



CFF (FENCING FEDERATION) Ltd
Trading as Commonwealth Fencing Federation

Annual General Meeting
Saturday 22nd August 2020
Time: 8:00 pm (Australian Eastern Standard Time)
Venue: Zoom

AGENDA

1. Welcome & confirmation of appointed voting representatives.
2. Apologies.
3. Proxies.
4. Minutes of 2019 Annual General Meeting, held in Budapest, Hungary.
5. Matters arising from the Minutes.
6. Annual Report and the Year in Review:
 - (i) President's Report
 - (ii) Secretary's Report & Financial Report
 - (iii) CFF Committee Reports
 - Committee for Re-entry to the Commonwealth Games
 - Technical Committee
 - Veterans' Committee
 - Clubs Network Committee.
7. Motion to adopt amendments to the Constitution after the change of trading name to CFF (Fencing Federation) Limited.
8. Motion to change team numbers from five to four.
9. General Business –future events.
10. Next meeting.

**Minutes of 2019 Annual General Meeting of the
Commonwealth Fencing Federation
held at the Radisson Hotel, Budapest, Hungary on Saturday
20 July 2019**



The President opened the meeting at 3:07 pm, welcoming all the delegates and interested parties.

Present

Helen Smith	CFF President	Australia (AUS)
Marie-France Dufour	CFF Vice President	Canada (CAN)
Rajeev Mehta	CFF Vice President	India (IND)
Peter Osvath	CFF Secretary	Australia (via skype)
Australia (AUS)	David Baker	observer
	Angela Bensted	observer
	Vincent Elias	delegate
Botswana (BOT)	Ewetse Khama	delegate
Canada (CAN)	Kyle Foster	observer
England (ENG)	Chris Cranston-Selby	observer
	Beth Davidson	delegate
	Hilary Philbin	observer
India (IND)	Bashir Ahmed Khan	delegate
	Sanjay Navale	observer
Jamaica (JAM)	Patrick Livingstone	delegate
Mauritius (MRI)	Veena Gunput	delegate
New Zealand (NZL)	Mark Rance	delegate (via skype)
Singapore (SGP)	Marko Milic	delegate

Apologies

Manuel Belmonte (CAN), Michael Stafford (RSA), George Liston (Scotland).

Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting

It was moved by CFF First Vice President M.F. Dufour and seconded by CFF Secretary General Peter Osvath that the minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting as circulated be adopted – **carried unanimously**.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

President's Report

The President noted that the registration of the new entity Commonwealth Fencing Federation Limited is still proceeding, with the final step in the registration being held up by the objection by ASIC to the use of the word 'Commonwealth' in the name. The CFF is awaiting a letter from the CGF endorsing the use of the term 'Commonwealth', which will enable finalisation of the process

Last year the CFF opted to function according to the terms of its new Constitution and the members will be immediately advised as soon as the registration process is completed.

Financial Report

In response to a question from Vince Elias (AUS) regarding the nature of the report provided to the meeting, the Secretary commented on the reconciliation reports provided to the meeting and apologised for the fact that the financials up till the end of 2018 have not yet been finalised. (He noted in his tabled report that an interim balance sheet, Profit and Loss and reconciliation reports were provided to the AGM in November 2018.) Over the last quadrennium, the CFF was using the former Secretary Treasurer's accounting system in

MYOB and his sudden passing has complicated the issue. The CFF has continued using his system with a view to finalising the accounts up till the end of 2018 and implementing a new accounting system as of 1 January 2019, once the ASIC registration process is completed. He reported that the CFF had a current balance of AUD31,554.63 and undertook to circulate the financial statements as soon as the situation permitted.

The entry fee levy of AUD5 per entry that was approved at the last AGM and earmarked to assist smaller countries to participate in CFF Championships was discussed. The President indicated that the Board would be deciding on a system by which these funds would be allocated.

CFF Commission Reports

Commission for Re-entry to the Commonwealth Games: The President indicated that, although the task of gaining the re-entry of fencing into the Commonwealth Games was difficult, by no means was it impossible. Currently, the CGF is in the process of redefining what constitutes a 'Recognized Sport' (fencing is currently a Tier 3 sport). However, the CFF has a long history of working and collaborating with the CGF, which could work in our favour. The CGF is putting in place new criteria to identify 'Pathway' sports. The President will be meeting with Anne Louise Morgan, CGF Sport Director, to identify what the CFF needs to do to be identified and to determine how we fit into their vision.

