

## 2019 FENB AGM - Sept. 28

### Minutes

#### Attendance:

Wendy Yano (plus votes as parent of Ashelin Stevens and Flynn Stevens plus proxy from Henry Goodwin, Claire Han, and Ethan Han -> 6 votes); Mathieu Paquet (plus 1 proxy for Guillaume Boudreau -> 2 votes); Jim Stevens (plus proxy votes for Logan Nugent, Vir Singh Ranger, and Sammy Singh Ranger-> 4 votes); Ryan Downey; Manuela Homberger; Melodie Piercey; Lise Richard (plus votes as parent of Claire Richard and Dominique Richard, plus proxy from Daniel Richard and Barbara Daniel -> 5 votes); Wendy MacDermott (voting for Rowan MacDermott -> arrived at 10:45am); David Collins; Rick Gosselin (non-voting).

Quorum: 10 members

Call to order at 10:11am

#### 1. Welcome: FENB President (Wendy Yano)

- Establishment of quorum: 21 votes (later 22 votes when Wendy MacDermott arrived)  
11 votes for majority; 14 votes for 2/3 majority

#### 2. Acceptance of Agenda and 2018 AGM minutes

- Amendment to agenda: add “7. Coach Development Report” and “8. Athlete Development Committee Report.”  
Flynn motions to amend, Mathieu seconds. Passes.
- Motion to accept amended agenda.  
Ryan motions to accept, Jim seconds. Passes.
- Motion to accept the minutes from the 2018 FENB AGM.  
Mathieu motions to accept the minutes, Ryan seconds. Passes.

#### 3. Approval of Accountants for 2019-2020

Shannon & Buffett have provided financial review for FENB for many years now with no issues.

- Jim motions to approve Shannon & Buffett for the financial review 2019-2020, Melodie seconds. Passes.

#### 4. Board of Directors' Report

- Presentation of membership numbers along with a discussion of Goalline and Paypal problems.
- More interest from Maine last season with the ECG, indications of further interest this season.
- Emphasis last year was on Coach Development.
- Putting priority on SafeSport initiatives and ensuring compliance.
- Referee Development is a priority but we are currently lacking a pathway for development.
- FENB has received a one-time grant from CFF President Jackson Wang for \$20,000.
- 75 sets of epee equipment available for school programs, club beginner programs, etc.

**-No equipment was purchased last year, but we are looking at adding an additional cloth piste this year.**

**-While our additional funding this year helps with FENB finances, the Sponsorship Committee still needs to get underway for future seasons.**

**-Many thanks to Andre Perillier-Schneider and David Campbell for their work on the board this season.**

**-Also many thanks to the members of the ADC, and to the Coach Development Representative Barb Daniel.**

**-David presents the basics of the Jeux d'Acadie, along with a call for members interested in sitting on an organization committee for it.**

**-Looking for a team manager for the Toronto trip in March.**

**-Coach / Club Forum: they were held on separate days in order to address specific details in each in more detail, but because there was a lot of duplication between attendance for each it was suggested that they be dealt with on the same day again.**

- Motion to accept the Board Report.**  
**Mel motions to accept, Jim seconds. Passes.**

## **5. 2018-2019 Financial Report**

**David presents the 2018-2019 Financial Report as prepared by Shannon and Buffett.**

- Mel motions to accept 2018-2019 financial report, Mathieu seconds. Passes.**

## **6. Club Reports**

**MFC- Higher participation this year, more structure for a competition-oriented Wednesday class.**

**FFC – AGM last week, new participations in epee and sabre**

**David and Andrew taking over the majority of coaching duties. Eli McNeil is also developing as a coach.**

**UNB – High initial turnout but lower retention in terms of beginners**

**Mostly epee, but still some additional interest in foil.**

**Big open house this year.**

**YFC- Continuing to grow with club programs as well**

**More participation in competition with even more interest for the upcoming season**

## **7. Coach Development Representative Report**

**Coach Development Representative Report prepared by Barb Daniel, delivered by David Collins.**

**Presentation of the current state of the CFF / NCCP programs and the issue of the departure of Ildemaro Sanchez (his contract finished, he did not reoffer).**

