

Minutes

Special Meeting of the USFA Board of Directors

February 14th, 2010 Memphis, TN

In Attendance:

Bradley Baker, William Becker, Jerry Benson, Daniel Berke, David Blake, Jane Carter, Aaron Clements, R. Greg Dilworth, David Herr, Sada Jacobson, Alan Kuver, Terry Kwan, George Masin, Evan Ranes, Paula Reed, Sunil Sabharwal, Kathryn Schifferle, Laurence Schiller, Mark Stasinos, Joseph Streb, Soren Thompson, Kalle Weeks, Alexander Wood

Guests:

Kurt Aichele, Donald Alperstein, Tanya Brown, Lisa Campi, Samuel Cheris, Marc Courtney, Matthew Cox, Sheryl Eberhardt, Andrew Lambdin-Abraham, Barbara Lynch, Greg Massialas, Dwayne Nicholson, Judith Offerle, Alexandre Ryjik, Joe Salisbury, Kornelia Schreiber, Andy Shaw, David Sierra, Rick Whitney, Ayden Young

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I. Information

A. General Information and Organizational Items:

General announcements

Appointment of Parliamentarian: Aaron Clements

B. Minutes of the September 19 & 20, 2009 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors

Motion (Mr. Baker): To approve the minutes of the September 19 & 20, 2009 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors (the minutes are distributed separately)

Second: Mrs. Schifferle

Motion Passed

C. Officer and Executive Director Reports: (Please refer to the Index of Appendices)

Motion (Mr. Baker): To receive Officer and Director reports.

Second: Mr. Stasinis

Motion Passed

D. Committee Reports

1. Executive Committee Reports of Action. The EC took the following actions:

October 20th, 2009

- The Executive Committee received a follow-up question based upon an action taken on August 11th regarding differing standards for entry to the same event by male and female fencers. The EC reiterates the previous point that the entry requirements to a particular event cannot differ based upon an athlete's gender. Specifically, athletes of one gender cannot be required to also compete in a second event as an additional entry requirement.
- The Executive Committee has received a request from the New York Athletic Club and NYAC II to officially merge into a single club, with the combined club retaining the automatic team qualification slots previously earned for the 2010 National Championships by each original club. The Executive Committee has approved this request as being within the spirit of the rules regarding clubs receiving automatic bids based upon placement within the top four of the preceding season's National Championships.

November 10th, 2009

- Approved the formation of a Tournament Format Task Force. Bradley Baker (chair) and Darius Wei were appointed, with two additional members to be determined. The TTF is charged with the following duties:

Examine the acceptable formats and variations used for Divisional Tournaments, for the expressed interest of benefiting the fencers in the Division and earning of classifications.

Explore the possibility of expanding the types of acceptable formats to be used and define or

outline their structure for the benefit of the competition and competitors.
The Task Force will complete this process in time to have a report with recommendations for the Board to review at the Special Meeting in July 2010.

- The Tournament Committee has further revised the proposal for changes to the National Calendar, taking into account the feedback received from members and other stake-holders based upon the first proposal. While work continues on the schedule, in order to allow for venues to be booked at favorable rates, the Executive Committee has approved directing the National Office to start making arrangements and signing contracts as necessary for the first half of the 2010-2011 season, through the Junior Olympics 2011. The tournaments during that time period under the most recent proposal are:

North American Cup A **October 15-18, 2010**
Division I/II/Veteran/Senior Team
Div. I MF, WF, ME, WE, MS, WS
Div. II MF, WF, ME, WE, MS, WS
Veteran MF, WF, ME, WE, MS, WS
Senior Teams MF, WF, ME, WE, MS, WS (24 events) 4 days

North American Cup B **November 12-15, 2010**
Junior/Cadet/Y14/Junior Team
Y14 MF, WF, ME, WE, MS, WS
Cadet MF, WF, ME, WE, MS, WS
Junior MF, WF, ME, WE, MS, WS
Junior Teams MF, WF, ME, WE, MS, WE (24 events) 4 days

