



Fencing New Zealand

(Fencing New Zealand Incorporated)

Fencing New Zealand Annual General Meeting

Sunday 17th March 2019, 7pm, by SKYPE

Present: Mark Rance (President), Amanda Hopkins (Secretary General), Richard Johnstone, David Elder, Vicci Lamb, Vanda Symon, Alice Boyd, Karen Johnston, Ross Younger, Leasa Ogilvie, Mark Ogilvie, Corey Symon, Kyle Macdonald, Mary Black, Katie Logan, John Bishop, Kyle Nankivell

1 Apologies

Steve Martin, Nicola Shackleton, Dave Barson, Neil Young

Moved Richard/Vicci, Carried

Mark Rance requested the meeting pause for a moment of silence to recognise the tragic events in Christchurch and to record our sympathies to the victims, their families and the wider community from Fencing New Zealand and the fencing community in New Zealand.

Mark also requested an addition to the Agenda – to recognise those members of the fencing community who had passed away during 2018 – Agenda item 7.

2 Adoption of the Minutes of 2018 AGM – it was noted that the names of those present at that meeting were not complete. Amanda to amend to include members from Fencing Mid-South.

Minutes were moved, subject to that amendment, as a true and accurate record
Vanda/Leasa, Carried

3 Matters Arising from Minutes – None

4 Presentation of Annual Report – Report received.

- Busy year for FeNZ
- Several successful managed tours including near full teams representing New Zealand at the Commonwealth Cadet, Junior, Senior and Veterans – an important area this year has been to improve the experience for those involved in these overseas tours – thank you to all the tour managers and coaches for taking up the challenge in 2018

- Received our first medals for some time including individual medals for Lena Jacob and the girls' foil team in the Junior and Cadet tournaments.
- Introduced new Health and Safety documentation and a new insurance cover package for all Fencing NZ members – thanks to Richard Johnstone for his work here.
- Held successful tournaments thanks to the many volunteers
- Held foil and epee coach development courses – thanks to Kyle Macdonald and Dave Barson for their work here.
- Held a strategic planning session in Auckland in February and actions have been prioritised and documents on this will be published in the coming months.
- Mark thanked Amanda, the Commissions, the Board Members and all the Volunteers for all the work done during the year

Report moved Mark/David, Carried

5 **Financial Statements**

Amanda presented the new format of the FeNZ Performance Report. In 2018 FeNZ appointed Chatfield & Co a chartered accountancy firm to assist with the accounts and move to Xero. The report is based on a Tier 3 Public Benefit Entity due to the nature of our business.

The new report provides qualitative and quantitative information about the performance of FeNZ during 2018. Of note:

- Membership increased to 450 in 2018 from 400 in 2017 – fees were overstated in 2017 and understated in 2018 due to cash accounting and a late presentation of a cheque.
- Overseas tournament costs and nomination fees were higher - mainly due to the extra number of tournaments in 2018 (Commonwealths).
- Donations were received from a private donor, plus the grants due from the FIE were received in 2018, whereas payments had been made in previous years.
- A question was asked about the Bank Fees, which were up significantly from 2017. This is due mainly to the fees from Paypal being included under Bank Fees in 2018 (\$1,104) plus other bank charges for international money transfer charges to pay for overseas tour expenses.

Report received and approved. Moved Amanda/Richard. Carried

Mark thanked Amanda for stepping in to take over the management of the Treasury mid-2018.

6 **Election of Officers** – one Board Member position available. One Nomination for Alice Boyd received.

Alice Boyd is duly elected to the Board.

7 **Fencing New Zealand would like to acknowledge the passing of the following members of the fencing community in 2018:**

Richard Peterson – Richard was a former President of Fencing NZ, an NZOC Member and Life Member of FeNZ.

Jim Reeves – Jim was a long-time member of Salle Jean Louis and became a coach after many years of social fencing, most notably coaching the Phoenix Junior Club and the Rangitoto College Club.

7 **Notices of Motion** – none received

8 **General Business** – no items of general business were received.

Mid-South has resolved that, despite the tragic events of Friday 15th in Christchurch, the U20 National tournament will proceed next weekend in Christchurch as planned.

Meeting closed at 7.22pm