

4:00 p.m. Meeting called to order by chair

1. Roll call (present): Jason Seachrist (Chair)
Ken Lauver (Treasurer)
Jennifer Seachrist
David Holdsworth
Nestor Grajales
Debbie Amsbaugh

There is a quorum, per the bylaws.

Suzi Katz (Secretary Elect) invited to take minutes; she will be new secretary on August 1, 2014

2. Discussed tentative qualifier dates for next season:
Junior Olympic Qualifier - 11/22
Regional Youth Circuit - 1/31
Summer National Qualifier - 4/4 moved to 4/11 due to Easter Holiday
Division Championships - 5/30

3. Sanctioning - unanimous agreement on adjusting current policy from "A sanctioning fee of \$20 is payable to the Division within 30 days of approval" to "A sanctioning fee of \$20 is payable to the Division within 10 business days of approval". This is combat instances where organizers cancel a tournament without paying the fee.

4. Sanctioning - Chair proposed that an organizer may only sanction two unfenced tournaments at a time to level the playing field and prevent organizers from reserving too much of the calendar. Proposal failed; 2 yes to 6 no

5. Board of Directors membership costs: Members of the Board of Directors are volunteers and therefore by vote of 5 to 1 the Board of Directors will be reimbursed by the Division for the difference between their parent/supporting membership and professional membership.

6. Trailer - Kirk Rowley wishes to buy the larger trailer currently in his possession. Kirk was not present at the meeting. Chair moved to table. Treasurer seconded. It was brought up that Kirk would be asked to put together a proposal. It was also brought up the question of what would the Division do with the strips and other equipment in the trailer with regards to care, upkeep and space to store.

7. Referee Support Policy

-Adjust testing fee policy to require those who have passed the test to actually referee at a Division tournament prior to being reimbursed; passed 1 nay to 5 yays

8. Chair moves that Division holds an FOC referee clinic. Nestor seconds. Unanimous agreement on forming a committee to organize the clinic. Jennifer, Debbie and Emily have volunteered for the committee

9. Pay Adjustment for Referees: There is a unanimous agreement to adjust the Division's base honorarium rates to keep up with changes in the USFA-approved rates while adding amounts at each level consistent with the honorarium structure currently being used by the Division. This will be in effect for at least the 2014-2015 fencing year.

- Increase the rates at Referee Rating Levels 5 and by \$5
- Continue the Central Florida Division-only scaled rating scheme for Referee Levels 6 through 9 (anchored on the Level 5 and Level 10 endpoints).

Pay adjustment; unanimous agreement to adjust our base honorarium from \$20 to \$30 to match the USFA/ FOC. The scale, based on rating, will be as such: David told the participants Adjustments are as follows:

- Level 10 - \$35 (new USFA rate + \$5)
- Level 9 - \$40 (new USFA rate + \$5)
- Level 8 - \$45 (new USFA rate +\$5)
- Level 7 - \$50 (new USFA +\$5)
- Level 6 - \$55 (new USFA + \$5)

Verbiage will be included to ensure that our base will always match the USFA

9. Strips - Chair moves to purchase new strip, machine and reels as part of unfinished business from last season. David moves that Division act on the recommendations previously made by the North Pinellas Group. The recommendations are in documentation previously provided. Chair moves to review documentation and gather by August 24 to discuss on course of action. Debbie seconds.

New business

1. Nestor - proposes a packet for hosts that want to run division tournaments; Ken moves that we have a flexible checklist of who does what. Jason seconds. Ken will forward draft to EC.

2. Debbie wants to email the E.C. that it will disband on August 1 and please appoint a new member. Jason seconds. This is an attempt to make the E.C. leaner with active participants.

3. Ken Lauer brought up the new award that was proposed and approved at the Division Meeting in honor of Charles for his long time support and service to the Division and what that would look like as far as what the award's requirements would be. Ken will put together a proposal.

Adjourned at 6:57PM.