North American Cup C **January 14-17, 2011**
Division I/Junior/Cadet/Junior or Senior Team
Div. I MF, WF, ME, WE, MS, WS
Junior MF, WF, ME, WE, MS, WS
Cadet MF, WF, ME, WE, MS, WS
Jr. or Senior Team MF, WF, ME, WE, MS, WS (24 events) 4 days

2011 Junior Olympics **February 18-21, 2011**
Junior MF, WF, ME, WE, MS, WS
Cadet MF, WF, ME, WE, MS, WS
Junior Team MF, WF, ME, WE, MS, WS (18 events) 4 days

[Note: There is also a related motion (First Hearing Motion 6) on the agenda]

November 27th, 2009

- The Executive Committee received an appeal from a member regarding the outcome of the decertification of a local tournament.

The petitioning member competed in a tournament in a neighboring division in September and was told at the conclusion of her event that she had earned a C09 classification. On October 4th, the hosting division's Executive Committee found that the tournament was in violation of several provisions of their rules and policies for sanctioned events and voted to decertify the tournament in question.

The tournament organizer was informed of the Division EC's ruling and was delegated the responsibility to inform the affected fencers, a task which appears not to have been completed. The Division posted the minutes of the meeting, including this ruling, on their website, but not until November 20th.

The petitioning member had, in the interim, already made arrangements to compete in a Division I event at NAC C. She discovered the decertification of the tournament on November 17th following an inquiry to the National Office about her entry status. The petition requests that the EC overturn the Divisional decision to decertify the tournament.

The EC has declined to overturn the decision made by the Division EC and the decertification of the tournament is upheld. Acknowledging the unusual circumstances, the limited time available, and the member's good faith reliance on the reported results when registering for NAC C, the EC has decided to make a special exception to allow the petitioner to compete at NAC C. The "C" classification that would have otherwise been earned if the tournament in question had not been decertified will not be officially recognized for any other purpose.

December 1st, 2009

- The Executive Committee approved the appointment of a Task Force to review and make recommendations regarding US Fencing's policies, practices and procedures related to international-level and National Team athletes, coaches, managers, and cadre. Contingent on their agreement to participate on the Task Force, Paul Soter is appointed chair, with additional members Peter Barton and Stephanie Haggerty.

December 15th, 2009

- The Executive Committee reaffirmed the decision of the National Office, based upon current policy, to deny an athlete request for refund of a NAC entry fee for withdrawal after the withdrawal deadline.
- The Executive Committee reviewed an athlete appeal of a decision not to allow the athlete to change club representation. Based upon historic precedent and the recent interpretations of section 5.2.B.1 in the Operations Manual, the EC determined that the athlete did not require special permission to change club representation. The EC noted that the section of the Operations Manual is in need of revision to increase clarity and that there is already a motion scheduled for a second hearing in February that would modify it.
- Approved the appointment of Daniel Berke and Wayne Jenness as the two "TBD" members of the Tournament Formats Task Force originally established November 10th.

January 12th, 2010

- Added Sada Jacobson to the Task Force examining high performance processes and procedures originally appointed on December 1, 2009.

January 26th, 2010

- The Executive Committee reviewed the appeal of a tournament organizer to be allowed to conduct an RYC tournament. The EC has approved the request that the tournament be granted sanction and included on the Youth Calendar.
- The Executive Committee considered questions about a possible error in the recently-released 2009-2010 Athlete Handbook. These questions concerned the examples demonstrating how domestic Group I points are calculated throughout the season, as listed in Section 4.4 (Cadet Point Standings). The EC has directed that changes be made to the Athlete Handbook to reflect past practice from the 2009-2010 season and to correct what has been published.

February 5th, 2010

- The Executive Committee voted to deny an appeal to enter a junior event at Junior Olympic Championships because the appeal was not timely and the athlete had competed in and finished the qualifier competition without achieving a qualifying placement. The Executive Committee also voted to allow the athlete late entry to a cadet event for which she qualified upon payment of triple fees.

February 9th, 2010

- The Executive Committee voted to adopt immediately, and for all levels of US Fencing competition, the FIE ban of visor masks in epee and foil.

