

**United States Fencing Association
Southern California Division**

Fortune Fencing
2620 East Walnut Street, Pasadena, CA 91107
Saturday, August 2, 2008, 3:00 pm

MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

In Attendance: Michael D'Asaro, Chair (**Santa Barbara Fencing Academy/Caltech**); Greg Schiller, Vice Chair (**Monroe High School Fencing/UCLA**); Gary Zeiss, Treasurer (**LAIFC**); Larry Dunn, Linda Dunn, Adam Johnson (**Couturier**); Amy Fortune (**Fortune Fencing**); Bob Dollar, Mike Dollar, Suzi Dollar (**LAIFC**); Tim Robinson (**Presidio Fencing Club**); Jay Vadnais, Kim Dewberry, Steve Dewberry (**Salle LaVerne**); Matt Damron (**Thrust Fencing**); Yukari Hirayama, Terry Dix

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm on Saturday, August 2, 2008 by Chair Michael D'Asaro at Fortune Fencing, 2620 East Walnut Street in Pasadena, California.

II. CHAIR REPORT

This meeting is a continuation of the meeting of July 19, 2008.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

George Porter, Secretary, was not present and the minutes of the last meeting was not available for approval.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Gary Zeiss presented the Budget from Fiscal Year 2007 - 2008 and the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2008 - 2009. Copies were handed out for review and discussion.
- Mr. Zeiss reported that the Southern California Division did not get membership dues rebate from the USFA for the previous year. He has the Financial Report ready for Chair Mike D'Asaro, to sign so that it can be turned in to the USFA.
- The number of new members in the Southern California Division was not known. However total membership is **859** as of May 2008.
- Linda Dunn questioned the \$3,000 spent on tournaments last year. Mr. Zeiss responded that the Southern California Division had to bring in outside

referees as all the local rated referees were fencing. In addition there is pressure from parents, coaches, fencers, etc. to get good referees, pay them USFA rates and reimburse them for hotel and travel costs. However, Mr. Zeiss feels the costs ought to go down.

- Bob Dollar feels the referee travel and lodging should have been included in the last Minutes and voted on and that the spending was not authorized.
- Linda Dunn proposes adding a separate line item for referee transportation and lodging in the amount of \$1,000 in addition to the referee fees.
- Suzy Dollar proposed increase venue fees. Increase strip cost to \$50 per strip and \$550 per venue.
- All the medals handed out last year said “RYC” on them. The error was not caught and most of the medals were given away. It is too late to get a refund.
- Suzy Dollar requested an invoice from American Fencers for work they have done to date. The Southern California Division paid them up front \$2,000. Carl Oberg has credit with them. The discussion was tabled for a future meeting.

The following motion, which was presented and duly seconded, was unanimously approved by the Members of the USFA Southern California Division.

MOTION:

The Members of the USFA Southern California Division approve the proposed budget for Fiscal Year August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009. Copy is attached to these minutes.

V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following uncontested members were nominated for positions as Officers in the USFA Southern California Division for the Fiscal Year August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009.

Tim Robinson, Chair
Adam Johnson, Vice Chair
Linda Dunn, Treasurer
Yukari Hirayama, Secretary

The following motion, which was presented and duly seconded, was unanimously approved by the Members of the USFA Southern California Division.

MOTION:

The Members of the USFA Southern California Division approve the nominees for Officers for Fiscal Year August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009.

- Congressional Representatives were nominated in March 1, 2008. However those list of names were not available at this meeting. New Members of Congress names were requested by Suzy Dollar and Gary Zeiss.
- Club Representatives names were not available at this meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Bob Dollar brought up the following concerns:
 - 1) That the Minutes for the Membership and Executive Committee meetings be posted within 2 weeks as preliminary. With a final approved Minutes available in 30 days.
 - 2) That all schedule and results be posted on the Southern California Division website AND AskFred. The Secretary is responsible to scan and post the results. The discussion was tabled for a future meeting.
- Discussion of Schedule

Mr. Zeiss brought up designating sectional points to Division tournaments Mr. D'Asaro asks if there is any reason any of the events in schedule should be sanctioned? Chair Tim Robinson commented he would like more D events.

- Suzy Dollar brought up the issue of high cost of tournament fees. \$40 per club event is too expensive. It would be cheaper to fence at other division such as Orange Coast which is \$10 per event.

Amy Fortune charges \$15 per event, but is open to raising their tournament fee to \$20.

The following MOTION presented by Gary Zeiss, to raise event fees to \$20.00 if venue is not free. If venue is free, then event fee to stay at \$15.00, was NOT APPROVED, due to a lack of a second.

- A question was raised about clubs being allowed one fund raising event per year.

Linda Dunn suggests limiting the number of events hosted by a club because the Division does not get any revenue. Mr. D'Asaro responds Why? When the Division has the equipment? Mr. Zeiss feels those clubs who invest in the facility deserve the revenue and we should support them.

Terry Dix comments that the Division do not have a space and so must rely on clubs. In the past, the Division took 20% of the revenue from club sponsored tournaments.

Linda Dunn responds that this caused alot of hassle accounting wise. It is up to the Executive Committee to sanction and the discussion was tabled.

- Inventory of Southern California Division equipment: half of is at Fortune Fencing, half at LA International Fencing Center.
- Mr. Zeiss has treasurer's stuff for Linda Dunn. George Porter has documents for Yukari Hirayama.
- Letter of introduction for Chair Tim Robinson is needed for Sharon, the current webmaster. Mr. D'Asaro will get him the contact information.
- Gary Zeiss announced he is also this years Pacific Coast Section Chair and needs congressional representative names.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at about 4:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Yukari Hirayama, Secretary