Hilary Philbin, member of the Commission for Re-entry into the Commonwealth Games, explained how the CFF should be looking at presenting a single event that was inclusive, run over a short time frame and, mostly, was innovative. The plan might be to offer a team event integrating able-bodied and wheelchair fencers. It is important at this point to test the possible formats in which this could be presented. The President and Hilary will be meeting with IWAS officials in September to pursue the matter. There is interest in moving fast on this as we wish to seek representation before 2030. We should follow up on the positive steps taken in Newcastle and Canberra, where wheelchair fencing demonstrations were held, by instituting a legitimate event at the next Junior/Cadet and Senior/Veteran Championships.

It was felt that a small working committee should be formed, committed to making proposals to the Board to see this plan through.

Technical Commission: The report has been submitted to the members.

Veterans' Commission: The report was read by the President as circulated.

Club Network Committee: The report has been submitted to the members and the President reiterated the highlights.

It was moved ENG and seconded MRI that the reports of officers and committees as circulated be adopted – **carried unanimously.**

General Business

The President asked representatives of the host nations having submitted expressions of interest to host future CFF Championships to address the meeting:

- 2020 Commonwealth Veteran Championships – CAN
- 2021 Commonwealth Cadet and Junior Championships – IND
- 2022 Commonwealth Senior and Veteran Championships – ENG.

Things are on track to hold the Veterans in Canada (Markham, Ontario) over four days from 23 to 26 July 2020.

India indicated that three potential sites were being considered: Raipur, Hyderabad or New Delhi, and would confirm shortly. The dates were agreed for mid-August. They will hold the event over 6 days and have requested technical assistance from the CFF before the event.

England reported on the fact that their bid was being finalised and would likely follow the same time table as that in Newcastle. They also indicated that they were prepared to include an additional event along the lines of the new integrated format that the CFF might approve following the recommendations of the Committee for Re-entry to the Commonwealth Games.

There was no other general business.

Date of next meeting

The Board will decide on the date of the next general meeting and advise members. The President announced that, in future, meetings that are not held on an elective year will likely be conducted electronically.

The meeting closed at 3:57 pm

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President's Report to the Annual General Meeting

using Zoom technology, 22 August 2020



This report covers the period August 2019 to August 2020.

Meetings

The 2019 Annual General Meeting was held in Budapest, Hungary in July 2019 prior to the start of the World (Senior) Fencing Championships.

The CFF Board has met 4 times since the 2019 AGM to deal with ongoing business.

CFF Committees

The CFF Board constituted the following Committees, based on expressions of interest.

- a. Technical – Chair Marie-France Dufour, Sonia McGregor (RSA), Gordon Christie (AUS), Peter Smith (ENG), Heather Claydon (NZL)
- b. Re-entry to the Commonwealth Games program – Chair Helen Smith, Rajeev Mehta, Michelle Johnston (SCO), James McBean (JAM), Juliana Seow (SIN), Veena Gunput (MAU), Hilary Philbin (ENG)
- c. Veterans – Chair Peter Osvath, Victoria Lamb, John Crouch (ENG), Jenny Bonney-Millett (AUS), Kyle Foster (CAN)
- d. Club Network – Chair Tristan Parris, Patrick Collings (SAF), Tom Edwards (WAL).

ASIC Registration

The Commonwealth Fencing Federation has been registered with the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) as a public company limited by guarantee under the name 'CFF (Fencing Federation) Ltd.' Of course, CFF (Fencing Federation) Ltd will continue to trade as Commonwealth Fencing Federation.

The Constitution has been amended to reflect the new name, and is due to be ratified at this AGM.

Events

There have been no CFF events held since the 2019 AGM.

Future events

Status update on bids for upcoming CFF Championships

- a. CVFC2020 (Markham, Ontario, Canada)
 - i. Event planned for July 2020 has been postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions. Possible substitute event later in 2020 or in 2021. CFF will communicate formally with Canadian Fencing again later in the year, if global restrictions start to ease.
- b. CJCFC2021 (India)
 - i. The Fencing Association of India has proposed holding the events in Hyderabad from 24 - 31 August 2021.