Motion (Mr. Baker): to approve EC action items.

Second: Mr. Clements

Motion Passed.

2. Committee Reports: (Please refer to the Index of Appendices)

Motion (Mr. Baker): to receive committee reports.

Second: Mr. Kuver

Motion Passed.

II. Budget Phase

A. Financial Reports:

Budget vs. Actual report for period ending December 31, 2009.

Motion (Mr. Dilworth): To receive the Budget Report as submitted to the Board.

Second: Mr. Baker

Motion Passed.

III. Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws

A. Motion (Mr. Clements; Seconded by Mr. Baker; Referred to Bylaws Review Task Force):

To amend the Bylaws of the Association by adding the following section to Article VIII:

Art. VIII, Sec. 23. **Executive Session.** The Board shall hold an executive session during each Annual Meeting at which the Board shall review the performance and terms of employment of the Executive Director or any member of the Association's staff exercising the authority of the Executive Director. At either the annual meeting or at any special meeting, the Board may take up a specific matter, including a disciplinary matter, in executive session on a motion supported by two-thirds of the ~~whole membership~~ members of the Board present. An executive session shall be open only to members of the Board and General Counsel of the Association unless the motion seeking the session expressly designates specific, named individuals who may remain present.

Motion (Mr. Clements): To table this motion until the next meeting of the Board.

Second: Mr. Kuver

Motion to Table Passed.

B. Motion (Mr. Clements; Seconded by Mr. Masin; Referred to Bylaws Review Task Force):

To amend Art. VIII, Sec. 10 of the Bylaws of the Association as follows:

Section 10 Quorum. At any meeting of the Board of Directors, the number of members present in person constituting a quorum shall be the greater of one-third of the members in office or seven members present in person. On failure of a quorum a lesser number shall have the power to adjourn to a given time and place. The date, place and time of each meeting shall be designated by the President.

Motion (Mr. Clements): To table this motion until the next meeting of the Board.

Second: Mr. Dilworth

Motion to Table Passed.

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Second Hearing

1. Motion (Mr. Clements):

Second: Mr. Dilworth

To replace the existing classes of individual memberships with new membership classes having rights, benefits, and privileges as follows:

1. Competitive Members. Competitive members have the right to enter and compete in local, regional, and national-level competitions, and subject to deadlines as to the date of membership or requirements as to the minimum length of membership, shall have the right to vote or run for office in USFA elections. Competitive members may join for one-year or three-year terms upon payment of dues as determined by the Board of Directors.
2. Professional members. Professional members, particularly including coaches, have the same rights, benefits, and privileges as Competitive members, and additionally receive the benefit of a general liability insurance policy purchased by the Association. In order to become a Professional member, an individual must pay for and successfully complete such background screening as may be required by the Association or by said insurance, and the Executive Director is hereby authorized to implement standards for said background screening.
3. Life members. On payment of dues as determined by the Board of Directors, Life members have the same rights, benefits, and privileges as Competitive members, and may vote in elections of the USFA membership subject to deadlines as to the date of membership. Life members retain these rights, benefits, and privileges for the remainder of their natural lives without the payment of additional dues.
4. Benefactor members. Life members may show their continuing support of the Association by upgrading their membership to Benefactor status. Benefactor memberships are grouped in four levels (Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum), with the dues for each level as determined by the Board of Directors. Benefactor members receive additional benefits, including insignia and devices for wear, a certificate, and additional recognition through the Association's channels of communications.
5. Non-Competitive members. Non-Competitive members enjoy the rights, benefits, and privileges of Competitive members with respect to voting and holding office; however, Non-Competitive members may not enter into sanctioned competitions. The Association will also include access to a major medical/special accident plan at special rates. Non-Competitive members may join for one-year or three-year calendar (rather than fencing season) terms upon payment of dues as determined by the Board of Directors.
6. Non-Competitive Life members. On payment of dues as determined by the Board of Directors, Non-Competitive Life members have the same rights, benefits, and privileges as Non-Competitive members, and retain those rights, benefits, and privileges for the remainder of their natural lives.
7. Associate members. Associate members are those individuals who wish to receive American Fencing magazine, but who do not wish to vote, compete, or hold office in the Association. The Association will also include access to a major medical/special accident plan at special rates.
8. Family memberships. Family memberships include 2 Competitive memberships and 2 Associate (non-voting) memberships. Additional Competitive members living at the same address may be added on payment of additional dues as determined by the Board of Directors. Family memberships include one subscription to American Fencing magazine.

