

FENCING CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Time: 8:30pm-9:30pm
Date: Monday, 9th June 2025
Location: online google meets

MINUTES

<i>No.</i>	<i>Item</i>
1	<p>Present (Quorum is at least half, i.e. at least 4):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will Bishop (Chair) - Liam James - Russell Johnson - Robert Clement - Una Johnson - Nathan McKnight - Becks Witteman - Stephen Peterson <p>Apologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nicole Martin
2	<p>Minutes of the Last Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moved true and correct – SP, seconded LJ.
	<p>Matters Arising – Action List</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fen. Cen Website - no update ● Online Ref Course – Will has reached out to M Nelson to confirm details, still hoping to commence course late July. ● NZ Development camp – No follow up from Simone, likely not going ahead in July ● Gear Allocation – Proposal is done up and getting ready to send out to the committee. No urgency from clubs in our region.
4	<p>Financial & Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monthly Financial Report – presented by Robert ● North Island Champs has been a success, looking to have a profit from the competitions we have hosted. North Island champs cheaper to run than U15/U17's, by running comp over 2 days a reducing the amount of out of town referees. ● SP sked about the development Referee costs. LJ said that due to the large amount of developing ref's we had at U15/U17 the costs were separated out from normal refs for national competitions. ● The biggest cost in any national competition is the travel and accommodation costs for out of town referees. ● SP brought up Web hosting costs, WB will look into that as Harry still has control. ● Affiliation update from FeNZ is pending. ● Accepted by LJ, seconded by SP.
5	<p>FeNZ Matters/Central Matters.</p> <p>North Island Champs a success.</p>

	<p>FeNZ Meeting held 8.6.25 covered the discussion, voting and acceptance of the new selection policy. Board accepted Option A. Basically fencers must competition nationally in the age group competition that they wish to be selected for. There will be a requirement for a top 32 finish at an AFF competition (or equivalent overseas competition) within 24 months of selection. This is to make sure that all fencers had experience at an international competition before sending fencers off to large competitions, like Asian Champs. Final policy is to be shared publicly soon.</p> <p>SP thanked and congratulated WB and the working group for the big job of re writing the section policy over the last 15 months. Jules has asked for all clubs to shared actual numbers of fencers at each club so FeNZ can have accurate data to work with and to increase affiliation numbers. WB asked to have numbers to him by next month.</p> <p>FeNZ is now to start working on a formalised development plan and a potential ranking re work. The organisational review should be completed in the next 6 months.</p> <p>SP gave an update on the Sporty database and access.</p>
6	<p>Competition Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recently completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ North Island Champs. An overall Success. There was a formal complaint that was delt with at the time. Another was that the competition was not live streamed. ○ There was an informal complaint but not sure if it will proceed to a formal complaint. ○ The referee shortfall was noted with self-refereeing had to be undertaken. This highlights the need for developing new referees. We were short due to more competitors than expected, and some of our usual referees being away overseas and doing university exams
7	<p>Club Matters</p> <p>Nil this month.</p>
8	<p>Health & Safety</p> <p>A number of injuries at north Island champs but nothing serious, all of the incident reports have been done.</p> <p>Health and safety officer expressions of interest email is going to go out on the Fen.Cen website and to our region via Sporty this month.</p>
9	<p>Grants</p> <p>Fencing Central Grant Funding update provided by Nathan</p> <p>The next grant will be for a live streaming / video refereeing system with a laptop to allow for recording. LJ said that this would also greatly help with referee development.</p> <p>Wellington City council gave us \$1600 upfront for North Islands, and after sending them a report with financial information, Nathan should have the final \$400 released from that grant to us.</p>

<p>10</p>	<p>Other Business.</p> <p>There was a formal complaint forwarded to FeNZ about an incident at Weapons Control at North Islands. Weapons control were following the FeNZ guidelines, the competitor was following the FIE guidelines. Both were correct. This was dealt with at the time by SP and WB. The outcome is that the committee and FeNZ should review Weapon Control guideline twice a year and to check that we are in line with FIE rules. There is often a difference between FeNZ and FIE, due to FeNZ often delaying adopting FIE rules, due to costs towards fencers and that rules change often rapidly.</p> <p>The complaint was put up to a national level due to the complaint being forwarded to the formalised national complaint register. It was immediately seen and sent back to Will to be dealt with at a regional level.</p> <p>SP has started to compile a draft policy about where complaints should be dealt with. They are entered into the national complaint register, then it should be forwarded onto where it is able to be dealt with at the lowest appropriate level, ie a club or a region.</p> <p>SP felt that by addressing the issue at the competition, and in a timely manner, the complainant felt heard, the issue dealt with via an informal resolution is much more desirable than going through the national route and all the documentation/time involved. Having a safeguarding officer at competitions, who can deal with issues there and then with common sense, could be something that we should look into at regional level for low level complaints.</p> <p>Is Central willing to let Mid South borrow three fabric pistes for South Island Champs? This was agreed upon unanimously.</p> <p>Nathan suggested setting up a regional gear checking/fixing seminar. To be followed up at next meeting.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Date of the Next Meeting <i>14th July 2025. Meeting invite pending</i></p>