- ii. A Confirmation Letter from CFF was requested by the FAI was sent to be forwarded to the Indian government for permission to hold the event.
- iii. CFF has not heard back from FAI recently, probably due to the COVID-19 situation.
- c. CFC2022 & CVFC2022 (England)
 - i. An Expression of Interest was received from England Fencing in late June 2020 which was approved by the CFF Board. A detailed bid is due by 30 September 2020.
 - ii. Expected that the event will be held at the University of East London (subject to COVID-19).

Additional levy on entry fees

The Board approved the following in regard to these fees.

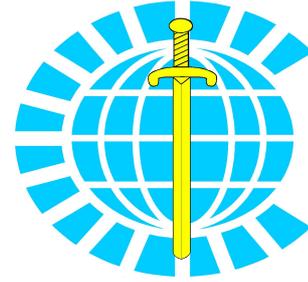
- a. The 2018 AGM agreed to add AUD 5 to each entry fee for CFF Championships events. The intention is to provide some funds to assist small member nations with fewer resources to send at least one athlete to a particular event.
- b. The additional entry fees will probably amount to about AUD 2,000 for each event.
- c. Rules for allocation:
 - Allocate AUD 2,000 per event, made up of 2 subsidies of AUD 1,000 each.
 - Nine months before the event, call for applications from the CFF Tier 3 countries for a subsidy of AUD 1,000 to support the participation of one of their athletes in the upcoming event. The name of the athlete need not be provided at the application stage.
- d. Six months before the event, the Board decides which federations will receive the subsidies and advises the successful federations accordingly and transfers the funds to the federations.
- e. The successful federations must advise the CFF of the name of the athlete who will receive the subsidy when lodging their entries by name.
- f. If fewer than 2 applications are received, the balance of the levy will be carried over to the next Championship of the same age-group for which the additional entry fees were collected. The carried over amount will be added to the levy collected for the next event and allocated as per the decision of the Board.

Wheelchair Fencing

A meeting was held with Charmaine Hooper, CEO of International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports (IWAS), whilst I was in London in September. Hilary Philbin and I advised her of the CFF's interest in moving towards the inclusion of Wheelchair Fencing events in future Commonwealth Championships. We all agreed we would continue to cooperate where possible and work together to achieve this aim.

Helen Smith AM
CFF President

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SECRETARY/FINANCIAL REPORT TO THE 2020 AGM

The CFF remains in a sound financial situation. Over the calendar year 2019, there was very little financial activity other than the Incorporation process and the AGM. The total equity of the organisation at the end of 2019 was \$30,149.80. The P&L, Balance Sheet and Cash flow summaries are attached for 2019 (as well as for 2020 to date).

Again in 2020 there will be very little financial activity, with the impact of COVID-19, and the cancellation (postponement?) of the 2020 Veteran's event.

We collect most of our income in the first half of the quadrennium as member nations (especially the Tier 1 nations) take the option of paying a discounted levy up front. However, we are still awaiting payment from a number of countries, so the total income over the quadrennium should bring in an additional ~\$12,600. Some of the Tier 2 countries are seemingly struggling to maintain that classification in the light of their smaller membership base, and we must be mindful of this.

We have recently completed the migration of our accounting from MYOB to an online platform (Wave) which ensures there will be no future complications of accessibility or handover.

With the recent inclusion of Papua New Guinea, the number of members of the CFF has risen to 38.

In terms of secretarial duties, the usual activities were conducted in 2019: updating the membership database as changes occur, recording and circulating board papers and minutes, communicating with the member nations, processing the expressions of interest for upcoming events (2021 CJCFC and 2022 Open & Vets) and the administrative components pertaining to existing event organisation (2020 CVFC). In addition, there has been a range of activities relating to the incorporation process, (which reached their conclusion in 2020). The relevant paperwork has been lodged with ASIC, and we continue to submit the relevant documentation to ensure compliance with the ASIC regulations.

Finally, I would like to thank the Board Members for their continued support, and in particular, I would like to acknowledge the tireless work of our President, Helen Smith AM.

Peter Osvath
Secretary/Treasurer.

