



**2007 Council Meeting of the Commonwealth
Fencing Federation held at the offices of the
Spanish Olympic Committee
Madrid, Spain on Thursday 22 November
2007**

The Council Meeting commenced at 1705 hours

Present:

Helen Smith	President	Australia*
Peter Andersen	Secretary/Treasurer	Australia
Marie-France Dufour	Vice-President	Canada
Arun Kumar Vij	Vice President	India*
Qamrul Islam	Bangladesh*	
Gabriella Mayer	Canada	
Stephen Symons	Canada*	
John Ramsay	Chairperson of Technical Commission – England*	
Farik Abdul Hamid	Malaysia*	
Rusni Abu Hassan	Malaysia	
Roy Clarke	Scotland*	
Anne Clarke	Scotland	
Peter Stewart	Wales	
Bob Turner	Wales*	

*** denotes voting member**

The President opened the Council Meeting at 1705 hours

Welcome

The President welcomed Qamrul Islam of Bangladesh and commended Vice President Arun Vij on his efforts in securing another member of the Federation.

Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Yannis Hadjarapis	Cyprus
Martin Brill	New Zealand
Jack Magill	Northern Ireland
Ian Sneddon	Northern Ireland
Steve Cooke	Jersey

Minutes of the 2006 Congress in Belfast.

The Minutes of the 2006 Congress in Madrid were noted and as there were no corrections or comments, the Minutes were adopted unanimously.

President's Report

President Helen Smith gave a verbal report on the events of the previous year. She advised the meeting of the sad passing on 5 September 2007 of the previous Secretary-Treasurer of the CFF, Mr. Neil L'Amie and asked the meeting to observe a minute's silence in his memory.

She then noted the growth of the CFF with the addition of new countries as members and the successful Commonwealth Championships held in Belfast in 2006 attended by 321 competitors from 16 countries, as well as the very successful staging of the Commonwealth Veterans' Championships in Toronto in 2007 where athletes from 10 countries competed. She was very pleased to report that a new willingness to cooperate with the CFF had developed in 2007 on the part of the CVFA, and that this was in the interests of both bodies. At the President's request, Vice-President Arun Vij advised that he was currently liaising with Pakistan, Nepal & Sri Lanka regarding future membership of both the FIE and the CFF.

She noted that Fencing had, unfortunately, not been included on the program for the 2014 Games in Glasgow.

The President noted Commonwealth Games Federation's new categorisation of sports for inclusion in the Commonwealth Games and the fact that Fencing had been listed as a 'Category 3 Sport i.e. a 'recognised' sport 'requiring further development in the Commonwealth' and not yet eligible for inclusion in the Games. She emphasised that while it may be some time before fencing is readmitted to the Games, the CFF must not lose its focus on bringing our sport as much into line with current CGA sports to make the eventual transition into the Games easier.

The President also pointed out the importance of promoting Fencing to the CGF and the Commonwealth Games Associations in each member country. She requested that all countries supply the CFF with a summary of their membership – the Secretary to forward a 'census template' to all members.

Financial Report

The Treasurer spoke to the Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet of the Federation noting that all amounts were in Australian dollars.

Copies of the Operating Statement for the 2003/6 Quadrennium together with a Balance Sheet at 31 December 2006 were presented to the Meeting. *(A copy is annexed to these Minutes)*

An Operating Statement and Balance Sheet for the period January/October 2007 were also presented to the Meeting together with a summary of the current financial status of member countries. *(A copy is annexed to these Minutes)*

It was moved by Peter Andersen (Australia) and seconded by Marie-France Dufour (Canada) that the Financial Reports be accepted – **Carried unanimously.**

MOTIONS

VETERANS COMMISSION

Following email discussions and a meeting in Sydney on 12 July 2007 with representatives of the Commonwealth Veterans Fencing Association, the President advised that Commonwealth Veterans now wanted to be 'affiliated' with the CFF.

It was agreed that a call be made to member countries to nominate representatives to sit on the CFF Veterans Commission which would be chaired by Marie-France Dufour (Canada).

ELIGIBILITY

It was noted that a Motion was to be put to the Meeting regarding the clarification of 'Eligibility' for athletes, however, this was mainly aimed at 'home country' fencers who in the past had sometimes taken advantage of the existing rule regarding eligibility to change allegiances between Championships. The President apologised that she had not lead the working party to develop and reach consensus on a more fully researched proposal . It was agreed that further consultation was required.

It was agreed to add John Ramsay to the working party which will now consist of:

Helen Smith (Chair)
John Ramsay (England)
Martin Brill (New Zealand)
Steve Cooke (Jersey)
Jack Magill (Northern Ireland)
Roy Clarke (Scotland)
Bob Turner (Wales)

It was further agreed that a new draft proposal would be formulated by 31 March 2008 allowing a "postal" vote by 30 June 2008 so that the ruling would affect junior athletes at the 2009 Commonwealth Junior Championships.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2009 Commonwealth Junior Championships.

Both India and Malaysia applied to host the 2009 CJFC. As India held the previous Championships, it was felt that it may be better to award the 2009 CJFC to Malaysia – the event to be held in Kuala Lumpur in January 2009.

2009 Commonwealth Veterans Fencing Championships

The President advised that this event would be held in Jersey.

2010 Commonwealth Fencing Championships.

At this stage no bids had been received for this event.

Gabriella Mayer (Canada) advised that she felt that the event could be hosted by Canada and would make further enquiries to this end. President Helen Smith advised that should the anticipated new Fencing Centre be completed in time, the event may be able to be held in Melbourne, Australia.

