

# Minutes

## General Division Meeting

June 9, 2014

Officers present: Jason Seachrist- Chair, Jim Lane-Vice Chair, Ken Lauver- Treasurer, Charles Johnson-Secretary.

Meeting called to order at 12:00

Chair's Report: Minutes from last meeting of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee posted on line anyone interested can view it there. Division is doing well financially. Brief discussion of events leading up to a parent filing a safe sport report against division and the black carding of a local coach at a tournament for misconduct. Even though this particular coach is problematic we as a division can not permanently ban him from the sport, that is something that has to be decided at the USFA level.

Vice Chair's Report: Sanctioning process is simple you just need to contact Jim Lane to have your tournament sanctioned. Process was adopted in order to avoid conflicts. USFA has become stricter on memberships . Tournament organizers need to document one day memberships and regular memberships of those participating at tournaments.

Secretary's report: After having served in lots of capacities within the division I will be retiring from office.

Treasurer's Report: Division is doing well, we have currently \$12,503.00 on hand. Treasurer proposes that in recognition of his many years of service a Trophy be designated in Charles Johnson's name. What the Trophy will be awarded for remains to be decided.

Election of new secretary: 2 candidates came forth. Each was given an opportunity to speak

Suzi Katz: I have regional and National experience as a member of various groups, (sports physics and recreation) keeping minutes and archiving. Our fencers are hard working and deserve good referees and well run tournaments. I have experience in organizing tournaments and experience in marketing and would like to bring in more fencers from outside our area.

Nestor Grajales: I have been a member of this division since 1984. I want to help grow Florida fencing and bring in larger tournaments. I would like to help the Board of Directors become more efficient and keep our members informed as to what's happening in our division. I have a bachelor of Arts in Graphics

Jason Seachrist: There really should be more candidates. Division should be controlled by a more diverse group representing more geographic areas of the division.

Eligibility for voting is explained by Ken Lauver. You must be 18 years of age. If you are a fencer under 18 your parents can vote for you.

Question: 1 vote per person or 1 vote per member. An adult voting for their children and having a membership number of their own could have more than one vote? The initial decision was one vote per individual, however after discussion it was decided one vote per membership number. A parent representing more than one member could exercise one vote for each member represented.

Initial vote was by a show of hands with Ken Lauver and Jim Lane doing the account. After 3 attempts and differing numbers from each it was decided to vote by list. A separate sheet was provided for each candidate

Each person voting writes their names and membership numbers on the appropriate sheet, numbers to be checked against the USFA list of current members. Once voting was complete an attempt was made to check numbers on line at USFA, but Jennifer Seachrist who was appointed to perform this task was unable to connect to USFA website. It was then decided if approved by both candidates to make the assumption that the vote was honest and true. Both candidates were approached by Charles Johnson and Jim Lane and both indicated that they were OK with making that assumption.

Final count: Suzi Katz 38  
Nestor Grajales 33

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30

Respectfully Submitted this 19th day of June, 2014

Charles B. Johnson, Secretary  
Central Florida Division USFA