



FENCING
VICTORIA

Fencing Victoria Council Meeting

7.00 pm Thursday 15 August 2013

Minutes

1. Attendance
2. Simon Auty (Fioretto & Executive), Michelle Bolwell (MFC), Terry Cuddy (VRI) Tom Danby (Dragons), Grant Foster (Blacklords & Executive), Jan Hannah (Spatha), Kate Harman (VRI & Executive), Ally Hayes (La Trobe Uni), Robyn Hunter (Dragons & Executive), Andrew Ius (Dragons & AFF President), Lisa Lagergren (Whitehorse Cheveliers), Adam Reynolds (Virtual Fencing & AFF Executive), Helen Smith (Dragons), Geoff Webber (Blacklords & FV AFF Representative).
Late Arrival – Scott Arnold (VFA, FV Delegate to AFF)

3. Apologies
Nigel Bacon, Angela Dobson Block, Chris Jones

4. Minutes of the 27th February and Matters Arising
Minute s Passed – Kate Harman, 2nd Grant Foster

Matters from previous meeting – Black Card Policy

- We advised AFF of Black Card and believed that it was a reciprocal arrangement. However the AFF responded to say that they do not recognise State Black Cards. Previous examples such as Richard Purdie's State Black card prevented him from competing in Commonwealth Veterans and his deposit was not returned.
- It seems that someone under a Black Card will not be nominated by the State but is free to compete in other National and International Events – this was not the understanding that FV had of the policy.
- Andrew Ius said that the Black Card Policy was designed to be reciprocal – however wording has allowed this to be challenged.
- Further discussion for across the board policy to follow.

5. Reports

- a. President
- b. Finance Director
 - Simon spoke to both the finance and the president's report.

President Report –

- AFF communication found by members to be abrupt or non-existent.
- Simon cleared up the misunderstanding that a person elected to the AFF had to represent their state – They are there to represent the sport as a whole.
- The Minutes from the AFF-AGM still not available
- Fencers in large numbers attended the last AGM – obvious interest, and concern in the community.
- There will be a forum of President happening soon.
- Constitutional Reform - Each state can send a representative if they wish

- High Performance Plan – We appear to be in accord with the Athlete’s Commission. We have to look at alternative HPP Plans.
- Squads – Foil – We wanted squads to be an extension of athletes training, however we cannot afford to run these at a loss, we are concerned about fencers being overcharged and squads conflicting with an athlete’s normal training. AFF response found to be dictatorial.
- General – Schools League will increase next year, we will encourage students to become involved in the referring. Kayt Spano and Dan Hartley putting together a paper to target specialty groups – e.g. Home schooled children and gifted children.

Finance Report –

- New format for finance report introduced. All is progressing well. Electricity contract up soon and we will be able to change to cheaper contract due to our usage.
- AFC Juniors – Due to expense and low expected numbers, only one official in the capacity of coach/manager is likely to accompany fencers.

6. AFC#3 Preparation

- More volunteers required. A BBQ and a new trolley for moving pistes have been purchased.
- Canteen to be organised by a group of FV Members who wish to raise money to help with expenses. Money raised from canteen at AFC#3 will be split between FV and Touring Team account.

7. Consideration of Virtual Swords Club Affiliation

- It was discussed and decided that Virtual Swords was not and had not been correctly Affiliated with Fencing Victoria. Vote to decide if they were considered incorrectly affiliated was 1 - abstain, remained – yes
- They were given 30 days to Affiliate correctly and inform their members of the change in club registration. Proposed – Terry Cuddy, 2nd – Lisa Lagergren

8. Strategic Plan – Update

- Grant spoke to the progress of the plan. School participation has increased, communication has improved. Further discussion required with clubs to see what the current issues are now and how the plan can move forward for 2014.

9. Social Media Policy (see attachment for Draft) and Proposals

- Tom Danby introduced idea for Phone App. This was met with general approval to go ahead and see how this can be developed. Draft of Media Policy was discussed. Issues around privacy were brought up – use of names and photographs. Draft to be worked on, the use of the term Guidelines instead of policy was suggested. Andrew Lus suggested fencers should have the right to opt in for social media, rather than opt out

10. Star Club Review

- New plan for start club status was discussed. More options to gain points. If clubs don't meet the requirements for a year when they have claimed star club status, they will then have to qualify the following year to regain it.
- ASC are encouraging clubs to do 'Health Checks'. This will now be part of the Star 1 club requirements – link to Health Check on FV Website.

11. Other Business.

Next Council Meeting to be set for mid-November.