

Southwest Section United States Fencing Association General Membership Meeting

May 4, 2002

Section Chair Bob Fiegel called the meeting to order at 6:40, with all divisions, including our newest member, Border, represented, 20 members present.

A motion was made to accept the minutes as they appear on line, there was second. Approved unanimously.

Financial Report was read and motion to approve was seconded. Approved.

Old Business – No RYC report.

New Business – (Reports)

Southwest Section Circuit Chair, David Sierra thanked the two section sponsors, Sword Masters, and Fencing Footage. He considered the past season a success and reported a net balance of \$150. - Next year's schedule will still include only 6 events which will be:

ALM – Rose Condon (Jan)

GC-Heavy Metal (Oct or date pending)

LA – Crescent City (March)

NTX – Grand Prix (Feb)

OK – Oz Parsons (March)

STX – Longhorn (date pending)

A Div II/III/Vet NAC (North American Cup) will also be in our section in March. (Arlington, TX.)

Point system for the SSCC will be altered as follows:

6 competitions available

Sectional will no longer be a tiebreaker

Highest 4 competitions

First tie-breaker is the 5th competitions

Second tie-breaker is the 6th competitions

Further need for tie-breaker will result in a fence off.

With a need to have consistency among the SSCC events, David proposed we adopt a standard format of 3 men and 3 women events, with no mixed events. After initial discussion, the SSCC mission statement was read. There was a recess for medal presentation.

Jerry Benson moved that we adopt a modified version which would include segregated events for foil and epee, but a mixed event for sabre, motion seconded. After discussion the motion was defeated.

A motion was entertained to adopt the six separate event format that David had suggested, seconded. After discussion, the motion was defeated.

Motion was made and seconded that we have 3 mixed only events. This motion failed.

Tracey Hurley moved we have six events, of which 3 would be mixed and 3 would be women. It was also moved that the women would be awarded points within the women's event only, and

women's points would be removed from the mixed events, also moving that there would be no exclusion and a maximum of 2 events a day. This motion carried.

David reminded us that all USFA sanctioned open events have an age limit. SSCC age limit will be consistent with the NAC current season.

A question of space at SSCC events being limited to sponsors, which would include possibly charging non-sponsors for their space, was briefly addressed. This discussion was tabled for further discussion by the executive committee.

David ended by showing us the final entry which has been selected for our SSCC logo. Oliver Diaz was credited with the design.

Chair moved amending the bylaws to reflect the inclusion of Border, Texas, and the rotation of order for sectionals. Border requested to be placed to be given maximum time before they host. Motion seconded and accepted unanimously.

David Sierra reported the creation of a referee database in which all referees along with their current rating will be made available to make it easier to hire them for events. David invited all current rated referees and those who wish to be, to contact him for details.

Jerry Benson, as section representative for board, announced no rule changes will occur in the USFA until after nationals at the earliest.

Chair noted that the timetable for sectional newsletter is September and February. If you plan to host the sectional, you need to have a firm date and venue prior to February. Our newsletter waits on that information.

While not in the by-laws, the chair reminded us the price of \$20 for a first event and \$5 successive ones is traditional. He requested separate motions 1) to increase the fee 2) budget allowance for a venue, allowance being decided by the executive committee. Angela Torres so moved. There was a second and both motions were approved.

Jerry Benson also reported that if any divisions are thinking of applying for a permit #, the USFA will soon vote to allow the division to carry the USFA permit #

Officer nominations were received from the floor.

Nominated for Chair, Bob Fiegel, seconded and motion for nominations to cease was seconded.

Nominated for Vice Chair, Angela Torres, seconded.

Nominated for Secretary, Terry Harkey, seconded and motion for nominations to cease was seconded.

Nominated for Treasurer, Carolyn Gresham, seconded and motion for nominations to cease was seconded.

Nominated for Board of Directors, Jerry Benson, seconded.

Motion was made to accept the slate of officers by acclamation. Seconded and approved.

Meeting was adjourned by chair Bob Fiegel at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Harkey

Southwest Section Secretary