2014 Commonwealth Fencing Championships.

Roy Clarke (Scotland) advised that Scotland would seek to host the 2014 CFC around the same time as the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

2007 Commonwealth Veterans.

Vice President Marie-France Dufour reported on a most successful CVFC in Toronto. All facets of the event went to plan other than a few hitches with the availability of qualified referees. She noted that at the event the new CVFA Committee expressed its desire to re-affiliate with the CFF. At the World Veterans Championships held in Sydney Australia in October a most successful meeting was held between the CFF and CVFA with the CVFA looking to amend its Constitution to be in line

with that of the CFF. The CVFA also plans to develop a Handbook for hosting the Veterans' Championships and will work closely with the CFF Technical Commission to do so.

It was agreed that the Commonwealth Veterans Commission be reconstituted with its membership being made up of: Nominee of the CFF; President of the CVFA, Chairman of the CVFA (who is always a representative of the next host of the Veterans' Championships) and other nominees of Commonwealth Countries affiliated with the CFF. These 'other nominees' are to be elected by a vote of the CFF members.

CONCLUSION

The President moved a motion of thanks to Victor Sanchez and the Spanish Olympic Committee for providing the CFF with the use of its premises which was passed by acclamation.

There being no further business, the President thanked the participants for their attendance, invited them on behalf of the CFF to partake of light refreshments after the meeting and closed the meeting at **1930 hours**.

COMMONWEALTH FENCING FEDERATION

COMPARATIVE OPERATING ACCOUNT - 2003 TO 2006

	2003	2004	2005	2006	TOTAL
INCOME					
Membership Fees Received	\$2,987.50	\$3,700.00	\$4,520.00	\$5,582.50	\$16,790.00
Bank Interest	\$1.22	\$28.61	\$25.32	\$24.27	\$79.42
Tf'd from CFF (UK account)	\$1,304.70				\$1,304.70
Badge Sales	\$304.00				\$304.00
Total Revenue	\$4,597.42	\$3,728.61	\$4,545.32	\$5,606.77	\$18,478.12
EXPENSES					
Administration					
Bank Charges	\$2.10	\$2.90	\$3.00	\$20.00	\$28.00
Exchange Adjustments	\$41.00	\$24.00	\$41.00	\$80.00	\$186.00
Secretariat Expenses		\$495.00			\$495.00
Web Design		\$1,000.00	\$162.50	\$62.50	\$1,225.00
					\$0.00
Total Admin Expenses	\$43.10	\$1,521.90	\$206.50	\$162.50	\$1,934.00
Competition Expenses					
Medals	\$1,523.62			\$479.79	\$2,003.41
Postage & Insurance	\$61.30			\$7.55	\$68.85
					\$0.00
Total Competition Expenses	\$1,584.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$487.34	\$2,072.26
Meeting Costs					
Accommodation				\$3,300.47	\$3,300.47
Airfares			\$4,898.65	\$2,584.98	\$7,483.63
Per Diems			\$720.00	\$0.00	\$720.00
Ground Travel			\$394.83		\$394.83
Hospitality & other costs				\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Total Meeting Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,013.48	\$8,885.45	\$11,898.93
Total Expenses	\$1,628.02	\$1,521.90	\$6,219.98	\$9,535.29	\$15,905.19
Operating result for year	\$2,969.40	\$2,206.71	-\$1,674.66	-\$3,928.52	\$2,572.93

ALL AMOUNTS ARE IN \$AUS

COMMONWEALTH FENCING FEDERATION

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS - 2003 to 2006

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Assets				
Cash at Bank	\$6,381.90	\$7,938.61	\$5,383.95	\$1,272.93
Membership Fees	\$1,250.00	\$350.00		
Total Assets	\$7,631.90	\$8,288.61	\$5,383.95	\$1,272.93
Liabilities				
Prepaid Membership Fees	\$4,662.50	\$3,112.50	\$2,232.50	\$1,700.00
Total Liabilities	\$4,662.50	\$3,112.50	\$2,232.50	\$1,700.00
NET ASSETS	\$2,969.40	\$5,176.11	\$3,151.45	-\$427.07
Members Funds				
Funds @ start of year	\$0.00	\$2,969.40	\$5,176.11	\$3,501.45
Operating result for year	\$2,969.40	\$2,206.71	-\$1,674.66	-\$3,928.52
Funds @ end of year	\$2,969.40	\$5,176.11	\$3,501.45	-\$427.07

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BALANCE SHEET as at 31 October 2007

	<u>2007</u>
Assets	
Cash at Bank	\$12,090.97
Total Assets	\$12,090.97
Liabilities	
Prepaid Membership Fees	\$9,675.00
Total Liabilities	\$9,675.00
NET ASSETS	\$2,415.97
Members Funds	
Funds @ start of year	-\$427.07
Operating result for year	\$2,843.04
Funds @ end of year	\$2,415.97

OPERATING ACCOUNT to 31 October 2007

	<u>2007</u>
INCOME	
Membership Fees Received	\$4,275.00
Bank Interest	\$11.95
Total Revenue	\$4,286.95
EXPENSES	
<i>Administration</i>	
Exchange Adjustments	\$49.50
Total Admin Expenses	\$49.50
<i>Meeting Costs</i>	
Airfares	\$1,394.41
Total Meeting Costs	\$1,394.41
Total Expenses	\$1,443.91
Operating result for year	\$2,843.04