

COMMONWEALTH FENCING FEDERATION

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING IN THE GLACIER ROOM, GLACIER LODGE, WHISTLER, B.C., CANADA, on the 22nd June 1994.**

Present Piers Jones	President	Neil L'Amie	Hon. Sec./Treas.
Carl Schwende *	F. I. E/Canada	Penny Spink *	Chair, England
John Ramsay	Vice Chair, England	Leo Ann Mean *	Hon. Sec., Malaysia
Sheila Anderson	President Scotland	Eliz. Wright *	Scotland
Ali. Urquhart	Scotland	Ann Urquhart	Scotland
Brian McMiken	Scotland	Alex Rae	CFF Achrivist
Helen Smith *	Australia	Bob. Turner *	Wales
Gordon Kingston	Wales	Chris Stamp	Wales
Bill Cumming *	V-P, /N. Ireland	John Emery	St Vincent
Mike Westgate	N. Ireland	Corsini King *	St Vincent
Guy Stanford	Canada (B.C.)	Carol Carrell	Canada
Ghita Onm	Canada (B.C.)	Jerzy Kajrenius	Canada (B.C.)
Kate Brill *	New Zealand		

\* indicates Voting Member.

The president welcomed those present and regretted the early leaving of the representative from Trinidad and Tobago.

1. APOLGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Dame Mary Glen Haig, Richard Kee of Singapore and Dr George R. Van Dusteren of South Africa.
2. THE PRESIDENTS REMARKS The President reviewed achievements since 1990 -- a move of the Championships out of the U.K. -- the obtaining of Commonwealth Games Federation medals -- the obtaining of Commonwealth Games Federation and F.I.E. patronage. He welcomed South Africa and New Zealand back as active members. The meetings at Genoa and Buffalo were further achievements as was the publication of four Newsletters.  
He identified two problems:
  1. The need for written Guidelines to help countries stage the Championships. and
  2. The need to generate realistic income to allow increased expenditure.
3. THE TREASURER'S REPORT 1990 -1993 The Treasurer presented an account of the Income and Expenditure for the period 30th September 1990 to the 31st December 1993. He suggested that to minimise commission costs the fees could be paid at one time, if this were practical. He commended those countries who paid by Standing orders.  
The President pointed out that if the C.F.F. was to run smoothly and develop, more money would be required as the cost of travel could not, at present, be borne by other sources.
4. MINUTES OF THE 1990 STOCKPORT MEETING Copies of these minutes had been distributed and on a motion by Bill Cumming (Vice-President and N.I.), seconded by Helen Smith (Australia), they were adopted as accurate.  
Minutes of a Meeting in BUFFALO in 1993 were also distributed although their content had been circulated in the Newsletters since. Those who had been present at the meeting agreed with their contents, they were adopted as accurate.  
Minutes of the GENOA meeting in 1992 were made available for information.
5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES. It was agreed that events had overtaken all matters arising from the presented minutes.

6. CONSIDERATION OF SECOND TEAMS After considerable discussion the balance of opinion was that two teams from one Country should NOT compete in the main Championships.

There was a general feeling that anything which would increase participation of those not selected for the main teams during the Championships was to be encouraged. The President and Hon. Sec. were asked to consider possible methods of achieving this.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS The President was re-elected and invited the present Hon.Sec/Treas. to continue.

The President suggested that Dame Mary Glen Haig should be made an Honorary Vice-President for Life. This suggestion was warmly welcomed, unanimously.

Elizabeth Wright (Scotland) and Carl Schwende (Canada) moved that Bill Cumming should be re-elected as Vice-President. On the suggestion of Carl Schwende and Bob Turner (Wales) it was agreed that Helen Smith of Australia should become a Vice-President. She accepted the invitation.

8. DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT CHAMPIONSHIPS. Malaysia, who are to host of the 1998 Commonwealth Games, offered to host the CFF Championships in the same year. This offer was gratefully accepted.

9. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

i. Alex Rae, **Archivist**, asked that he should receive from countries as detailed biographies and results of participating fencers as possible in order to complete his records and allow him to prepare accurate press reports. He was willing to be the definitive source of CFF information but this was impossible if he was not informed.

11. The meeting considered the need for a set of **Guidelines** on the arrangements and conduct of the Championships, to be compiled for the assistance of future host countries. It unanimously approved and Carl Schwende offered to participate in the exercise and Alex. Rae was asked to assist. It was left to the President to determine the precise composition of the required Technical Commission.

iii. The question of a **fencer in a team from outwith an individual weapon category** was raised. It was proposed that Sheila Anderson (Scotland) should co-opt three members to form a group to consider this matter.

iv. After some discussion it was decided to raise the **subscription to £50 sterling per annum** to allow more development. On the advice of Carl Schwende and Penny Spink (England), the President should however look into smaller fees for smaller countries who could not produce full teams and who might well be discouraged from participation. The President agreed to look into this and welcomed input in the near future.

v. The Hon. Sec. asked all Countries to let him know the **Names, Addresses and Phone/Fax numbers of their Official Contact.**

The President closed the meeting at 23.10hrs by thanking those present and advising that the Commonwealth Games Federation Representative (Dr. George Haigh) would be present the following day. Details of a reception would be promulgated during that day.

Neil StC. L'Amie  
Secretary/Treasurer