

COMMONWEALTH FENCING FEDERATION

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING IN THE AGRICULTURAL CENTER, EIRE COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS, HAMBURG, BUFFALO, NEW YORK, on the 11th July 1993.

Present	Mr Piers Jones	President
	Mr Carl Schwende	Canada
	Miss Marie-France Dufour	Canada Representative
	Miss Noreen Lem	Canada Canadian Fencing Fed.
	Mr Ron Howard	England Representative
	Mrs E. Wright	Scotland Representative
	Mr R. Turner	Wales Representative
	Mr N. L'Amie	Hon. Sec./Tres.

The president welcomed those present, and paid tribute to the work that the Canadians had undertaken to date.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from: Dame Mary Glen Haig, Beverley Chan (Australia), Alice Sin (Hong Kong), Kay Temple (Jersey), Bill Cumming (Northern Ireland), Richard Kee (Singapore).
2. The MINUTES OF THE GENOA MEETING were distributed, read and agreed upon as correct.
3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES:
 - a) The Secretary intimated that there had been no opposition to the use of Grandparents for eligibility as asked for by the Representative for Wales at the last meeting.
 - b) There had been no input with regard to the question of invited "associate" counties. Carl thought that the matter should be pursued, particularly with reference to South Africa. The President agreed.
4. REPORT FROM THE FIE MEETING Mr Carl Schwende outlined the relevant changes considered by the FIE. The starting date of the World Championships in Greece were given as Friday, 1st July 1994. This would allow the dates of the CFF Championships to be 23rd June - 27th June inclusive. Other relevant changes would be dealt with under "Other Competent Business". (Item 6, below).

He was pleased to report that India was now, again, affiliated to the FIE. He suggested that the President should contact Mr Victor Sanchos for details
5. A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE 1994 CHAMPIONSHIPS was given by the Canadian representatives. The City of Hamilton had withdrawn its offer due to our inability to supply firm dates. There was a possibility of Victoria, B.C. (venue for the Commonwealth Games) being the venue but this was thought to be too costly as far as travel was concerned, so an eastern Canada venue was being considered.

The importance of a Captains'/Team Managers' meeting before the Championships was emphasised.

Team matches would be taken to a decision only.

Countries would be invited to send 5 individual competitors for the individual events. From these, 4 could be nominated for team events, from those nominated a team for 3 could be chosen.

6. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS.

i. Canada requested permission (as a **host country**) to field **two teams**, as had been done in Ottawa 1974. In principal this was agreed to but it was thought that the absent Countries should be allowed to send in objections or suggestions before 30th December 1993. Mr Turner foresaw some difficulties in promotion and scoring but thought they could be surmounted.

ii. Carl Schwende suggested that, looking to the future, and the possible extension of the CFF's activities, a **committee structure** should be set up to study alternatives to, or events parallel with, the CFF Championships. Each member with a portfolio of subjects. Such ideas as International Matches between Commonwealth Countries, etc. should be studied. The president promised to look into this.

iii. The effect of **New Safety Rules**, introduced by the FIE, on the CFF Championships should be investigated. The President promised an article in the next "Newsletter".

7. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING The next meeting would be held at the CFF Championships.

Neil StC. L'Amie
Secretary/Treasurer