Profit and Loss

Commonwealth Fencing Federation

Date Range: Jan 01, 2019 to Dec 31, 2019

ACCOUNTS	Jan 01, 2019 to Dec 31, 2019
Income	
Fees received 2019	\$13,500.00
Interest received	\$50.34
Total Income	\$13,550.34
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$0.00
Gross Profit As a percentage of Total Income	\$13,550.34 100.00%
Operating Expenses	
AGM expenses	\$743.58
Other expenses	\$1,217.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$1,960.58
Net Profit As a percentage of Total Income	\$11,589.76 85.53%

Profit and Loss

Commonwealth Fencing Federation

Date Range: Jan 01, 2020 to Aug 10, 2020

ACCOUNTS	Jan 01, 2020 to Aug 10, 2020
Income	
Interest received	\$15.20
Total Income	\$15.20
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$0.00
Gross Profit As a percentage of Total Income	\$15.20 100.00%
Operating Expenses	
AGM expenses	\$642.02
Bank Charges	\$6.00
Incorporation expenses	\$408.00
Legal Fees	-\$558.50
Total Operating Expenses	\$497.52
Net Profit As a percentage of Total Income	-\$482.32 -3,173.16%

Balance Sheet

Commonwealth Fencing Federation

As of Dec 31, 2019

ACCOUNTS	Dec 31, 2019
Assets	
Cash and Bank	
Business Online Saver	\$17,519.53
General Cheque Account	\$12,765.16
Total Cash and Bank	\$30,284.69
Other Current Assets	
Sundry debtors	-\$134.89
Total Other Current Assets	-\$134.89
Long-term Assets	
Total Long-term Assets	\$0.00
Total Assets	\$30,149.80
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Total Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Long-term Liabilities	
Total Long-term Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	\$0.00

Equity	
Retained Earnings	
Profit for all prior years	-\$13,509.56
Profit between Jan 1, 2019 and Dec 31, 2019	\$11,589.76
Retained Earnings	\$32,069.60
Total Retained Earnings	\$30,149.80
Total Equity	\$30,149.80

Balance Sheet

Commonwealth Fencing Federation

As of Aug 13, 2020

ACCOUNTS	Aug 13, 2020
Assets	
Cash and Bank	
Business Online Saver	\$27,534.73
General Cheque Account	\$2,267.64
Total Cash and Bank	\$29,802.37
Other Current Assets	
Sundry debtors	-\$134.89
Total Other Current Assets	-\$134.89
Long-term Assets	
Total Long-term Assets	\$0.00
Total Assets	\$29,667.48
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Total Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Long-term Liabilities	
Total Long-term Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	\$0.00

Equity	
Retained Earnings	
Profit for all prior years	-\$1,919.80
Profit between Jan 1, 2020 and Aug 13, 2020	-\$482.32
Retained Earnings	\$32,069.60
Total Retained Earnings	\$29,667.48
Total Equity	\$29,667.48

Account Transactions

Commonwealth Fencing Federation

Date Range: Jan 01, 2019 to Dec 31, 2019

Accrual (Paid & Unpaid)

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
Business Online Saver Under: Asset > Cash and Bank				
Starting Balance				\$18,686.19
Jan 01, 2019	Credit Interest	\$6.85		\$18,693.04
Feb 01, 2019	Credit Interest	\$6.53		\$18,699.57
Mar 01, 2019	Credit Interest	\$5.90		\$18,705.47
Mar 02, 2019	Transfer to CBA A/c NetBank Commonwealth		\$1,217.00	\$17,488.47
Apr 01, 2019	Credit Interest	\$6.13		\$17,494.60
May 01, 2019	Credit Interest	\$5.92		\$17,500.52
Jun 01, 2019	Credit Interest	\$6.12		\$17,506.64
Jul 01, 2019	Credit Interest	\$4.25		\$17,510.89
Aug 01, 2019	Credit Interest	\$2.62		\$17,513.51
Sep 01, 2019	Credit Interest	\$1.53		\$17,515.04
Oct 01, 2019	Credit Interest	\$1.48		\$17,516.52
Nov 01, 2019	Credit Interest	\$1.53		\$17,518.05
Dec 01, 2019	Credit Interest	\$1.48		\$17,519.53
Totals and Ending Balance		\$50.34	\$1,217.00	\$17,519.53
Balance Change Difference between starting and ending balances				-\$1,166.66

