

COMMONWEALTH FENCING FEDERATION

M I N U T E of Council Meeting held at the SCOTTISH SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL  
EDUCATION on Sunday 9th July, 1978 at 1 p.m.

Present:	J. Emrys Lloyd	President C.F..F. (in the chair)
	Miss Tolland	Scotland (Organising country)
	N. St. C. L'Amie	Scotland
	J. M. Russell	Scotland
	M. Dunning	Isle of Man
	W. D. Cumming	N. Ireland
	R. Turner	Wales
	J. Andru	Canada
	Mrs R. Chaplin	Australia
	R. E. Turner	England.

The Chairman stated the meeting was called to discuss the venue and date for the next Championships. The advantages of setting the venue early being that preparations by the host country and by the countries, for organisation and fund raising could be initiated. Objections being that the date of the World Championships in any year were not fixed by the F.I.E. until the May of the preceding year and it was essential for the sake of ensuring participation by member countries, particularly Australia and New Zealand that place and date of the Commonwealth Fencing Federation Championships be fixed shortly before the World Championships took place. An alternative being that the venue be fixed and the date left adjustable.

Miss Tolland said that it should only be the Host country which could be decided now.

The Chairman stated that what was suggested or discussed at this meeting would be passed on to Mrs Glen Haig for action by the Federation and the meeting requested her to make a feasibility study of the best possibilities of a venue in 1982.

Mr Russell pointed out that the venue should, if possible, not exclude any country, especially the countries which travel to the World Championships, so that the Commonwealth Championships would not lose the participation of Australia, Canada or England.

Although Mr Andru had provisionally offered Canada as the venue for 1982, it could not be confirmed until Mr Andru had consulted his Association.

New Zealand had left word to say they thought United Kingdom was a good venue, so that the teams travelling to World Championships, could make a round trip.

Mrs Chaplin (Australia) said that if participation in the Commonwealth Championships could not be combined with participation in the World Championships, Australia would be most unlikely to send a team to the former.

It was suggested that Mrs Glen Haig write to the F.I.E. to find out if the World Championships are likely to be held in Europe in 1982.

The Canadians would need 2 years notice.

It was recommended that the country to host the Commonwealth Fencing Federation Championships be chosen 2 - 2½ years before the Championships are held, subject to the right of cancellation if the circumstances should make it inevitable - Agreed.

Mr Andru said a meeting of the Canadian Board of Directors of his Association, would be held on September 9th, and they will then be able to give their decision whether Canada could host the 1982 Championships, if invited.

The Chairman again requested countries to urge their Commonwealth Games Councils, to support our sport's inclusion in the Commonwealth Games programme, although to present our case in a better light, more countries should be encouraged to develop the sport of fencing.

Should no letter of explanation arrive from Hong Kong, Mrs Glen Haig was asked to write to the Hong Kong Association, which had stated their intention of competing at Glasgow and had in fact entered a team which had not turned up, and enquire their reasons.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and thanked Miss Tolland on behalf of the Council for her work for Commonwealth Fencing.

The Meeting closed at 2 p.m.

*Mrs Glen Haig*

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