To implement these changes, Chapter 2 of the Operations Manual is amended as follows in Appendix J of the Agenda.

Motion Withdrawn.

2. Motion (Mr. Streb; Seconded by Mr. Blake):

To adopt 100% promotion from pools to direct eliminations in all Veteran USFA National events including NAC's & Summer National Championships.

Motion (Mr. Wood): To amend the motion to provide for 100% promotion at Veterans Championships events of 24 or fewer entries and 80% promotion at Championships events with 25 or more entries.

Second: Mr. Blake

Motion: To table the motion and refer it to the Tournament Committee and Veterans Committee to report at the next meeting of the Board.

Motion to Table Passed.

3. Motion (Mr. Masin; Seconded by Mr. Kuver):

Modify Section 5.2.B.1 of the Operations Manual as follows:

A fencer may at any time resign from one club and join another, or join or hold membership in two or more clubs. ~~However, within the same fencing season, no fencer may represent in competition more than one club without special permission of the Board of Directors.~~ The fencer's first stated club affiliation at a USFA competition in each fencing season becomes that fencer's club representation for that season, unless the fencer changes club representation by January 31st or before any team qualifying competition, whichever occurs the earliest. After this deadline, fencers may not change their club representation without special permission of the Board of Directors. In any team competition, fencers can fence only for the club that they last represented before the start of the competition.

Motion (Mr. Baker): To amend the motion as follows:

Modify Section 5.2.B.1 of the Operations Manual as follows:

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Board of Directors. In any team competition, fencers can fence only for the club that they last represented before the start of the competition.

Additionally, modify the Athlete's Handbook to reconcile equivalent sections to the text provided above.

Motion to Amend Passed.

Motion, as amended, Passed.

4. Motion (Mr. Dilworth; Seconded by Mr. Baker)

The US Fencing Operations manual will be modified as listed in Appendix L of the Agenda effective on 8/1/2010.

Motion (Mr. Clements): To refer the motion to the Tournament Committee, ROC Advisory Group, Club Development & Support Task Force, Tournament Formats Task Force, and Divisions and Sections Resource Group. Committees, Task Forces, and Groups are directed to report to the Board during August, 2010.

Second: Mrs. Schifferle

Motion to refer the motion to committees Passed.

5. Motion (Mr. Clements; Seconded by Mrs. Bell):

To provide for the adequate discharge of the Board of Directors' duties to manage, supervise, and shepherd the resources of the Association, contracts or purchases meeting any of the following conditions must be specifically reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors:

- a. The contract involves the purchase, sale, lease, or encumbrance of real property, or the licensure, purchase, or sale of intellectual property;
- b. The contract, by its terms, purports to impose requirements on the individual members of the Association;
- c. The total value of the contract in the present fiscal year (i.e., the potential monetary obligation incurred by the Association under the contract exclusive of any revenues which may be generated under the contract) exceeds \$25,000.00;
- d. The term of the contract exceeds four years, regardless as to value;
- e. The term of the contract exceeds one year, and either:
 - i. the total value of the contract in any single fiscal year exceeds \$10,000.00; or
 - ii. the total value of the contract in any single fiscal year exceeds ten percent of the budgetary allocation for the relevant spending category in the current fiscal year (i.e., the line-item allocation approved by the Board of Directors in the Association's budget).

Contracts for direct employment by the Association shall be exempt from this requirement, as shall contracts for which provisions are otherwise specifically provided by resolution of the Board of Directors (including provisions of the Operations Manual and existing policies for reimbursement or payment of volunteers).

