

# Minutes AGM 2015 Fencing Victoria

Fencing Victoria Inc.  
2016 Annual General Meeting (AGM)  
Minutes: 25 May 2017  
Venue: Arden St, State Fencing Centre  
Level 1, 204 Arden St  
North Melbourne Vic 3051



Minutes Secretary: Cath Harmer  
President: Geoff Webber

Item #	Minutes	Status
1. Meeting opened	The President opened the meeting at 7:00pm.	
2. Attendance	Geoff Webber (BLK), Carol Bond (DRG), Andrew Cobb (FFC), Cath Harmer (MFC), Kayt Spano (VRI), Robyn Hunter (DRG), David Hubbard (SFA), Saleh Safar (VRI), Pieter Leeuwenburgh (VFA), Helen Smith (DRG), Simon Hamm (VRI), Natalie Bennett (TFC), Paul Baker (TFC), Ian Whitbhead (VHA), Anne Nuguid (FFC), David Chachs (MelbUni), Chris Jong (SFA), Brian Wrigley (GFC), Leah Tawsan (VFA), Mark Goilt (SFA), Jenny Shaw (WHC), Roger Ancock (VRI), Jussi Terho (DRG) and Jan Hannah (SP).	
<i>Present:</i>		
<i>Clubs</i>	Blacklords Fencing Club (BLK), Cross Swords (XSw), Dragons Fencing Club (DRG), Fioretto Fencing Club (FFC), Geelong Fencing Club (GFC), La Trobe Uni Fencing Club (LUni), Melbourne Fencing Club (MFC), Monash University Fencing Club (MUni), Olympia Fencing Club (OFC), Peninsula Fencing Academy (PFA), Phoenix Fencing Academy (PxFA), Spatha (SP), Sword Fighters Australia (SFA), Touché Fencing Club (TFC), Victorian Fencing Academy (VFA), VRI Fencing Club, and Whitehorse Chevaliers (WHC)	
<i>Proxies</i>	Geoff Webber (BLK) proxy for: Alex Hunter (DRG) and Vlad Sher (DRG).	
<i>Apologies</i>	Andrew Ius (DRG), Caroline Fittall (VRI) and Frank Bennett (PxFA)	
<i>Absent</i>	LUni, MUni, OFC, PFA,	
3. Conflicts of interest	None declared.	<b>Accepted (No objections)</b>
4. Minutes 2015 AGM	<p>The 2015 AGM was held on 23 June 2015 and the holding of special annual general meetings throughout 2015 were also noted. The President's and Financial Reports were tabled and accepted. Elections were held under the Rules of the Association and Geoff Webber, Robyn Hunter and Kayt Spano were re-elected unopposed to the board of directors.</p> <p>It was also a decision of the 2015 AGM to amend the Rules of the Association whereby under rule 10.2(b) the eligibility of Individual Membership as defined in rule 10.4(b) be varied to include all Affiliated Senior, Junior, Coach AND Club/School Members of Fencing Victoria, above the age of 18 years. Further, it was proposed that the membership eligibility criteria for all membership categories of Fencing Victoria be reviewed as the ordinary business of future AGMs.</p>	

(4. cont'd)	<p><b>Motion 1:</b> to continue membership eligibility criteria as per the 2015 AGM variation and recorded in the minutes at item 8.</p> <p><i>Proposed Saleh Safar:</i> <i>Seconded: David Hubbard</i></p> <p><b>Motion 2:</b> to accepted the Minutes of the 2015 AGM:</p> <p><i>Proposed: Kayt Spano</i> <i>Seconded: Robyn Hunter</i></p>	<p><b>Accepted</b> <b>(No objections)</b></p> <p><b>Accepted</b> <b>(No objections)</b></p>
5. Annual Report of the Committee 2016	<p>The Annual Report on the Activities of the Association was presented by the President, Geoff Webber. It acknowledged the immense effort of four Victorians to make the last chance regional qualifying event in Wuxi, China for the Rio Olympics: Joanna Halls (Epee), Helen Phillips (Sabre), Kristian Radford (Epee) and Lucas Webber (Foil). None ultimately prevailed in making the Olympics but the Fencing Victoria community was immensely proud of their efforts.</p> <p>Membership demonstrates a consistent 2:1 male to female ratio, which is higher than many other mixed gender sports, however increasing women's participation remains a key focus of the Board. The Board's membership itself, however, with 57 per cent female membership exceeds the government's target of 40 per cent.</p> <p>The President thanked all volunteers, referees, coaches and the Board for their ongoing commitment to fencing in Victoria. In particular, the dedication of the Board members on behalf of all Fencing Victoria members was noted.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> to accept President's report:</p> <p><i>Proposed: Helen Smith</i> <i>Seconded: Carol Bond</i></p> <p>The Vice President's report by Kayt Spano highlights the highly successful 2016 U15 and Cadet National competitions, the inaugural Joseph D'Onofrio Vitoria Challenge (U9, U11, and U13 in Foil, Epee and Sabre) and the Vic Bandits Koala Mini Challenge/Friendship Cup (U9, U11 and U13). The last competition was held for the first time over 3 days and attracted 340 fencers.</p> <p>Kayt highlighted Fencing Victoria's participation in the Arnold Classic which was strengthened by a demonstration event and lots of activities for primary school aged children. One girls' secondary college who participated in the Arnold Classic has signed up for the 2017 season Schools League competition. Making this event the most successful membership drive for Fencing Victoria.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> to accept the Vice President's report:</p>	<p><b>Accepted</b> <b>(No objections)</b></p> <p><b>Accepted</b> <b>(No objections)</b></p>



