Draft - ACTFA Annual General Meeting

Minutes – 18 February 2017

*UCAN Meeting Room, UC Building 29, Sports Commons, University Drive North, University of Canberra, Bruce, 2617*

**Opening** – the meeting was opened by Cerri at 2:29pm.

Member who attended were: Cerri Murphy (President), Hans Dimpel (Vice President), Garry Webster (Secretary), Gordon Christie (Treasurer), Chris Sadler, Rita Noonan, William O’Neil Micheal Cook, Carl Makin, Letitia Abela, Michael Spencer. Other non-members who attended were: Di Makin.

1. **Apologies** – Georg Mittermair, Anna Robinson and Oliver Webster.
2. **Confirmation of Minutes of previous AGM**

Minutes of the previous AGM were presented and accepted with minor corrections to names.

1. **Questions and business arising from the Minutes** - none.
2. **Correspondence** – none.
3. **Annual Report of President**

Cerri presented the Presidents report.  Cerri reported that the AFF had reviewed the new proposed ACTFA Constitution and provided some feedback that will be incorporated by Letitia.

1. **Auditors Report**

The Auditors Report for the calendar year ending 2016 was presented by Gordon Christie.  A number of questions were answered. The meeting accepted this Auditors Report.

1. **Financial Report of Treasurer**

Gordon Christie said that ACTFA is financially well positioned. Last year there were significant purchases of equipment that is now being used by clubs. He said that ACTFA needs to consider provisions for CFC2018. Cerri spoke about the possibility of getting equipment grants for CFC2018 during 2017. Cerri thanked Gordon.

1. **Reports from other Executive Committee members**

Chris Sadler (State Development Officer) – reported on the continued involvement of ACT fencers in the AFF High Performance camps at eh AIS during the year.

Di Making (State Coaching Director) – reported on the efforts to get the national coaches pathway developed.

Cerri Murphy (State Officiating Director) – reported on the courses run last year and the ongoing need to get people accredited.

1. **Election of Officers**

Cerri thanked the outgoing ACTFA committee and asked Carl to act as the Returning Officer.   The results of the elections were:

President - Cerri Murphy was elected to the position.

Treasurer - Gordon Christie was elected to the position.

Secretary - Garry Webster was elected to the position.

Vice President – Rita Noonan was elected to the position.

General Members - Letitia Abela and Micheal Spencer.

1. **General Business**

**Nomination of ACTFA Life Membership for Anna Robinson** – Hans/Garry/Gordon

Citation to support the nomination of Anna Robinson as a life member of the ACT Fencing Association.

Life membership is the highest recognition that the ACT Fencing Association can award, and it is with great honour that we bestow this on Anna Robinson. To recognise the long and varied contribution Anna has made to the sport of fencing in the ACT, as a comparative fencer, as a coach, as a developer of capability in the ACT, as an encourager and mentor, and as a builder of clubs.

Anna took up fencing in the mid-1980s, winning several championships, studies and family commitments prevented her from travelling to competitions in other states, so instead, she turned her energies to instructing and coaching. For over 18 years, Anna has taught thousands of people to fence in the ACT; individuals aged from 4 to 71 years of age, groups from different backgrounds, and inspired others to love the port as she does. Anna has been passionate about community fencing since she first started the YMCA program in 2001. She continued to provide her time as Coach, Manager, Supporter, and Committee member in a volunteer capacity. This has meant that in the ACT, the ‘sport of kings’ became the ‘sport of the community’ – readily affordable to all.

Anna has been fencing since 1985. In her 32nd year of fencing, her enthusiasm and inspiration has not abated.

Anna, we in the ACT Fencing community, deeply thanks you for your contribution, and rise in salute.

This motion was carried unanimously, the awarding of Life Membership to Anna Robinson will take place at eh 2016 ACTFA Presentation ceremony following the AGM.

**Close -** Cerri declared the AGM closed at 3:17pm.