The Executive Committee shall have the authority to approve contracts on behalf of the Board of Directors while the Board is in recess. The Executive Committee's approval of any contract

falling within the definitions of categories (a) or (b), any contract for employment of the Executive Director, or any contract whose total value exceeds \$200,000.00 is subject to the ratification of the Board of Directors.

In addition to the foregoing requirements, all contracts whose obligations in aggregate or related financial exposure exceed \$100,000.00 must be reviewed, prior to their execution, by the General Counsel or by such other legal counsel as the Executive Committee may approve in specific cases. In addition, any contract that (1) has rights or commitments extending for more than one year; (2) contains defense, indemnification or hold harmless provisions; (3) seeks to limit the amount or types of liability of the other contracting party, its subcontractors, agents, or Association successors; or (4) establishes the choice of law, forum or dispute resolution means must be reviewed by the General Counsel or by such other legal counsel as the Executive Committee may approve in specific cases.

Motion (Mr. Clements): To amend the motion as follows:

To provide for the adequate discharge of the Board of Directors' duties to manage, supervise, and shepherd the resources of the Association, contracts or purchases meeting any of the following conditions must be specifically reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors:

- a. The contract involves the purchase, sale, lease, or encumbrance of real property, or the licensure, purchase, or sale of intellectual property;
- b. The contract, by its terms, purports to impose requirements on the individual members of the Association;
- c. The term of the contract exceeds three years, regardless as to value;
- d. The term of the contract exceeds one year, and either:
 - i. The total obligation undertaken would cause a variance to the approved budget of more than
 - a. \$25,000 or
 - b. Ten percent of the relevant budgetary line item
 - OR
 - ii. The total value of the contract in any single fiscal year is not provided for by a specific, dedicated budgetary allocation and exceeds the greater of \$50,000 or ten percent of the general budgetary line item to which the contract is to be charged.

Contracts for direct employment by the Association shall be exempt from this requirement, as shall contracts for which provisions are otherwise specifically provided by resolution of the Board of Directors (including provisions of the Operations Manual and existing policies for reimbursement or payment of volunteers).

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Second: Mr. Baker

Motion to Amend Passed.

Motion, as amended, Passed.

6. Motion (Mr. Clements; Seconded by Mr. Blake)

To amend Chapter 6, Section 4 of the Operations Manual by adding a new Paragraph 7:

7. In the event that the issuance of a penalty of exclusion from a competition would result in a reduction of the rating of a competition (either through the reduction in the number of fencers or through the reduction of rated fencers finishing at the appropriate levels of competition) or the number of qualifications awarded at qualifier events (through the reduction in the number of qualifiers awarded based on applying the appropriate percentage, e.g. 25%), the Tournament Committee may examine the circumstances of the exclusion, including through statements of the tournament organizer, officer(s) of the sanctioning body, and/or the official issuing the exclusion. Upon this examination, the Tournament Committee may award classifications and/or qualifications to the non-excluded fencers as if the excluded fencer had completed the tournament if, in its judgment, such result would be equitable. The Tournament Committee may establish a fee for this review not to exceed \$100, to be divided amongst the party/parties requesting examination.

Motion (Mr. Benson): To refer motion to Tournament Committee for comment

Second: Mr. Herr

Motion to refer, Passed.

V. New Business

A. Urgent

1. Motion (Mrs. Carter):

To refer to the Membership for its consideration, with a recommendation for approval, the Bylaws as proposed by the Bylaw Review Task Force.

The proposed Bylaws have been attached as a separate document

Motion (Mr. Stasinis): To consider this motion

Second: Mr. Blake

Motion to Consider Passed (2/3 majority required and met)

Second: Mr. Stasinios

At the outset of discussion of the motion, Ms. Weeks and Ms. Carter reported that the Bylaw Review Task Force had met to consider suggestions received during public meetings and the Board's working session. They noted that the Task Force had made certain changes to the draft circulated to the Board, and that discussion and consideration of the motion on the table should be done under the assumption that the proposed bylaws to be voted on by the membership if the motion passed would differ from that distributed to the Board in the following ways:

1. A table of contents would be added;
2. Provision would be made for the initiation of amendments to the Bylaws by the membership via a petition process;
3. Article XVII, §5 would be omitted;
4. Agenda requirements for special meetings of the Board would be relaxed to allow greater governance flexibility;
5. The quorum for Membership Meetings would be 25 members representing at least 5 clubs;
6. A meeting of the Membership could be called upon the request of 25 members representing at least 5 clubs;
7. The absence of term limits on officers and directors would be made explicit;
8. Typographical, grammatical and formatting errors would be corrected; and
9. Clarifications and resolution of problems identified during the Board debate could be made by the Task Force.

