

The Fencing Institute

Minutes

Sunday 25th August 2019 6.00pm

Venue: The Fencing Institute, 91 Jack Hinton Drive, Addington, Christchurch

1. Attendance:

Oscar Aynsley, Chris Aynsley, Madelaine Barbarics, Martin Brill, Kate Brill, Hamish Clarke, Rachel Clarke, Steve Clarke, Claire Cooper, Gareth Foley, Connor Foley-Walker, Liam James, Charlotte James, Karen Johnston, Richard Johnstone, Thomas Johnstone, Mikhail Lopez, Sheldon Ogilvie, Leasa Ogilvie, Mark Rance, Julianne Myers, Lee-Bin Tee, Jason Sim, Lucian Nightingale, Lauren Murfin, Sera Cox, Neil Cox. Hugh and Abby Reynolds arrived at 6.20pm

Apologies:

None received

10 Day Notice of Meeting Waived:

Karen explained that the new Revolutionise system had been used to send everyone an email notifying them of the AGM well inside the 10-day period. However, the email had only been sent to herself.

Motion that the 10 day notice for the AGM be waived. Moved by Rachel Clarke, Seconded by Gareth Foley. Carried.

2. Minutes of the 2018 Formation Meeting held 28th June 2018.

No matters arising. Moved by Rachel Clarke, Seconded by Liam James that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Carried.

3. Club Report

Karen spoke to the club report. She highlighted activities that had taken place over the last year. Work was still needed on running the Fencing Institute as a club and not as a venue.

Rachel spoke about the incident that had recently occurred between 2 senior fencers over the club night rules. She outlined the trial process for the rules and that the Armourer, Hugh would be collecting suggestions and calling a meeting of interested people to finalise the rules. It was proposed that we could have a Suggestion Box.

It was Moved that the Club report be accepted by Rachel Clarke, Seconded by Kate Brill. Carried.

4. Financial Report

Chris spoke to the financial report. We were in a healthy financial position. New capital assets were discussed that had been purchased over the year including new pistes and wireless scoring boxes.

The club needed to have some money in reserve as we could potentially have to find new premises if a new stadium went ahead and the council wanted the building we are currently occupying.

Chris Aynsley Moved the financial report, Jason Sims Seconded. Carried.

5. Election of Officers

The positions available for renewal were Club Captain Male and Administrator. Nominations had been received from Hamish Clarke and Karen Johnston respectively. No other nominations were received and so they were appointed. Office Holders are:

- a. Club Captain – Female: Rachel Clarke
- b. Club Captain – Male: Hamish Clarke
- c. Administrator: Karen Johnston
- d. Treasurer: Chris Aynsley
- e. Armourer: Hugh Reynolds

6. Honorary Life Members

Steve Clarke Moved that Martin Brill be appointed an Honorary Life Member of the Fencing Institute.

Steve first spoke about Martin's contribution to not only the Fencing Institute over 20 years, but to fencing in New Zealand which spanned around 50 years. Not only has he achieved high levels of fencing in NZ being a 6 times NZ Champion, the latest being in 2013 but he is a double Olympian having been both to the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984, where he achieved 15th place but also to the Seoul Olympics in 1988 where he was placed 7th. He is a French trained Maitre d'Armes from INSEP, Paris and a three weapon FIE referee. The motion was Seconded by Mark Rance who commented that he first met Martin at INSEP. He noted that Martin and Kate have represented New Zealand everywhere they have been throughout the world.

Richard Johnstone Moved that Steve Clarke be appointed an Honorary Life Member of the Fencing Institute. Steve Clarke had become a National Champion at the age of 19. He had coached his son, Hamish to National Champion twice. He was an FIE referee and one of the few that held the qualification over the age of 60. He refereed at the Sydney Olympics and Para Olympics. He has been very active at Fencing New Zealand and has instituted a development programme. Along with Paul Silk he established the Fencing Institute starting first at St Andrews College. The motion was Seconded by Mark Rance who spoke about Steve's contribution to the Fencing Institute.

7. Other Items

Richard Johnstone thanked the committee and members for a great year.

Meeting closed at 6.57pm.