General Cheque Account
Under: Asset > Cash and Bank

Starting Balance			\$8.74
Mar 02, 2019	Transfer to CBA A/c NetBank Commonwealth	\$1,217.00	-\$1,208.26
Mar 02, 2019	Transfer from NetBank Commonwealth	\$1,217.00	\$8.74
May 09, 2019	FENCING ASSOCIATION OF INDIA REF 2019050900008450 REMITTANCE AGAINST INV. NO. 2019004	\$2,250.00	\$2,258.74
May 09, 2019	WELSH FENCING LIMITED REF 2019050800001252 WALES	\$2,250.00	\$4,508.74
May 13, 2019	ENGLAND FENCING LTD REF 2019051300037841 INVOICE 2019003 LESS DISCOUNT FOR F	\$2,250.00	\$6,758.74
May 20, 2019	Direct Credit 141000 AUSTRALIAN FENCI INV 2019001	\$2,250.00	\$9,008.74
May 24, 2019	NEW ZEALAND AMATEUR FENCING ASSN REF 2019052400013533 4 YEAR NZL FEE	\$2,250.00	\$11,258.74
May 27, 2019	FENCING SINGAPORE REF 2019052700000175 INVOICE NO. 2019008	\$2,250.00	\$13,508.74
Aug 15, 2019	Transfer to CBA A/c NetBank CFF AGM Reimburse	\$743.58	\$12,765.16
Totals and Ending Balance		\$14,717.00	\$1,960.58
Balance Change			\$12,756.42
Difference between starting and ending balances			

Transfer Clearing			
Under: Asset			
Starting Balance			\$0.00
Mar 02, 2019	Transfer to CBA A/c NetBank Commonwealth	\$1,217.00	\$1,217.00
Mar 02, 2019	Transfer from NetBank Commonwealth	\$1,217.00	\$0.00
Totals and Ending Balance		\$1,217.00	\$1,217.00
Balance Change			\$0.00
Difference between starting and ending balances			\$0.00

Fees received 2019			
Under: Income > Income			
Starting Balance			\$0.00
May 09, 2019	FENCING ASSOCIATION OF INDIA REF 2019050900008450 REMITTANCE AGAINST INV. NO. 2019004	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
May 09, 2019	WELSH FENCING LIMITED REF 2019050800001252 WALES	\$2,250.00	\$4,500.00
May 13, 2019	ENGLAND FENCING LTD REF 2019051300037841 INVOICE 2019003 LESS DISCOUNT FOR F	\$2,250.00	\$6,750.00
May 20, 2019	Direct Credit 141000 AUSTRALIAN FENCI INV 2019001	\$2,250.00	\$9,000.00
May 24, 2019	NEW ZEALAND AMATEUR FENCING ASSN REF 2019052400013533 4 YEAR NZL FEE	\$2,250.00	\$11,250.00
May 27, 2019	FENCING SINGAPORE REF 2019052700000175 INVOICE NO. 2019008	\$2,250.00	\$13,500.00
Totals and Ending Balance		\$0.00	\$13,500.00

Fees received 2019

Under: Income > Income

Balance Change

Difference between starting and ending balances

\$13,500.00**Interest received**

Under: Income > Other Income

Starting Balance**\$190.61**

Jan 01, 2019	Credit Interest	\$6.85	\$197.46
Feb 01, 2019	Credit Interest	\$6.53	\$203.99
Mar 01, 2019	Credit Interest	\$5.90	\$209.89
Apr 01, 2019	Credit Interest	\$6.13	\$216.02
May 01, 2019	Credit Interest	\$5.92	\$221.94
Jun 01, 2019	Credit Interest	\$6.12	\$228.06
Jul 01, 2019	Credit Interest	\$4.25	\$232.31
Aug 01, 2019	Credit Interest	\$2.62	\$234.93
Sep 01, 2019	Credit Interest	\$1.53	\$236.46
Oct 01, 2019	Credit Interest	\$1.48	\$237.94
Nov 01, 2019	Credit Interest	\$1.53	\$239.47
Dec 01, 2019	Credit Interest	\$1.48	\$240.95

Totals and Ending Balance**\$0.00****\$50.34****\$240.95****Balance Change**

Difference between starting and ending balances

\$50.34

AGM expenses

Under: Expense > Operating Expense

Starting Balance				\$691.11
Aug 15, 2019	Transfer to CBA A/c NetBank CFF AGM Reimburse	\$743.58		\$1,434.69
Totals and Ending Balance		\$743.58	\$0.00	\$1,434.69
Balance Change Difference between starting and ending balances				\$743.58

