

# FENCING SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

## GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 15:10hrs

Urrbrae High School Conference Room.

### ATTENDEES:

FSA EXECUTIVE: Bruce Oerman, Leighlan Doe, Natasha Zhdanovich, Anna Foale

ADELAIDE HILLS FENCING CLUB      Dov Spinks, Melanie Malig-Sprantz

ADELAIDE SWORDS CLUB              Ursula Menz, Steve Howlett

TROTT PARK FENCING CLUB          Jon Mackenzie

CHARLES STURT FENCING CLUB      Leighlan Doe

ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY FENCING CLUB    Ben Lam, Erwin lam

STATE COACHING DIRECTOR              Leon Thomas

### APOLOGIES:

Jane Menary, Jenny Cassidy, Oliver Luckhurst-Smith

PROPOSALS FOR DISCUSSION WERE SUBMITTED BY AFFILIATED CLUBS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL MEETING.

**1. Proposal that Leon Paul mask straps are not required for U11, U13 and Novice events.**

Discussion noted the difficulty of using the straps, even for adults, and that insisting on mask straps may be a barrier to competition entry for some people and clubs that provide equipment to fencers.

Safety is a priority, but a well-fitting mask is as important as the presence of a mask strap.

FSA Board to discuss and rule on this item. Information to be passed on to clubs ASAP.

**2. Proposal that U17 and U20 equipment requirements be upgraded to full FIE rated equipment and clothing.**

All attendees agreed that this was a good idea given the size and standard of some fencers in these categories. (Current requirement only 350N, including masks)

There was the suggestion that standards for U15 equipment requirements be reviewed also.

FSA Board to discuss and rule on all proposed changes. Clubs to be informed ASAP

**3. Proposal that the definition of Novice Fencer be changed to include those who have fenced in the Schools League.**

The twelve month rule for eligibility to compete as a Novice fencer was questioned, as it may be detrimental for fencers in the Schools League who have never competed at State level. It was noted that there are fencers of mixed abilities in schools league, including some higher level fencers. It was suggested that the definition be kept for adults, and that the Youth Intermediate competition have a name change that includes eligibility for Schools league fencers. It was noted that fencing as a Novice for Schools League fencers may be difficult as the licence fees may be a barrier to entry. Further discussion of this item included Item 4.

**4. Proposal that a Junior Novice competition category be established to separate the younger novice fencers from older fencers (Uni students). Age cut off to be 15 years.**

It was noted that this would not fix the problem raised in Item 3, as schools league fencers are not novices. Suggestions tabled included rebranding the Youth intermediate category as "School Aged Fencer". and lowering the equipment standard. Leon Thomas suggested a new category for schools league fencers not in the HPS, and that lowering equipment standards would compromise safety. There was some discussion of implementing A, B and C grade categories.

FSA Board to review competition categories and equipment requirements.

**5. Proposal that Fencing SA provide quarterly reporting on club licenses and registrations to allow the clubs to manage and track that their members are appropriately registered.**

All agreed.

FSA Board to discuss the best dates over the calendar year to provide membership data to clubs.

**6. Proposal that all clubs receive a copy of the 2013 360° report.**

All agreed.

FSA to distribute a summary of the report to all clubs.

**7. Propose that all clubs have access to a review of the KPI's of the FSA Strategic Plan.**

FSA to report on KPI's to all clubs

**8. Proposal that all clubs have access to Board Meeting Minutes, as per the Constitution.**

FSA to post a summary of Board Meeting minutes on the FSA website commencing 2016.

**MEETING CLOSED AT 16:05 HRS.**