

COMMONWEALTH FENCING FEDERATION

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE POST HOUSE HOTEL
STOCKPORT ON SUNDAY, 1st July 1990

Present:	Mrs. Mary Glen Haig	President, in the Chair
	Mr. Chris Stamp	Wales
	* Mr. Bob Turner	"
	Mr. Matthew Wood	"
	* Mr. Bill Cumming	N.Ireland
	Mr. Chris Kelly	"
	* Mr. Richard Kee	Singapore
	* Miss Marcia Lee	Jersey
	* Mrs. Joan Bruce	England
	Mr. Ian Margan	"
	Mr. Derrick Cawthorne	"
	* Dr. David Mends	Scotland
	Mr. Piers Jones	"
	Mr. Neil L'Amie	"
	Mr. Benjamin Leung	Hong Kong
	* Mr. Edmund Wong	"
	Mr. Peter Ho	"
	Mr. Jim Fazekas	Australia
	* Miss Helen Smith	"
	* Mr. Geoff Tonks	Trinidad & Tobago
	* Mr. Jean Le Coz	Canada
	Mr. Boucher	"
	Miss Joyce Pearce	England
	Mr. Alex Rae	Press Liaison
	Mrs. Joan Pienne	Secretary/Treasurer

* = Voting Member

In welcoming everyone to the meeting, the President said she had hoped that fencing might have been reinstated into the Commonwealth Games held recently in Auckland. She asked all members to press their own Commonwealth Games Committees to vote for fencing to be reintroduced and added to the list of possible sports to be included.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE had been received from Mr. Charles Gault of Northern Ireland
2. MINUTES of the last meeting, held in Cardiff on 19th July 1986 had been circulated and these were agreed by those members who had been present, and signed as a true record.
3. There were NO MATTERS ARISING.
4. ACCOUNTS A statement of the Accounts had been circulated which showed a balance in hand of £544.15 and this was accepted. The President pointed out that many subscriptions were still unpaid to date.

5. FUTURE OF THE FEDERATION The President questioned whether the Federation should continue, as member countries now had direct membership of the F.I.E. The United Kingdom countries had the opportunity of meeting every year at the Home International Match. It might be possible to combine this with an invitation to the Commonwealth Countries to compete every four years.

During general discussion it was confirmed by Australia, Canada and Hong Kong that they welcomed the chance of fencing in the Commonwealth Championships, especially as training for the World Championships. It was therefore agreed unanimously that the Commonwealth Fencing Federation should continue.

It was suggested by Dr. Mends (Scotland) that it would perhaps be easier to raise sponsorship for the Championships if they were not held in the same year as the main Commonwealth Games and he proposed that the next meeting should be in 1995. Australia reported that the Oceanic Games would be held in that year. After further discussion it was agreed that the next Commonwealth Fencing Championships should be held in 1993.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- (a) Election of President The President referred to her long association with the Commonwealth Federation and she had been President since 1972. Although she would remain deeply involved with the Federation she would like to propose that Mr. Piers Jones of Scotland should be elected as President. This was seconded by Mr. Bob Turner (Wales) and agreed unanimously. It was also agreed that Piers Jones should nominate a Secretary/Treasurer to take over from Joan Pienne.

- (b) Election of Vice-Presidents The President reported the sad death in 1988 of Endre Szakall, who had been a Vice-President of the Commonwealth Fencing Federation.

Mrs. Joan Bruce (England) proposed that Mrs. Glen Haig be invited to become a Vice-President of the Federation, seconded by Mr. Bill Cumming (N.Ireland) and this, together with the re-election of Mr. C.Vicosa (Canada) and Mr. Bill Cumming was carried unanimously.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Bank Mandate It was agreed unanimously that when Mr. Piers Jones had nominated a Secretary/Treasurer, they would then both be appointed signatories of the Commonwealth Fencing Federation Bank Account.
- (b) Championship Organisation Mrs. Joan Bruce stated that the format of the championships this year would include two seeding rounds before the D.E.

7. (Continued)

- (c) Next Championships Mr. Bob Turner pointed out the vital necessity of finding out as early as possible the venue and dates for the World Championships in 1993, and it was agreed that everything possible would be done to do this.
- (d) Mr. Piers Jones, President Elect, paid tribute to Mary Glen Haig and thanked her for all she had done to keep the Commonwealth Federation in being, which was endorsed by all members present.

Joan Pienne
Secretary/Treasurer