Motion Passed.

B. First Hearing

1. Motion (Mr. Baker):

To approve the Committee List as distributed at the Board Meeting, as amended

Second: Mr. Dilworth

Motion Passed.

2. Motion (Mr. Masin):

Starting at the next meeting of the USFA Board of Directors, the committee in charge of evaluating proposals for replacing the current classification system be required to give a report on the status of their evaluation at each meeting of the Board. The first report should include a description of the replacement systems being evaluated. That report and all subsequent reports should indicate the progress being made in the evaluation and a projected date when a final recommendation will be made.

Second: Mr. Benson

Motion (Mr. Masin): To move this motion to Urgent

Second: Mr. Baker

Motion to move to Urgent Passed.

Motion Passed.

3. Motion (Mr. Masin):

Team Event Proposal

Eliminate the Divisional qualifying competitions for the Senior and Junior team events at the Summer Nationals. Teams would still be required to submit their entries at the time of close of entries for the individual events of the same competition. The team entry would still not have to specify the names of the fencers on those teams. Clubs would be allowed to enter up to three teams. At the time the teams submit their registration at the competition, the fencers on the teams must meet the following criteria.

Senior Team

One member of each team must be a fencer who is registered to fence in the Division I Championship in the same weapon in that year. The second, third, and fourth members of the team must be fencers who are registered to fence in either the Division I, the Under-19, the Division I-A, or the Division II Championship in the same weapon in that year.

Junior Team

Two members of each team must be fencers who are registered to fence in either the Under-19 or the Division I Championship in the same weapon in that year. The third and fourth members of the team must be fencers who are registered to fence in either the Under-19, Under-17, Division I, Division I-A, Division II, or Division III Championship in the same weapon in that year. (Age requirements would, of course, still apply.)

		Current Year's					
		Division I	Division I-A	Division II	Division III	Under-19	Under-17
Senior Team Members	1	Y					
	2	Y	Y	Y		Y	
	3	Y	Y	Y		Y	
	4	Y	Y	Y		Y	
Junior Team Members	1	Y				Y	
	2	Y				Y	
	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	4	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Second: Mr. Becker
Referred to Tournament Committee

4. Motion (Mrs. Carter, on behalf of the Veterans Committee):

WHEREAS the amendment to Rule 2.11 of the Athlete Handbook was passed on condition that the creation of the new Veterans category V70 was made “on a trial basis for the 2009 Summer Nationals, and for the 2009-2010 season, in the two NAC events and the 2010 Summer Nationals;”

Rule 2.11.6 is made permanent so the V70 category shall continue without any time restraints.

Second: Mr. Clements

Motion (Mr. Kuver): To move the motion to Urgent

Second: Mrs. Schifferle

Motion to move to Urgent Passed.

Motion Amended to read:

WHEREAS the amendment to Rule 2.11 of the Athlete Handbook was passed on condition that the creation of the new Veterans category V70 was made “on a trial basis for the 2009 Summer Nationals, and for the 2009-2010 season, in the two NAC events and the 2010 Summer Nationals;”

The Executive Committee is expressly authorized and directed to make permanent the V70 category and to implement any changes necessary to other veteran age categories to comport to those established by the FIE.

Motion, as amended, Passed.

5. Motion (Mr. Berke):

In order to reduce the confusion surrounding how to determine the qualifiers for events at Summer Nationals, the Tournament Committee will review the published qualification rules and edit them for correctness, clarity and consistency. At the minimum, an example will be provided that shows how qualifiers are determined at a sample combined Division II/III qualifier. These changes will be made as amendments to the 2009-2010 Athlete’s Handbook, and will be included in the packet of qualifying information sent to division and section officers each spring.

