

COMMONWEALTH FENCING FEDERATION

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c/o Amateur Fencing Association  
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August 1982.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE NORTH DEVON LEISURE CENTRE, BARNSTAPLE  
on Tuesday, 6th July, 1982 at 10.00 a.m.

Present:	Mrs. M. A. Glen Haig	President (in the Chair)
	R. Turner	England
	D. Cawthorne	England
	Miss J. L. M. Pearce	England
	C. F. Stamp	Wales
	Mrs. E. Okalyi	Australia
	G. F. Gandy	Australia
	E. J. Szakall	Australia
	D. C. Rae	Scotland
	Dr. D. Mends	Scotland
	J. M. Fleck	Scotland
	C. Vidosa	Canada
	W. A. Cumming	N. Ireland
	M. Westgate	N. Ireland
	D. Cocker	New Zealand
	B. Pitman	England
	Mrs. J. Pienne	Secretary.

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting, which is held every four years at the time of the Commonwealth Fencing Championships. Emrys Lloyd had retired in 1978, when she had been honoured to take his place. She requested that those present stood for a moment in memory of David McKenzie of Australia, who had died last year, and again in memory of Christine Tolland, who had been Secretary of Scotland at the time of the last Championships held in Glasgow, and who had died last year.

The President also reported that Commander F. A. Booth had become unwell during last year and for that reason had resigned from Secretary/Treasurership and retired.

Mr. Szakall said that it was a great honour that the President had recently been elected to the I.O.C. She was only the second fencer to be appointed, and he congratulated her on behalf of all the Council members

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on 3rd and 9th July 1978 were read and agreed as correct by those who had been present at those meetings.

1. MATTERS ARISING

The President explained that although the fencing facilities in Hong Kong were considered some of the best in the world, the Hong Kong AFA had felt unable to host the Championships as had been suggested.

Canada had offered to hold the Championships whilst the World Championships had been going to take place in Mexico, but when these were moved to Rome, it had become obvious that the C.F.F. Championships could more appropriately be held in England. As it was easier to obtain sponsorship out of London, it had been decided to use the facilities in Barnstaple and we should record our gratitude to the South West Section and to Mrs. P. Spink in particular for undertaking this at such short notice - also to B. Pitman, National Coach, and to R. Turner and D. Cawthorne, Directoire Technique.

Mr. J. Fleck reported that the next Commonwealth Games would be held in Edinburgh in 1986 and the Scottish Amateur Fencing Union would be prepared to host the fencing championships in Scotland at the same time - if fencing had not been reinstated in the Games by then. It might be difficult to provide a venue in Edinburgh, but Council members agreed that the previous venue in Glasgow had been very good and they would accept that fencing should be held there again.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mrs. M. A. Glen Haig, proposed by E. Szakall and seconded by J. Fleck, was unanimously re-elected as President.

Three Vice-Presidents - E. Szakall, C. Vidosa and W. Cumming were unanimously elected en bloc.

4. CHAMPIONSHIPS 1986

The programme, as proposed for the present Fencing Championships, was agreed.

5. RULES FOR THE WILKINSON SWORD TROPHY

Wilkinson Sword Ltd had generously presented a permanent Sword Trophy for the Commonwealth Fencing Championships, which was to be presented for the best overall result. R. Turner reported that there had been an ad hoc discussion on the rules for awarding the Wilkinson Sword at the first meeting of the Directoire Technique. A points system had been suggested awarding 4 points for 1st place, 3 points for 2nd place, 2 points for 3 place and 1 point for 4th place for both team and individual events. In the event of a tie, the Sword would go to the country with most gold medals. This was Agreed.

5. ACCOUNTS

The President presented the Accounts, pointing out that some subscriptions were overdue. The Accounts were agreed. The President also asked that she might make a small presentation to Mrs. Spink on behalf of the Federation members, and this was also Agreed.

The President stated that she would like to nominate Mrs. Pienne to be Secretary/Treasurer, and requested that Mrs. Pienne should also be empowered to be the second signatory of the Federation's Bank Account. This was agreed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The President reported that she had received a request from the Welsh AFU saying that as there were 5 medals awarded for Team events and their Foil Team had only 4 members, could the 5th medal be presented to their Coach. The President stated that she found this ethically difficult to agree and asked for the Council's views.

D. Cocker said he could see no objection if the medal was suitable engraved. D. Cawthorne said that it would present a precedent for the future. E. Szakall confirmed that the medals should only be presented to competitors.

A Vote was taken:- 1 For: 4 Against: 1 Abstention.

The Meeting closed with the President thanking each country for coming to the Championships and thus enabling the Commonwealth Fencing Federation to continue until such time as we would again be included in the main Commonwealth Games.

J. PIENNE  
Secretary/Treasurer

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF the HEADS OF DELEGATIONS held on Thursday, 8th July 1982 at the North Devon Leisure Centre, Barnstaple.

Present:	R. Turner	England (in the Chair)
	D. Cawthorne	England
	D. Cocker	New Zealand
	J. Fleck	Scotland
	C. Stamp	Wales
	E. Szakall	Australia
	C. Vidosa	Canada
	M. Westgate	N. Ireland.

TEAM ENTRIES

It was resolved that each country be permitted to enter one team only for each weapon; this rule to apply equally to the host country.

RULES

The following rule, relating to the constitution of teams for each match, was adopted.

- (a) The team events will be fought by teams of 3 + 1 substitute, being chosen from the 5 individuals entered by each country.
- (b) Any 4 of the 5 fencers may be used for each separate match.
- (c) At the beginning of each match both team captains must make known to the President only, which 4 fencers are to be used in that match (after which no change can be made involving the fifth fencer in that match).
- (d) The President must then inform each team captain which 4 fencers may be used by the opposing team.
- (e) The team order will then be established and entered on the pool sheet in accordance with normal FIE procedure.

R. TURNER