## 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	
Meeting opened		The President opened the meeting at 7:00pm.		
2. Attendance  Present:  Geoff Webber (BLK), Carol Bond (DRG), Andrew Cobb (FFC), Cath Harmer Spano (VRI), Robyn Hunter (DRG), David Hubbard (SFA), Saleh Safar (VRI) Leeuwenburgh (VFA), Helen Smith (DRG), Simon Hamm (VRI), Natalie Ber Paul Baker (TFC), Ian Whitbhbad (VHA), Anne Nuguid (FFC), David Chachs Chris Jong (SFA), Brian Wrigley (GFC), Leah Tawsan (VFA), Mark Goilt (SFA) Shaw (WHC), Roger Ancock (VRI), Jussi Terho (DRG) and Jan Hannah (SP)  Blacklords Fencing Club (BLK), Cross Swords (XSw), Dragons Fencing Club Fioretto Fencing Club (FFC), Geelong Fencing Club (GFC), La Trobe Uni Fe (LUni), Melbourne Fencing Club (MFC), Monash University Fencing Club (Olympia Fencing Club (OFC), Peninsula Fencing Academy (PFA), Phoenix Academy (PxFA), Spatha (SP), Sword Fighters Australia (SFA), Touché Fen (TFC), Victorian Fencing Academy (VFA), VRI Fencing Club, and Whitehors (WHC)			(VRI), Pieter e Bennett (TFC), nachs (MelbUni), t (SFA), Jenny	
			Uni Fencing Club g Club (MUni), noenix Fencing ché Fencing Club	
	Proxies	Geoff Webber (BLK) proxy for: Alex Hunter (DRG) and Vlad Sher (DRG).		
Apologies		Andrew Ius (DRG), Caroline Fittall (VRI) and Frank Bennett (PxFA)		
Absent		LUni, MUni, OFC, PFA,		
3.	Conflicts of interest			
4.	Minutes 2015 AGM	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.		
		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.		

(4. cont'd)		<b>Motion 1:</b> to continue membership eligibility criteria as per the 2015 AGM variation and recorded in the minutes at item 8.		Accepted (No objections)
		Proposed Saleh Safar:	Seconded: David Hubbard	Accepted
		Motion 2: to accepted the Mi	nutes of the 2015 AGM:	(No objections
		Proposed: Kayt Spano	Seconded: Robyn Hunter	
0	Annual Report of the Committee 2016	immense effort of four Victori qualifying event in Wuxi, Chin (Epee), Helen Phillips (Sabre), Webber (Foil). None ultimated but the Fencing Victoria comm efforts. Membership demonstrates a which is higher than many oth increasing women's participat Board. The Board's membersh	ivities of the Association was reoff Webber. It acknowledged the tans to make the last chance regional a for the Rio Olympics: Joanna Halls Kristian Radford (Epee) and Lucas y prevailed in making the Olympics nunity was immensely proud of their consistent 2:1 male to female ratio, her mixed gender sports, however tion remains a key focus of the hip itself, however, with 57 per cent the government's target of 40 per	
		Board for their ongoing comm	unteers, referees, coaches and the nitment to fencing in Victoria. In the Board members on behalf of all s noted.	
		Motion: to accept President's	report:	Accepted
		Proposed: Helen Smith	Seconded: Carol Bond	(No objections
		successful 2016 U15 and Cade inaugural Joseph D'Onofrio Vi Foil, Epee and Sabre) and the Challenge/Friendship Cup (U9 was held for the first time over Kayt highlighted Fencing Victor Classic which was strengthene of activities for primary school college who participated in the 2017 season Schools League of	toria Challenge (U9, U11, and U13 in Vic Bandits Koala Mini , U11 and U13). The last competition or 3 days and attracted 340 fencers.  Oria's participation in the Arnold ed by a demonstration event and lots I aged children. One girls' secondary e Arnold Classic has signed up for the competition. Making this event the	
		most successful membership  Motion: to accept the Vice Pr	-	Accepted (No objections