**Future plans: potentially both modules of Instructor-Beginner in Jan – Feb 2020.**

## **8. ADC Report**

**Looking forward to the new format of Provincial Team camps**

21 fencers registered for the team  
13 foil, 6 sabre, 3 epee

#### 9. CFF AGM Report

- The President, Jackson Wang, is definitely still pushing for membership growth, even if the rest of the CFF Board is more oriented towards policy.
- We tried to get Annette LeBlanc on the board but were unable to, but at least Jackson seems interested in Maritime development in particular. Jackson Wang has intentions to build a Maritime training centre in Moncton. The specifics and timeline are not clear.
- The CFF Board is very policy-oriented, so we can expect an overhaul of policies at the CFF level.
- We had not set our budget because we were waiting upon the results of Jackson Wang's promised \$20,000, but it has now come in so after the AGM it will be factored into our budget.
- Focus on SafeSport initiatives is happening at the policy-level.
- Caroline Sharp has resigned and is not expected to be replaced until 2020, which is certainly complicated given that it is an Olympic year.

#### 10. Proposed amendments to FENB bylaws

##### Bylaw change A

##### Current Bylaw

b. First-time Fencing Member – Person who enrolls in an initial instructional / introductory program and is in his / her first season of fencing. Eligible to participate in competitions.

##### Proposed amendments:

**b. First-time Recreational Fencing Member – Person who participates in fencing at a practice level only, enrolls in including an initial instructional/introductory program and is in his/her first season of fencing. Not eligible to participate in Association-sanctioned competitions, training camps, or clinics. Is able to upgrade to a Fencing Member licence during the current season. Has no voting rights within the Association.**

**c. Special Recreational Fencing Member – Person who participates in an Association-designated program only. Is able to upgrade to a Fencing Member or Recreational Fencing Member licence during the current season. Has no voting rights within the Association.**

Upon amendment the section would read as follows:

**b. Recreational Fencing Member – Person who participates in fencing at a practice level only, including an initial instructional/introductory program. Not eligible to participate in Association-sanctioned competitions, training camps, or clinics. Is able to upgrade to a Fencing Member licence during the current season. Has no voting rights within the Association.**

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- Mel motions that we change the last line to “**Has voting rights within the Association.**”  
Lise seconds. Passes.

#### **Amended Version**

**b. ~~First-time~~ Recreational Fencing Member – Person who participates in fencing at a practice level only, ~~enrolls in including~~ an initial instructional/introductory program ~~and is in his/her first season of fencing.~~ Not eligible to participate in Association-sanctioned competitions, training camps, or clinics. Is able to upgrade to a Fencing Member licence during the current season. Has no voting rights within the Association.**

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- Mathieu motions to accept A, as amended. Jim seconds. Passes.

#### **Bylaw change B**

**Current bylaw:**

**a. Fencing Member – Person who actively participates in fencing within the province. Eligible to participate in competitions.**

**Proposed amendments:**

**a. Fencing Member – Person who actively participates in fencing within the province. Eligible to participate in Association-sanctioned competitions, training camps, and clinics. Has voting rights within Association. Fencing Members are not eligible to downgrade to a Recreational Fencing Membership at any point during the current season or the subsequent one.**

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- Mathieu motions to amend the final sentence: **“Fencing Members are not eligible to switch to a Recreational Fencing Membership at any point during the current season.”**  
Ryan seconds. Passes.

- Barb motions (via email) that the current category of Fencing member be changed to: **“Competitive fencing member.”**  
Wendy MacDermott seconds. In favour: 1; against: 15; 6 abstentions. Motion fails.

Amended Version

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- Jim motions to accept the amended proposal. Mathieu seconds. Passes.

