

Minutes
Central Florida Division
Board Of Directors & Executive Committee Meeting
September 8, 2013

Meeting Called to Order at 4:10 PM

Members Present:

Officers: Jason Seachrist, Chair
Jim Lane, Vice Chair
Charles Johnson, Secretary

Executive Committee Members Present: Terry Abrahams- Tampa Bay Fencers
Nicole Lane- Knight Blades Fencing Club
Jim Burcham- Orlando Fencing Club
David Holdsworth- Dunedin Fencing Club
Debbie Amsbaugh- Tampa Fencing Academy
Jennifer Seachrist- Winter Garden Fencing Academy

Call rules for teleconference meeting set forth by Chair.

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Agenda Item 1. Officers Reports

1. Chair- Chairs comments posted at web site.
2. Vice Chair- Sanctioning policies seem to be working well,.
3. Secretary- Annual meeting was not held in May, next year we need to find a way to make it happen.
It concerns me that there are not more Executive Committee Members present at this meeting.
4. Treasurer- (not present) Report e-mailed to EC and posted on line.

Chair moves to discuss Agenda Item 2. Increase of milage rate from .20 per mile to .30 per mile.

Background: Vice Chair- At present we are re-inbursing Refs and Armorers

Chair- Average gal. of gas in Florida is \$3.52; Average mpg for an American car is 24.6 in 2013.
120 mile round trip cost roughly \$18.00 in fuel; 20cents per mile will pay \$24.00, but most of us do not drive fuel efficient cars and sometimes we are transporting strips, people and gear.

David Holdsworth- Hauling the trailer with equipment is expensive and that needs to be increased as well, possibly to \$1.00 per mile

Motion: Jim Lane, second Jason Seachrist- Maintain the .20 per mile per vehicle for Refs, increase milage rate for anyone hauling the trailer/ equipment to .70 per mile.

Motion carries by unanimous vote.

Chair moves to discuss agenda item 3. Division Event Calendar- JO Qualifier, RYC/SRYC, Nationals Qualifier, Division Championships.

Background: Chair- Last season dates were 6/15 Division Championships, 4/20 Nationals Qualifiers, 2/9 RYC, 11/3 JO Qualifiers, Division clubs need to not jump ahead of calendar published for division events as these take president over club sponsored tournaments.

Recommended schedule for 2013-2014 Season: November 23- JO Qualifiers
February 8- RYC/SRYC
April 19th- Nationals Qualifiers
May 24- Division Championships

Dates are tentative based on availability of venues.

Approved.

Chair moves to discuss agenda item 4. Removal of non-participating Executive Committee Members with reappointment of members in attendance at this meeting.

Background: Chair- Last Season the majority of the Executive Committee Members did not participate in teleconference meetings or on-line discussions concerning division matters. The Division can not afford a “do nothing scenario”. And there was an attempt on my part to contact EC members that “disappeared”

Discussion: Jim Lane- Concerned that some simply could not make meeting.

Charles Johnson- Allow clubs to continue to appoint a representative, their participation is up to them.

Jim Burcham- I agree.

Jennifer Seachrist- Their non participation could hold us hostage if we do not have a quorum.

Chair- We have to have 1/3 to have a quorum.

Dave Holdsworth- Allow EC Reps to appoint a proxy in their absence.

Motion: David Holdsworth, Second Jason Seachrist: EC members to be contacted via e-mail for this seasons reps and informed that missing meetings or a lack of response on their part will constitute their being dropped as members of the EC. However in the event that they can not participate they can appoint a proxy to act in their stead.

Motion carries with one dissenting vote, Jim Lane

Chair moves to discuss agenda item 5. Selling of our worst strip for scrap and putting money towards, purchasing a new strip and new scoring set.

Background: Chair- Brian Harper has apparently had good results with light weight stainless strips (cost \$600.00) We also need another St. George scoring machine for the East Coast preferably with remote.

Discussion: Jim Lane- We have 2 ST. George Machines. We can sell worst strip for 1.60 per pound, approximately \$140.00.

Charles Johnson- Hate stainless, not a good surface to fence on, bunches up under your feet.

David Holdsworth- Even Stainless needs to be soldered for repairs, and repairing stainless requires special skills, and they are like Kirk Rowley's Challenger strips not- full sized in that the run-off area is short (i.e., it is possible to have the back foot on the bare floor off the physical end of the strip while the front foot is still ahead of the end line).

Debbie Amsbaugh- Would rather see stainless than no strip at all.

Jennifer Seachrist- I agree

Charles Johnson- Absolute Fencing gives our club a 25% discount on equipment. I would like to take the opportunity to see what they may have available.

Motion: Charles Johnson, second Jason Seachrist- Table purchase of new strip pending further research on cost. And sell existing bad strip for scrap once we have purchased a replacement.

Motion carries by unanimous vote.

Chair moves to discuss agenda item 6. Consolidated equipment usage, Consolidated Resolution Matrix.

Background: David Holdsworth and his work group have been developing a policy for marking, reporting, maintaining and rental fees for not only the equipment that the division owns but for other club owned equipment that may be available for use/rental. Policy has been e-mailed to all EC Members for review and they were asked to respond using the resolution matrix provided.

Discussion: David Holdsworth- 5 reporting accepted the recommendations put forth by the work group as is, and 5 recommended minor changes.

Jason Seachrist- Reporting policy (reporting equipment failure/ need for repair) to strict, there is a possibility no one will want to rent equipment.

Charles Johnson- It's a catch 22. No policy and care takers have no idea what's broke and needs repair, then when equipment does go out for rental and it fails they'll complain then too.

David Holdsworth- If policy is accepted we will need to appoint a committee to impliment.

Motion: Chair, second Charles Johnson- Accept policy as presented in the EPPWG Report with the modifications specified in the consolidated Comment Resolution Matrix, David to report back with finalized report reflecting the CRM change decisions.

Motion carries unanimously.

Motion by Chair to discuss agenda item 7. "Sportsmanship Award proposed by Nestor Grajales"

Motion tabled- need more details from presenter.

Motion by chair to discuss agenda item 8. Consistency between local and National level directing.

Motion tabled- It was decided this would be best discussed at a referees seminar. There are several on AskFred.

Additional Business: USFA Safe Sport policy

Background: USFA for several years has required coaches to undergo background checks. Now they want not only coaches to do this but referees, armorers, and club board members to do this as well. Basically anyone who comes in contact directly with students/fencers. In addition they want all of the above mentioned to take a sexual harassment course by February (to be made available by the USFA).

Discussion: Dave Holdsworth- lets keep the dialogue going as to how other clubs are dealing with this.

Charles Johnson- I have no problem with background checks for coaches. I do have a problem with having to go thru a sexual harassment seminar. I think I know what that is as do most. Most Corporations/organizations don't require it unless there is an allegation. This is sort of assuming guilt where there is none. In addition most club board members are parents and have no real direct contact with the fencers other than their own kids.

Motion: Jason Seachrist, second Jim Lane- Carry on as at present at our own risk, pending clarification from the USFA as to who this really applies to.

Motion carries

Motion to adjourn: Charles Johnson, second Jason Seachrist

Motion carries

Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm

Respectfully submitted 9/29/2013
Charles Johnson, Secretary
Central Florida Division, USFA