Additionally, the revised rules will include the proper procedures for handling black-carded fencers at qualifier events. Specifically, the rules must address how the black-carded fencer’s exclusion affects the number of competitors present (used when determining the top 25%), as well as what happens if the black-carded fencer finishes in a place that would earn qualification.

Second: Mr. Baker

Motion (Mr. Baker): To move the motion to Urgent

Second: Mr. Clements
Motion to move to Urgent Passed.
Motion Passed.

6. Motion (Mr. Stasinis, on behalf of the Tournament Committee):

Revise the National Tournament Schedule. Begin the use of the schedule in the 2010-2011 Fencing Season.

Proposed schedule:

North American Cup A October 2010
Div. 1, Div. 2, Veterans (combined, Vet 50-59, 60+), Senior Team

North American Cup B November 2010
Y-14, Cadet, Junior, Junior Team

North American Cup C January 2011
Div.1, Junior, Cadet, Jr. or Senior Team

Junior Olympics February 2011
Junior, Cadet, Junior Team

North American Cup D March 2011
Div.2, Div.3, Veterans (Vet combined, Vet 50-59, Vet 60+), Div.2 Team

North American Cup E April 2011
Div.1, Y-10, Y-12, Y-14, Wheelchair Championships (worlds held in July for Wheelchair. Depending on the world schedule for Wheelchair Championships it could be held at the Summer Nationals).

Summer Nationals June/July 2011
Div.1, Div.1A, Div.2, Div.3, Y-10 (NAC), Y-12 (NAC), Y-14, Senior Team, Veteran Team, Veteran (Vet. 40-49, 50-59, 60+), Cadet (NAC), Junior (NAC)

(Note: NAC B, D and E are the same as the current schedule.)

Second: Mr. Kuver

Motion (Mr. Stasinis): To move the motion to Urgent status.

Second: Mr. Herr

Motion to move to Urgent Passed.

Motion Passed.

7. Motion (Mrs. Carter):

US Fencing establish a “National Team Oversight Committee.”

Motion Withdrawn.

8. Motion (Mr. Baker):

That the National Office be directed to establish a mechanism for the answering and distribution of policy questions and answers from and to the membership. Any member may submit to the National Office a question on US Fencing policies. The question will be forwarded to the appropriate group with oversight responsibility (e.g. FOC, TC, or YDC). The cognizant committee, commission, or group is tasked with supplying the National Office with an official response, suitable for public distribution, within two weeks. The question and answer from each such query will be posted in designated area of the US Fencing website.

Second: Mr. Dilworth

9. Motion (Mr. Baker):

The following changes made to the qualifying paths for events at Summer Nationals:

Y14 National Championships:

- Qualify for ~~U19~~ U16 event

Y12 Tournament:

- Qualify for ~~U19~~ Y14 event

Y10 Tournament:

- Qualify for ~~U19~~ Y12 event

Second: Mr. Berke

Motion amended to include an effective date of August 1, 2010.

Motion (Mrs. Carter): To move motion to Urgent status.

Second: Mr. Benson

Motion to move to Urgent Passed.

Motion Passed.

10. Motion (Mr. Berke):

Beginning with the 2010-2011 season, all non-championship team events held at the national level will have no club or division affiliation requirements. Any three or four fencers that are age- and classification-eligible for the event will be permitted to enter a team.

Motion (Mr. Baker): To consider this motion

Second: Mr. Clements

Motion to Consider Passed (2/3 majority required and met)

Second: Mr. Clements

Motion referred to Tournament Committee.

C. Disciplinary Hearings:

1. Review and consider the report and recommendations of panel formed January 6th, 2009.

Motion (Mr. Clements): To consider this matter in executive session

Second: Mr. Stasinou

Motion to Convene Executive session Passed

No publically reportable actions were taken during the executive session.

VI. Good and Welfare

1. The next Special Meeting of the Board of Directors – weekend of July 10 & 11, 2010