		Proposed: Helen Smith Seconded: Cath Harmer	
		The State Development Officer's report by Pieter Leeuwenburgh noted that the Schools League competition in 2016 continued to grow with 2153 young women and 2565 young men participating. This also included the recruitment of one new school in 2016. A number of coaching and referee courses were successfully run and new programs with GATEways and Girls Sports Victoria were also held.  Motion: to accept State Development Officer's report:  Proposed: Geoff Webber Seconded: Kayt Spano	Accepted (No objections
6.	Financial Report  The Board of Fencing Victoria signed and accepted the Financial Report on 10 May 2017 and Treasurer, Carol Bond tabled financial report at the AGM. The \$39,450 profit in 2016 more than doubled the \$14,024.00 profit of 2015. This is attributable to the increased grant from the Department of Health and Human Services and increased entry and competition income from the growing number of fencers. Andrew Cobb's dedication to the organisation of the running of the competitions and Robyn Hunter's and Cath Harmer's work in securing grants from the Department were commended.		
		The Treasurer noted that the financial statements were prepared on the basis that Fencing Victoria is a non-reporting entity; it is a special purpose financial statement which meets the requirements of the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> (the Act); is in accordance with the relevant standards of the Australian Accounting Standards; and is prepared on an accrual basis.	
		The special purpose statement was independently reviewed by W.A. Nutton & Associates.	
		Motion: to accept the Financial Report tabled by the Treasurer	Accepted
		Proposed: Brian Wrigley Seconded: Helen Smith	(No objections
7.	Election of vacant Board of Director positions for 2017	Fencing Victoria's constitution that the those members of the Board of Directors who have served a three year period must retire. However, they are eligible for re-election at this annual general meeting if they have not served 9 or more consecutive years.	
		<b>Motion 1:</b> Robyn Hunter, Andrew Cobb and Cath Harmer all retired from the Board of Directors.	Accepted
		The President, noted nominations had been received from Robyn Hunter and Andrew Cobb and under s.58 of the Rules of Fencing Victoria Robyn and Andrew were duly elected to the Board.	(No objections

## 7. Cont'd

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.

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.

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

A confidential vote was conducted, Cath Harmer acted as the returning officer, and the members **unanimously** elected:

Emily Marotta (XSw) and Simon Hamm (VRI)

Accepted (No objections)

## 8. Membership fees

The membership fees of the association are to be decided at the annual general meeting.

The Board of Directors proposed the following changes to the Fencing Victoria membership fees:

FV Affiliation Fees			
Members	2017	2018	
Base School/Club	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Junior Upgrade	\$55.00	\$55.00	
Total Junior	\$85.00	\$85.00	
Senior Upgrade	\$125.00	\$125.00	
Total Senior	\$155.00	\$155.00	
Coach Upgrade	\$60.00	\$60.00	
Total Coach	\$90.00	\$90.00	
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Clubs	2017	2018	
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Clubs Star 0 (new club in 2018)	<b>2017</b> \$450.00	<b>2018</b> \$450.00	
Clubs  Star 0 (new club in 2018)  Star 0 (affiliated before 2018)	<b>2017</b> \$450.00 \$450.00	<b>2018</b> \$450.00 <b>\$500.00</b>	
Clubs  Star 0 (new club in 2018)  Star 0 (affiliated before 2018)  Star 1	\$450.00 \$450.00 \$205.00	\$450.00 \$500.00 \$205.00	

	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.  Motion 1: The 2018 schedule of fees be accepted as tabled.		Accepted
	Proposed: Carol Bond	Seconded: Pieter Leeuwenburgh	(No objections)
	Motion 2: The 2018 Star Club Program will be reviewed by the new Board of Directors at its first meeting.  Proposed: Geoff Webber Seconded: Robyn Hunter		Accepted (No objections)
		pecoming a Star Club member be toria's website and in the Star Club  Seconded: Geoff Webber	Accepted (No objections)
9. Meeting closed	The President closed the 2016 AGM at 8:55pm.		Closed