7. Cont'd	<p>The President thanked Cath Harmer for her work as the Secretary of the Association, particularly in liaison with the Department and keeping of the records of the Association.</p> <p>Cath thanked her fellow board directors and praised their hard work on behalf of the Victorian fencing community and wished the Association well for its future efforts in expanding fencing participation in Victoria.</p> <p>The Chair then called for the nominations for the Board of Directors from the annual general meeting for the 2 remaining vacancies. The following were nominated: Helen Howse, Cathy Walker, Emily Marotta, Rudolf Lewith and Simon Hamm</p> <p>A confidential vote was conducted, Cath Harmer acted as the returning officer, and the members <b>unanimously</b> elected:</p> <p>Emily Marotta (XSw) and Simon Hamm (VRI)</p>	<p><b>Accepted</b> <b>(No objections)</b></p>																																																
8. Membership fees	<p>The membership fees of the association are to be decided at the annual general meeting.</p> <p>The Board of Directors proposed the following changes to the Fencing Victoria membership fees:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="424 1099 1082 2022"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3"><b>FV Affiliation Fees</b></th></tr> <tr> <th><b><u>Members</u></b></th><th><b>2017</b></th><th><b>2018</b></th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>Base School/Club</b></td><td>\$30.00</td><td>\$30.00</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Junior Upgrade</b></td><td>\$55.00</td><td>\$55.00</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Total Junior</b></td><td>\$85.00</td><td>\$85.00</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Senior Upgrade</b></td><td>\$125.00</td><td>\$125.00</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Total Senior</b></td><td>\$155.00</td><td>\$155.00</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Coach Upgrade</b></td><td>\$60.00</td><td>\$60.00</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Total Coach</b></td><td>\$90.00</td><td>\$90.00</td></tr> <tr> <th><b><u>Clubs</u></b></th><th><b>2017</b></th><th><b>2018</b></th></tr> <tr> <td><b>Star 0 (new club in 2018)</b></td><td>\$450.00</td><td>\$450.00</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Star 0 (affiliated before 2018)</b></td><td>\$450.00</td><td><b>\$500.00</b></td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Star 1</b></td><td>\$205.00</td><td>\$205.00</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Star 2/3</b></td><td>\$-</td><td>\$-</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Schools (L0 or NO Coach)</b></td><td>\$450.00</td><td>\$450.00</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Schools (L1/L2/L3 Coach)</b></td><td>\$100.00</td><td>\$100.00</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	<b>FV Affiliation Fees</b>			<b><u>Members</u></b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Base School/Club</b>	\$30.00	\$30.00	<b>Junior Upgrade</b>	\$55.00	\$55.00	<b>Total Junior</b>	\$85.00	\$85.00	<b>Senior Upgrade</b>	\$125.00	\$125.00	<b>Total Senior</b>	\$155.00	\$155.00	<b>Coach Upgrade</b>	\$60.00	\$60.00	<b>Total Coach</b>	\$90.00	\$90.00	<b><u>Clubs</u></b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Star 0 (new club in 2018)</b>	\$450.00	\$450.00	<b>Star 0 (affiliated before 2018)</b>	\$450.00	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>Star 1</b>	\$205.00	\$205.00	<b>Star 2/3</b>	\$-	\$-	<b>Schools (L0 or NO Coach)</b>	\$450.00	\$450.00	<b>Schools (L1/L2/L3 Coach)</b>	\$100.00	\$100.00	
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	<p>The proposed 2018 schedule of Fencing Victoria fees lists Star 0 clubs (affiliated prior to 2018) membership be increased to \$500/annum. This is to encourage clubs to be affiliated so that Fencing Victoria's membership can progress the Australian Fencing Federation's sport participation rate in order for the national body to progress to the next level of funding from the Australian Sports Commission.</p> <p><b>Motion 1:</b> The 2018 schedule of fees be accepted as tabled.  <i>Proposed: Carol Bond</i>                      <i>Seconded: Pieter Leeuwenburgh</i></p> <p><b>Motion 2:</b> The 2018 Star Club Program will be reviewed by the new Board of Directors at its first meeting.  <i>Proposed: Geoff Webber</i>                      <i>Seconded: Robyn Hunter</i></p> <p><b>Motion 3:</b> The benefits of becoming a Star Club member be clearly listed on Fencing Victoria's website and in the Star Club materials.  <i>Proposed: Saleh Safar</i>                      <i>Seconded: Geoff Webber</i></p>	<p><b>Accepted</b>  <b>(No objections)</b></p> <p><b>Accepted</b>  <b>(No objections)</b></p> <p><b>Accepted</b>  <b>(No objections)</b></p>
9. Meeting closed	The President closed the 2016 AGM at 8:55pm.	<b>Closed</b>