

The Fencing Institute

Minutes

Monday 29th August 2022 7.00pm

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

1. Attendance

Karen Johnston, Richard Johnstone, Dylan Thomson, Hamish Clarke, Lucian Nightingale, Chris Aynsley, Ophelia Stott, Ryan Sadler, Renee Phillips, Chris Nokes, Steve Clarke, Jason Sims, Connor Foley-Walker, Yvette Liu, Tim Wang, Martin Brill, Jonathan Brill, Kate Brill, Joel Wilson, Ruairi Boyd, Hugh Thompson, Vincent Aydon, Antonio Sidonio, Leo Chapman and Gareth Foley. Via Google Meet, Michaela Ross and Mikhail Lopez.

Apologies:

Oscar Aynsley, Madelaine Barbarics

2. Minutes of the 2021 Meeting held 8th November

No matters arising. Moved by Gareth Foley, seconded by Dylan Thomson 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. The club has 130 paid up members. 78 fencers are in classes in Christchurch which is one of the largest programmes in New Zealand. The satellite club in Nelson is going from strength to strength due in large part to Michaela Ross's work and Steve Wilbury. As this is Karen's last report, she said that systems and procedures had now been set up and the club was in a good position.

Michaela spoke to her Nelson report. They have 2 classes a week with 23 fencers. They are now looking for new premises. Steve Wilbury will be in touch with Martin Brill regarding using the Sword Masters grading system.

It was Moved that the Club reports be accepted by Karen Johnston, Seconded by Steve Clarke. Carried.

4. Financial Report

Chris spoke to the financial report. He noted that income had decreased due to less competitions held and less use of the building by Venues Otautahi. This had been made up by class income of \$43k. The club had had to register for GST which meant that income had also gone down as prices had not been increased. Expenses are static for example power. Rent is also reasonable with 1,000

m² for \$12k. Aikido is moving out and income will reduce by almost \$7k. It had been decided that hosting the Olympic solidarity coaching course that the pistes should be moved around and it then was decided to do it permanently thereby necessitating Aikido leaving. On the plus side, Venues Otautahi have already booked in 26 events for the coming year. The new stadium is on its way and will impact on our use in the future. Chris reiterated that the club was very financially viable and was in good shape looking forward. There has not been much expenditure over the last few years. There will be expenditure to turn the pistes around. Chris thanked Yvette Liu for her financial work with Xero. The accounts had also been reviewed by Me Morris and were in order.

Chris moved a motion to make Karen Johnston a life member of the club. Seconded by Dylan Thomson. Carried.

Chris Moved the financial report and financial review, Dylan Thomson Seconded. Carried.

There was a vote of thanks to Chris Aynlsey and Yvette Liu who were both standing down.

5. Election of Officers

Karen Johnston the Administrator and Chris Aynsley the Treasurer were both standing down and replacements were required. A nomination had been received from Lucian Nightingale for the position of Administrator. No other nominations were received and so he was appointed. This left a vacancy for Armourer. Connor Foley-Walker accepted a nomination for this position. No other nominations were received and so he was appointed. No nominations were received for the position of Treasurer. Office Holders now are:

- a. Club Captain – Female: Madelaine Barbarics
- b. Club Captain – Male: Hamish Clarke
- c. Administrator: Lucian Nightingale
- d. Treasurer: Vacant
- e. Armourer: Connor Foley-Walker

6. Other Items

No other items of business.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm.