

**United States Fencing Association
Southern California Division**

Points West Fencing Center
2300 Knoll Drive, Suite L, Ventura, California 93003
Sunday, February 22, 2009, 10:00 am

MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

In Attendance: Tim Robinson, Chair (**Presidio Fencing Club**); Linda Dunn, Treasurer (**Couturier**); Yukari Hirayama, Secretary; Clare Deffense (**Swords Fencing Studio**); Larry Dunn (**Couturier**); Chris Noyes (**Presidio Fencing Club**); Michael Tiffany (**Points West Fencing Center**);

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Yukari Hirayama, Secretary and seconded by Tim Robinson, Chair at 10:00am on Sunday, February 22, 2009 at Points West Fencing Center, 2300 Knoll Drive, Suite L in Ventura, California.

II. CHAIR REPORT

- Tim Robinson, Chair, reported the Summer Nationals Qualifiers are scheduled for the following dates:

3/22/09 Posted

4/19/09 Posted. Note: Boardwalk Open is also scheduled on the same day.

5/9/09 or 5/10/09 Tentative. Last year, Tim asked Greg about 5/3/09 date, but received no response.

- Tim asks Linda Dunn, Treasurer, whether she is satisfied with the way she is collecting money from the tournaments. Linda replied yes. That in collecting money through AskFred, the Division is charged a surcharge, which will then have to be forwarded to the members. The cost is avoided by collecting money at the door. Tim announces the current administration operation will stay as it is.
- Referees for Summer Nationals Qualifiers. Tim reports referees are lined up for the 3/22/09 qualifier, but is finding difficulty for the 4/19/09 qualifier because of conflict with the Boardwalk Open.

Linda is prepared to pay for referees. She reports Adam Johnson, Vice Chair, who is unable to attend the meeting today, is working on getting referees. Per the USFA Rulebook, just one rated referee is needed at the qualifiers and all other referees need not be rated.

Clare Deffense mentioned that Janet Gegan knows of some high school students who have community service requirements. She suggests having them referee for free. Tim likes the idea.

- Conejo Fencing Club will assist with finding a venue for the qualifier in May.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Yukari Hirayama, Secretary, presented the Minutes of the Membership Meeting on August 22, 2008, which was posted online. Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting was not available.

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

MOTION:

The Members of the USFA Southern California Division approve the Minutes of the Membership Meeting on August 22, 2008.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Linda reports the Division has a \$2,000 credit with American Fencers Supply. A check was made out by Jim Gay and sent to them some time ago. AFS moved from San Francisco and the owners are now at a new location.

Linda spoke to armourer Carl Oberg who was not aware of this arrangement. The Division needs to either get the money back or order supplies.

- The Division equipment was stored at LAIFC. The equipment were removed from the location and inventoried by the officers. Some of the Favero and SG's are not working. The equipment are now divided and stored at Linda and Larry Dunn's residence and Points West Fencing Club.

Chris Noyes asked who is responsible for the broken equipment? If a club borrows it then they should pay if it gets broken. Linda replied that in most cases the clubs do not report it and so we do not know.

- Clare suggests using the company PODS (Portable On Demand Storage) for storing equipment. Linda says it is inconvenient because of transportation & storage fees.
- Linda reports newly redesigned medals will be ordered. The Division will be selling the current remaining medals to Janet Gegan.
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- The Toys for Tots Charity Tournament hosted by Conejo Fencing Club on November 29, 2008 was a great success. The Division made a nominal sum of

\$94

~~\$90.00~~. Phil Hareff, who was not present at today's meeting, was commended for organizing this event every year. Many toys were donated, the event ran smoothly and everyone was in great spirits for a great cause.

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

MOTION:

The Members of the USFA Southern California Division approve to give the proceeds from the Toys for Tots Charity Tournament to Conejo Fencing Club and Phil Hareff.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Clare Deffense would like to host a benefit tournament in spring 2010 for the Jan Nolan Camp, a large non-profit organization for the disabled and which she is on the boardmember. Michael Tiffany suggests to Clare to get a venue and get referees to volunteer. Offers other suggestions to make it a successful tournament.

The Division can lend equipment, IF it is a club sanctioned event. Tim asks whether she can hold it after the qualifiers. Clare is open to it being a pre-Summer Nationals event or summer event. Clare would like to discuss reserving the date at the July membership meeting.

- Michael Tiffany would like more Veterans event. Tim replies the issue is finding the venue and the date to hold the event because it conflicts with Scholastic and Collegiate event schedule. Many clubs are hosting their own single weapon event, but usually these become huge fund raising events and are expensive. And, in some cases, held to boost the ratings of their own club members. Tim suggest to host it yourself; get a venue and volunteers and make it a standard monthly thing. Or coordinate with other clubs and divisions to hold the event on the same day.
- Mike suggests making up a "Fact Sheet on How to Host an Event" so clubs know what to do. Perhaps put it on the website.
- Tim asked about a scholarship for children and adults who are in-need to travel to NAC's.
- Linda stated the Division is not a non-profit 501(C)(3) because we do not file as such on our tax return. If we want to be non-profit status, we need to file the Division as separate non-profit organization.
- Congressional Representatives: Was the list submitted to the USFA?

-Yes, by Linda

- Linda Dunn was asked by Greg Schiller to assist in running the Okawa Open.
- Slate for next season Division officers:
 - Chair – Tim, no
 - Vice Chair – Adam, no. Chris Noyes & Tim Robinson?
 - Treasurer – Linda, yes
 - Secretary – Yukari, no

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Larry Dunn and seconded by Yukari Hirayama at about 1:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Yukari Hirayama, Secretary