Other expenses

Under: Expense > Operating Expense

Starting Balance				\$777.00
Mar 02, 2019	Transfer to CBA A/c NetBank Commonwealth	\$1,217.00		\$1,994.00
Totals and Ending Balance		\$1,217.00	\$0.00	\$1,994.00
Balance Change Difference between starting and ending balances				\$1,217.00

Account Transactions

Commonwealth Fencing Federation

Date Range: Jan 01, 2020 to Dec 31, 2020

Accrual (Paid & Unpaid)

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
Business Online Saver Under: Asset > Cash and Bank				
Starting Balance				\$17,519.53
Jan 01, 2020	Credit Interest	\$1.53		\$17,521.06
Feb 01, 2020	Credit Interest	\$1.53		\$17,522.59
Feb 28, 2020	Transfer from NetBank From Operating	\$10,000.00		\$27,522.59
Mar 01, 2020	Credit Interest	\$1.49		\$27,524.08
Apr 01, 2020	Credit Interest	\$2.38		\$27,526.46
May 01, 2020	Credit Interest	\$2.31		\$27,528.77
Jun 01, 2020	Credit Interest	\$2.38		\$27,531.15
Jul 01, 2020	Interest received	\$2.31		\$27,533.46
Aug 01, 2020	Write a Description	\$1.27		\$27,534.73
Totals and Ending Balance		\$10,015.20	\$0.00	\$27,534.73
Balance Change Difference between starting and ending balances				\$10,015.20

General Cheque Account Under: Asset > Cash and Bank				
Starting Balance				\$12,765.16
Feb 28, 2020	Transfer to CBA A/c NetBank To Saver		\$10,000.00	\$2,765.16
Jun 12, 2020	Chq Dep Branch WILLIAMSTOWN REFUND FROM LAWYER	\$558.50		\$3,323.66

General Cheque Account
Under: Asset > Cash and Bank

Jul 21, 2020	Write a Description		\$408.00	\$2,915.66
Aug 06, 2020	MFD AGM 2019		\$6.00	\$2,909.66
Aug 10, 2020	Marie France AGM 2019		\$642.02	\$2,267.64
Totals and Ending Balance		\$558.50	\$11,056.02	\$2,267.64
Balance Change Difference between starting and ending balances				-\$10,497.52

Transfer Clearing
Under: Asset

Starting Balance				\$0.00
Feb 28, 2020	Transfer from NetBank From Operating		\$10,000.00	-\$10,000.00
Feb 28, 2020	Transfer to CBA A/c NetBank To Saver	\$10,000.00		\$0.00
Totals and Ending Balance		\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Balance Change Difference between starting and ending balances				\$0.00

Interest received
Under: Income > Other Income

Starting Balance				\$240.95
Jan 01, 2020	Credit Interest		\$1.53	\$242.48
Feb 01, 2020	Credit Interest		\$1.53	\$244.01
Mar 01, 2020	Credit Interest		\$1.49	\$245.50
Apr 01, 2020	Credit Interest		\$2.38	\$247.88
May 01, 2020	Credit Interest		\$2.31	\$250.19
Jun 01, 2020	Credit Interest		\$2.38	\$252.57

Interest received				
Under: Income > Other Income				
Jul 01, 2020	Interest received		\$2.31	\$254.88
Aug 01, 2020	Write a Description		\$1.27	\$256.15
Totals and Ending Balance		\$0.00	\$15.20	\$256.15
Balance Change				\$15.20
Difference between starting and ending balances				

Uncategorized Income				
Under: Income > Uncategorized Income				
Starting Balance				\$0.00
Jun 25, 2020	Write a Description		\$0.00	\$0.00
Totals and Ending Balance		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance Change				\$0.00
Difference between starting and ending balances				

AGM expenses				
Under: Expense > Operating Expense				
Starting Balance				\$1,434.69
Aug 10, 2020	Marie France AGM 2019	\$642.02		\$2,076.71
Totals and Ending Balance		\$642.02	\$0.00	\$2,076.71
Balance Change				\$642.02
Difference between starting and ending balances				

