

# FENCING CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING

*Time:* 8:00pm-9:00pm  
*Date:* Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
*Location:* online google meets

## MINUTES

<i>No.</i>	<i>Item</i>
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Present (Quorum is at least half, i.e. at least 4):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Becks Witteman (Chair)</li> <li>- Liam James</li> <li>- Russell Johnson</li> <li>- Robert Clement</li> <li>- Una Johnson</li> <li>- Nathan McKnight</li> <li>- Stephen Peterson</li> </ul> <p><b>Apologies:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Will Bishop</li> </ul>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Minutes of the Last Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moved true and correct – Proposed Becks, seconded Liam</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Matters Arising – Action List</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fen Cen website update- Please get updates to Becks to hand over to Webmaster.</li> <li>• Online Reffing Course – with Will</li> <li>• NZ Development Camp hosted by Fencing Central- Will emailed Simone, waiting on reply.</li> <li>• Gear allocation Proposal _ with Will</li> </ul>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Financial &amp; Membership</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly Financial Report – presented by Robert</li> <li>• Robert is going to ask FeNZ for Central’s 2025 affiliation fees to be credited to us. 2024 affiliation balance was \$1,800, 2025 affiliation balance is over \$3,000.</li> <li>• Stephen has asked for the monthly financial report to be sent out.</li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>FeNZ Matters/Central Matters.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liam gave this month’s FeNZ update as Will is in China</li> <li>• The new selection policy was discussed at length, and after a re write will be sent out to the regions for discussion.</li> <li>• Nomination fees and the Veterans Officer position were also discussed at this month meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Competition Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recently completed:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Central U15 and cadets</li> <li>○ Central Junior Champs. Both of these competitions were a big success. Foil especially increased in number of competitors. No issues during competitions. New regional</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>referees developing and Robert and Imogen doing a great job DT ing .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coming up: Easter weekend - National U15 and Cadet Champs. At this stage all is good for this weekend. Competitor numbers are slightly down on previous years. A call out for help in setting up will go out at training this week</li> </ul>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Club Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HVFC- No problems. Hosting two competitions next term. Open trainings this Tuesday and Wednesday,</li> <li>• WSC- No problems</li> <li>• Fielding Sabres- No problems. 6 new members joining the club after a successful term 1 beginner's programme</li> <li>• Other clubs: New Plymouth (John Calcott), Masterton (Andy Duncan, Xavier)</li> </ul>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Health &amp; Safety</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nathan approached Stephen about being the regions Health and safety person. Stephen declined as he is busy with other FeNZ business,</li> <li>• Stephen suggested that Fencing Central put out an email to the region asking for interested person's to take on this role. Nathan asked if this would require a new person to join the committee or would they just be an associate, and if we would need to hold a special meeting for this according to the constitution. Stephen is going to look into this.</li> </ul>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Grants</b></p> <p>Fencing Central Grant Funding update provided by Nathan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wellington City council has given us \$1,600 in a successful grant application to go towards North Island Champs.</li> <li>• They have recommended that we should set up a social media presence to help promote fencing, and have offered to help with this.</li> <li>• Need to add the Wellington City council logo to official documentation about the North Island Champs</li> <li>• Nathan suggested starting up an Instagram account for Fencing Central to increase and promote our profile. Looking at asking some of the younger Wellington Sword members to help with this</li> </ul>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liam has had discussions with David Elder about Central purchasing our own Video referring equipment. It will be modelled off Fencing North's system. Pricing is around \$2000. The next grant application will be used to purchase this for our region. Liam will continue to take the lead on this project.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to update Fencing central contact addresses on the incorporated societies register. Stephen and Robert have offered their addresses to be used, Will is going to be asked is his address should be used.</li> <li>• During this meeting SP expressed concern about Will's wellbeing, noting that he has taken on numerous roles within FeNz which might be contributing to stress and burnout. This member has been advised that during recent Fencing NZ meetings, Will appeared frustrated and combative when interacting with FeNZ board members, which may be a sign of having taken on too much. Fencing central committee members were asked if they had any concerns about Will's current workload and what we might be able to do to support him.</li> </ul>
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Date of the Next Meeting</b>  <i>12th May 2025. Meeting invite pending</i></p>