### Bylaw change C

Current bylaw:

**c. Associate Member - Person who is not a fencer but who is involved as a coach, referee, armourer, organizational leader, volunteer or financial supporter.**

**d. Life - Bestowed by the Board of Directors on persons who have contributed significantly to the Association and who the Association wishes to honor.**

**Proposed amendments:**

**c. Associate Member – Person who is not a fencer but who is involved as a coach, referee, armourer, organizational leader, volunteer, or financial supporter. Is not eligible to compete in Association-sanctioned competitions, but may participate in provincial clinics for coaches, officials, and personnel staff. Has voting rights within the Association.**

**d. Life – Bestowed by the Board of Directors on persons who have contributed significantly to the Association and who the Association wishes to honor. Does not have voting rights within the Association.**

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- Lise motions to amend the final sentence of (d.) to: **“Has voting rights within the Association.”** Mathieu seconds. Passes.

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- Mathieu motions to accept amended proposal.  
Ryan seconds. Passes.

#### **Bylaw change D**

Current bylaw:

a. Club: Any group of six (6) or more members of the Association may apply to become a club member of the Association. Any club offering instructional programs must appoint an NCCP certified coach to be responsible for its programs.

Proposed amendments:

a. Club: Any group of six (6) or more members of the Association may apply to become a club member of the Association. Any club offering instructional programs must appoint ~~an NCCP certified~~ a Head Ceoach recognized by the CFF as Trained at the Community Development level at a minimum to be responsible for its programs.

Upon amendment the section would read as follows:

**a. Club: Any group of six (6) or more members of the Association may apply to become a club member of the Association. Any club offering instructional programs must appoint a Head Coach recognized by the CFF as Trained at the Community Development level at a minimum to be responsible for its programs.**

- Mathieu motions to amend 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence to: “**Any club offering instructional programs must appoint a Head Coach recognized by FENB as Trained at the Community Initiation or Instructor-Beginner level to be responsible for its programs.**”  
Jim seconds. 1 abstention; 21 votes for. Passes.

Amended version:

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Upon amendment the section would read as follows:

**a. Club: Any group of six (6) or more members of the Association may apply to become a club member of the Association. Any club offering instructional programs must appoint a Head Coach**

**recognized by FENB as Trained at the Community Development or Instructor-Beginner level to be responsible for its programs.**

- Jim motions to accept as amended. Mathieu seconds. 1 abstention; 22 votes for. Passes.

#### Bylaw change E

Current bylaw:

**12. Votes: At a General Meeting, all individual members, including members of the Board of Directors, shall have one vote save those members under the age of thirteen years on the day of the General Meeting. For FENB members under the age of thirteen years, a parent or guardian shall have the vote. Members age thirteen to fifteen years inclusive may have the vote or may give their vote to a parent or guardian. The chairperson of the meeting shall cast an additional vote in the event of a tie.**

Proposed amendment:

**12. Votes: At a General Meeting, all individual members eligible to vote, as defined in section 5, including members of the Board of Directors, shall have one vote save those members under the age of thirteen years on the day of the General Meeting. For FENB members under the age of thirteen years, a parent or guardian shall have the vote. Members age thirteen to fifteen years inclusive may have the vote or may give their vote to a parent or guardian. The chairperson of the meeting shall cast an additional vote in the event of a tie.**

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- Wendy M motions to accept, Mel seconds. Passes.

#### **11. Proposed Membership Categories and Fees Change**

Proposed Fees

Special Recreation Member: \$25

Recreational Member: \$40



**Fencing Member: \$75**

**Associate: \$30**

**All membership categories / prices include a \$22.50 CFF Licence.**

**Upgrading to a higher priced category during the season requires paying the difference between the two categories.**

**- Mathieu motions to accept these fees. Ryan seconds. Passes.**

## **12. Election of Directors**

**Call for nominations for president or board of directors**

**Wendy MacDermott asks to be considered for the board position**

**Presentation of candidates**

**President:**

**Wendy Yano**

**Board (2 positions):**

**Thierry Arseneau**

**Wendy MacDermott**

**Mathieu Paquet**

**Vote for president:**

**Andrew Whitaker and Thomas MacDermott as scrutineers.**

**Wendy Yano affirmed.**

**Vote for board positions (2):**

**Rowan MacDermott and Tom MacDermott as scrutineers.**

**Wendy MacDermott and Mathieu Paquet elected.**

## **13. New Business/Input from members**

**Motion to adjourn, Melodie, Jim seconds. Passes.**

**Adjourned at 12:34pm.**