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## Manitoba Fencing Association Special Meeting of the Members – Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Location: Teams Meeting

### Attendees

Staff: Elizabeth Derraugh, Auditor: Philip Bobby

Members: Joanne Struch, Karine Duhamel, Dari Jorquera Palmer, Andy Beardsall, Robert Hornford, Hope Johnson, Neil Smith, Jill Isbister, Paula Chisco, Andrew Drayson, Anita Wilson, Andrew Enciso, Phoenix Club (representative unclear)

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Joanne Struch.

### 2. Audited Financial Statements (Presented by Fort Group – Philip Bobby)

- Independent Auditor's Report was prepared and issued directly by the auditors.
- A clean opinion was provided, stating the financial statements present fairly.
- No significant fluctuations were noted compared to the previous fiscal year; results were consistent overall.

Motion: To accept the Audited Financial Statements as presented.

Moved by: Andy Beardsall

Seconded by: Karine Duhamel

Decision: Carried

### 3. Treasurer's Report

Call for questions: None received.

### 4. 2025–26 Forecast (Presented by Joanne Struch)

- MFA anticipates a balanced budget for the fiscal year.
- No significant changes expected.



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## 5. Approval of Auditors for 2026

Options presented by Elizabeth Derraugh:

- Fort Group: Estimated cost of ~\$7,500 with no upper limit. This year's audit exceeded \$10,000.
- Scarrow & Donald: Estimate capped at \$6,500 (all taxes included).
- Fort Group has prior experience with MFA's books; Scarrow & Donald currently work with several PSOs.

Motion: To approve Scarrow & Donald as auditors for the 2026 fiscal year.

Moved by: Joanne Struch

Seconded by: Neil Smith

Decision: Carried

## 6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM by Joanne Struch.

Minutes recorded by:

Elizabeth Derraugh

## Open discussion following meeting:

- Robert Hornford - requested finances and a further breakdown of expenditures and revenues.
  - could expenditures also be detailed by programs: provincial team would be a one larger expenditure including a larger portion of salary, equipment, facilities, athletic development costs, administrative costs and it would be good to know what percentage of resources are spent on that portion of the membership vs the general membership
- Joanne - she wanted to be involved in the community based on the age diversity of the sport throughout their lifetime.
- Paula - would like to see more development on epee
- Karine - how can the association provide value and support to the clubs. Call to clubs and membership for feedback re: organization and strategic priorities.



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- Neil - recommending the need for a structured strategic plan process.
- Andy - echo Neil that clubs need a significant involvement in the Strategic Planning process. It needs to expand beyond the provincial team, including coach development, outreach, etc.
- Elizabeth - Communication - how do clubs and members want to be communicated to?
- Jill - What is the role of the MFA?
- Andy - Structure of communication - Support the structure of communications directly to clubs. Concerns re: members being certified. And clubs don't know who is registered through MFA/CFF.
- Joanne - how to engage membership and the community
- Paula - people will engage better if they can relate to the MFA and understand the priorities