Bank Charges			
Under: Expense > Operating Expense			
Starting Balance			\$18.00
Aug 06, 2020	MFD AGM 2019	\$6.00	\$24.00
Totals and Ending Balance		\$6.00	\$24.00
Balance Change			\$6.00
Difference between starting and ending balances			

Incorporation expenses			
Under: Expense > Operating Expense			
Starting Balance			\$403.00
Jul 21, 2020	Write a Description	\$408.00	\$811.00
Totals and Ending Balance		\$408.00	\$811.00
Balance Change			\$408.00
Difference between starting and ending balances			

Legal Fees			
Under: Expense > Operating Expense			
Starting Balance			\$880.00
Jun 12, 2020	Chq Dep Branch WILLIAMSTOWN REFUND FROM LAWYER	\$558.50	\$321.50
Totals and Ending Balance		\$0.00	\$321.50
Balance Change			-\$558.50
Difference between starting and ending balances			

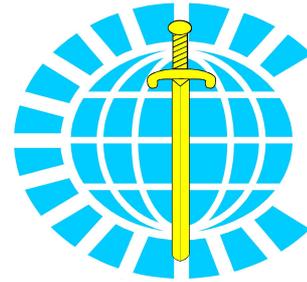
Uncategorized Expense

Under: Expense > Uncategorized Expense

Starting Balance				\$0.00
Jun 25, 2020	Write a Description	\$0.00		\$0.00
Totals and Ending Balance		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance Change				\$0.00
Difference between starting and ending balances				

Committee for Re-entry into the Commonwealth Games

Report to AGM, using Zoom technology, 22 August 2020



Current status of re-entry process after discussion with Anne-Louise Morgan from CGF in late 2019.

- CGF had not made any significant changes to its policies regarding participating sports since 03/19.
- They were planning to refresh their documentation, categorising sports as (a) Compulsory (b) Optional or (c) Recognised.
- They will develop partnerships with International Federations (IFs) of category (a) and (b) sports, and the status of the category (c) sports is essentially on hold until this is completed.
- Fencing is likely to be proposed as one of ~6 category (c) sports.
- CGF will formulate a list of questions for these sports to answer (no full proposal will be needed).
- Subsequent to their acceptance as category (c) (Pathway) sports, the CGF will develop MOU's or partnership agreements with the relevant IFs. This should also enable the CFF to be formally recognised by the FIE

The Board has resolved that we should pursue the Category (c) Pathway Sport opportunity.

Unfortunately, we've received no further communications from the CGF (Ann-Louise Morgan) since late 2019, despite contacting her via email to find out if there have been any further developments regarding the refresh of the CGF's Transformation 2022 document & the related status of Fencing in the framework of CGF sports.

Helen Smith AM
President
Commonwealth Fencing Federation

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT
Presented to the CFF GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Virtual meeting of 22 August 2020



Where normally I would be addressing you on the outcome of several major events that were either to take place or were being planned since our last meeting, the extraordinary situation created by the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic has brutally cut short and upset plans worldwide for all sport activities, with the concomitant result that no CFF events have taken place in the period in question and even plans for future events have been impacted.

Fencing is faring particularly poorly, given the difficulty to ensure adequate safety measures, as outlined by government health authorities. The entire world of competition remains in a state of flux, unsure at which time we will be able to resume activities with any semblance of normality. Sadly, the long-anticipated Veteran Championships, which were to be held in Canada, had to be sidelined completely, with little indication of whether they can be rescheduled. The same situation exists in the case of the Junior-Cadet Championships in India, which remain a matter of conjecture at the time of writing this report.

After initially being involved in providing feedback on early documentation generated in preparation for the Veteran Championships, the cancellation of the event put a halt on Committee activities for a while. However, given the circumstances, the Technical Committee instead concentrated its efforts over the last months on virtually updating and amending several documents, as well as the rules regarding the hosting and conduct of championship events. The committee members carefully reviewed all material and consulted repeatedly via electronic means. The outcome of this work has been to provide greater precision to the current Veteran Championship rules; update and improve the rules for both Senior and Junior-Cadet championships; and introduce further amendments that will come into effect at the next Senior-Veteran Championships planned in England.

