021.

8 **Appointment of Treasurer** – will continue to use Chatfields to assist with preparation of the financial accounts. Will continue the search for a Treasurer during 2021.

9 **General Business** –

Mixed Team Events – a request from Hanna Choi to allow mixed team events where there are not enough fencers to make up a Women's Team event.

Strategy to improve the numbers of women in the sport.

Discussed both issues. Athletes' Commission to review and provide a proposal.

Meeting closed at 7.40pm