

## Fencing Victoria Advisory Council Meeting

7:00ppm, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016

### Minutes

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**Chair:** Geoff Webber

1. **Attendees:** Andrew Frank (Fioretto, minutes), David Hubbard (S.F.A), Anne Nuguid (Fioretto), Andrew Cobb (Fioretto), Carol Bond (Dragons), Alastair Dunham (VRI), Robyn Hunter (Dragons), Nigel Bacon (P.F.A), Andrew Ius (Dragons), Helen Smith (Dragons), Jenny Shaw (Whitehorse)
2. **Apologies:** Andrew Moffat (VRI), Jan Hannah (Spatha), Angela Dobson-Block (P.F.A), Sam Auty (VRI)

### 3. Minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> November and Matters Arising:

- No matters arising

### 4. FV Executive Report

- Fencing Victoria's new constitution adopted 10/12/2015, under which this meeting is convened.
- Strong start for membership uptake in 2016.
- Procedural changes have resulted in less time being wasted chasing entry fees for competitions – payment is now required the week before and 2 portals are available online. The first is for affiliation as well and allows bank transfers. The second is for competition entries only and requires payment at the time.
- Two competitions so far this year. The first being a teams' event, the second a juniors' event. Both ran well.
- Fencing Victoria Strategic Plan - development continues.
- Fencing Victoria has received an annual funding increase of \$5,000 from Sport and Recreation Victoria (to \$87,500 over three years, to January 2019 – "Thanks Cath!")
- This increase in funding does require acquittal – Sport and Recreation Victoria want to see what the funding can achieve. Currently considering after school programs, and Fencing Victoria will be looking for coaches to facilitate these on behalf of MV.
- **Finance** – *See attached report.*
- Fencing Victoria is in a strong financial position, with plenty of cash on the balance sheet and a recent increase in inventory (merchandise).
- **Action** – Geoff Webber to investigate whether the certificate of insurance on the building covers Fencing Victoria contents.

## **5. Structure of Advisory Council**

- Note that these council meetings are to be driven by the club members, not members of the Fencing Victoria Executive.

## **6. AFC#1 and Arnold Classic**

- Fencing Victoria will host one national competition in 2016 – AFC#1
- It will be held over the Anzac Day weekend, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Permission has been received from the R.S.L to conduct this competition.
- Some members of the military will be present and the competition will include a flag ceremony.
- For competition scheduling information, see website. Volunteers will be sought for weapons check etc. as usual.
- The Arnold Classic will be held the weekend of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- This year the sport of fencing has access to 4 pistes. Friday's event will be recorded and available online.
- A B Grade competition will be held as part of the event. Volunteers being sought. Competition entrants and volunteers will receive access to the Arnold Classic for the entire weekend.
- At some point during the weekend the program will include a "Come and Try" element using plastic equipment.
- Please note that this is the same weekend as the Grand Prix.
- Kayt has a program for all three days.

## **7. General Business**

- Please note that a person affiliated with Fencing Victoria as a fencer and a coach is entitled to only one vote. Voting rights are tied to each person, not to each payment of affiliation.
- Please note that competition fees for competitions where Fencing Victoria provides referees have increased (\$22 to \$26), in order to allow increased remuneration for referees. This was implemented to ensure greater interest as attracting a sufficient number of referees has proven difficult in the past. Note that entry fees for competitions that are self-refereed have decreased (\$22 to \$18).
- Please see the Fencing Victoria Competition Calendar on the website for further information – the majority of competitions are on Sundays, and no School League competitions are on Saturdays.
- Despite some rumour, FIE standard gloves are not a requirement for Epee competitions, and this would not be adopted by Fencing Victoria until FIE and AFF adopt it.
- In the near future, bayonet body wires may be banned by the FIE.