Most changes amount to the use of more precise language to define various categories and formats outlined in the various rule packages. The major modification focussed on addressing the problems routinely caused by the use of the current seeding criteria. An inequity in dealing with GBR fencers had been identified and needed to be dealt with. The seeding criteria have thus been altered to take into consideration the GBR rankings, in the hope this will assist us in more accurately seeding these fencers. One other change has been introduced in an effort to align CFF events more closely with our FIE partner: for all championship events, teams will consist of a maximum of 4 members; however, this last change will not come into effect until the next Senior-Veteran Championships planned for London. All the rule changes have been ratified by the Board of Directors and the final documents can be viewed on the CFF website.

The Technical Committee remains poised to tackle any issue that may arise once the future of competitive events is resolved. We await decisions regarding the eventual hosting of both the cancelled/postponed Veteran event and Junior-Cadet Championships. In the meantime, we will continue to support the Board in its negotiations with prospective hosts and provide our counsel in drafting terms of agreement that will lead to the efficient delivery of future competitive challenges.

I want to express my sincere thanks to the members of the Technical Committee: Gordon Christie, Heather Claydon, Sonia McGregor and Peter Smith, who have assisted me so ably this last year. It is to be hoped that their zeal for the task will continue and benefit our federation for many years to come. The Technical Committee remains committed to the improvement and success of the competitive fencing experience throughout the Commonwealth and anxiously awaits the resumption of fencing activities.

Submitted July 30th 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M.-F. Dufour', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

M.-F. Dufour
Vice President CFF
Chair, CFF Technical Committee

CFF Veterans Committee

Report 2019

The Veterans Committee is now seen as an integral part of the Commonwealth fencing community. The Committee has communicated by email and at events. There have been two very successful championships: an Age Group event in New Zealand in 2016, and an open event Australia in 2018 run in conjunction with the seniors. These alternating formats seem to be well established.

Unfortunately, the 2020 event in Canada had to be cancelled due to the corona virus epidemic. I would like to thank them for all their efforts and hope that they will volunteer to run an event in the future. We are looking forward to holding a full Commonwealth event in England in July 2022.

I look forward to the recommencement of fencing and would like to thank Helen Smith and Marie-France Dufour for their support in raising the profile of Veterans fencing.

John Crouch
Chair

Motion to change team numbers from five to four

Proposal

That the CFF Technical Committee amend all current CFF documentation and rules to reflect the decision to change team composition from five (5) to (4) fencers, as is already the case for CFF Veteran events, which change to take effect at the first CFF championship event following the planned 2021 Junior-Cadet Championships (India) or at the next CFF Championship event after 2021.

Rationale

The FIE allows four entries per participating nation in each event at World and Zonal Championships. These four fencers then make up the team for the team event.

The Commonwealth Fencing Federation (CFF) allows five entries per participating nation and currently allows all five to be part of the team event, awarding medals to all those who have been named on a score sheet, regardless of whether they actually fenced or not.

The CFF Technical Committee is in no way suggesting that entry numbers should be reduced. At FIE competitions where the entry numbers are not restricted such as World Cups, team events are still restricted to one team of four athletes per nation. The suggestion is that the Commonwealth Fencing Federation align itself with the FIE team format and restrict team entry to four fencers. Aligning the rules to closely match those of the FIE also reduces confusion among the participants.

As there is no precedent for a five-fencer team, none of the approved competition management software is adapted for such a scenario. This causes considerable delays and headaches as the operators find ingenious ways of bypassing the four per team program. (For example at the 2018 CFF Junior-Cadet Championships in Newcastle, the software operator had to treat each round of the Tableau as a separate competition, loading all the teams for each round as it was impossible to change or replace fencers within a team). It would be quicker and easier to run the five per team events manually, but then the results don't get uploaded, streamed and saved as they should be. By aligning the format used at CFF championship events with the FIE format, these problems are eliminated.

Furthermore, as of the last Congress, there are now two 3rd place medals in team events. As a result, even if there are only four members to a team, more individuals can receive medals than before as there is an additional team. Consequently, reducing the team size from five to four cannot be said to be penalizing participants as this latest decision admittedly increased medalling opportunities for participants.

The CFF Technical Committee therefore proposes to amend all current CFF documentation and rules to reflect its decision to change team composition from five (5) to (4) fencers, as is already the case for CFF Veteran events, which change to take effect at the first CFF championship event following the 2021 Junior-Cadet Championships (India).