

FENCING CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Time: 8:30pm-9:30pm
Date: Monday, 3rd November 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"> - Becks Witteman (Chair) - Liam James - Una Johnson - Robert Clement - Nicole Martin - Nathan McKnight - Daisy Hutton - Stephen Peterson <p>Apologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Russell Johnson
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"> • Constitution/SGM- Thanks to the help from Robert, Liam and Nathan, the second version of the constitution has been amended and sent out to the region. We have had to change the date of the SGM from the 9th Nov to the 6th Dec to be held before the award night. Voting can be able done either in person, via email or on line, as the meeting will be held on google meets for those who cannot attend. • Regional Development Squad – 11 coming 8 unable to attend. Progressing well. • Referee Course – Well attended on the 19 Oct and great feedback received from those who and attended. Michael did a great job. 5 volunteers from Feilding have come forward to offer to ref the upcoming U11/U13 comps. • Gear fixing workshop to be held around 7th Dec the week after President Cup. Nathan has done an agenda for this and will advertise it around Presidents Cup weekend.
4	<p>Financial & Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly Financial Report – presented by Robert. • FeNZ have not set their proposed 2026 Affiliation fees yet. The current thought is that if FeNZ don't increase their fees we should not increase ours. SP suggested increasing our regional affiliation fees to help increase funds to keep us breaking even. RC and the committee to think about this once FeNZ have set their fees on the 20th Nov, before the next meeting.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Our income mainly comes from affiliation fees and competition revenue. ● RC is going to approach FeNZ about insurance invoices as we haven't had anything us. ● The Epee camp is looking to break even. ● Accepted by BW seconded by LJ.
<p>5</p>	<p>FeNZ Matters/Central Matters.</p> <p>We did not have a representative from Central at the last FeNZ board meeting since Will Bishop has resigned. SP asked what our plan is about having representation on the Board. LJ said that due to the committee being a bit fluid at present, the thought is to get through to the AGM in Feb 26 and elect a new president then. David Elder appears to be ok with this decision. Nicole asked whether it would be more appropriate for us to elect an interim president through to the AGM and to have a figurehead in charge in case any problem arise. SP sees no problem with this. The thought has been that Liam could step up into the president's role, but he has said that he is not entirely comfortable with this idea due to the alleged issues that are currently happening within the fencing community, and the reasons behind Will's resignation.</p> <p>SP explained that through his role on the complaints and disputes committee he sees all the complaints that come through. There is legal advice that is issued to the committee about some of these complaints. SP is aware of what is currently going on and is comfortable that the correct processes are being followed and that insurance is in place to protect people in case litigation ensues. SP feels that there is nothing to be concerned about stepping into the President role for Central.</p> <p>Liam asked if anyone from FeNZ has approached Will about his resignation, SP said that he has heard informally that a couple of people have approached Will, but he has declined to give an explanation.</p> <p>Liam is going to take a few days to think over this decision and will let the committee know his decision. SP has said that he is happy to talk over any matters with Liam and the rest of the committee if they want too.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Competition Matters</p> <p>Up coming events are the Central Vets on the 9th November at Brooklyn by Wellington Swords, and the Under 11's and Under 13's hosted by Hutt Valley at the end of the month.</p> <p>Liam asked the committee if they are comfortable with Will Bishop having the Fen Cen laptop to run competitions. Everyone agreed to</p>

	<p>this. As long as we know where it is then there is no problem, who has it.</p>
7	<p>Club Matters Hutt Valley hosting U11 and U13. Una to confirm booking as a bigger venue is need from Brooklyn.</p> <p>Wellington Swords has made more space at Brooklynn. Also looking at getting a large fan to help combat the heat during summer.</p>
8	<p>Health & Safety No issues this month.</p>
9	<p>Grants Fencing Central Grant Funding update provided by Nathan</p> <p>Nathan is in the process of trying to source some camera equipment with the help of Dave Gouge.</p> <p>Need to start considering obtaining some grants for 2026's big competitions There looks to be some changes to the competition calendar for 2026, so wait to see what changes.</p>
10	<p>Other Business.</p> <p>Nathan would like to put forward some minor changes to the constitution, but this can wait until the AGM in February 2026. Becks is to send him the word document of the constitution to allow him to do so.</p> <p>Daisy is stepping into the secretary role. Becks is putting together a handover for Daisy with all relevant information needed for the role. Liam thanked Daisy for stepping up into the secretary position.</p> <p>SP proposed a motion to thank Will Bishop and Becks Witteman for their service on the Central Board. A formal note has been made of the Boards appreciation and Thanks for their services over the last few years.</p>
11	<p>Date of the Next Meeting <i>15th December 2025. Meeting invite pending</i></p>