

Minutes

Special Meeting of the USA Fencing Board of Directors

October 21, 2010 via Teleconference

In Attendance: Bradley Baker, Bill Becker, David Blake, Aaron Clements, Wes Glon, David Herr, Alan Kuver, Terry Kwan, Paula Reed, Mario Rodriguez, Sunil Sabharwal, Laurie Schiller, Kalle Weeks, Alex Wood

Absent: Soren Thompson

Guests: Donald Alperstein, Greg Dilworth

I. General Information and Organizational Items

General announcements

Remarks – Kalle Weeks, President

Appointment of Parliamentarian

Motion (Mr. Schiller): To appoint Aaron Clements as Parliamentarian.

Second: Mr. Becker

Motion Passed.

II. Minutes of the September 11-12, 2010 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors

Motion (Mr. Baker): To approve the minutes of the September 11-12, 2010 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors (distributed separately)

Second: Mr. Glon

Motion Passed.

III. Board of Directors Report of Action, September 29, 2010

The following motion was adopted by the Board of Directors via e-mail vote, which concluded September 29, 2010:

- To approve a budget variance for the following line items from the budget approved on September 12, 2010.

Increase Expenses in Line 45, Events Administration by \$8,666.67

Decrease Expenses in Line 70, Pan Am Zonal Championships 2011, Reno by \$10,000

Decrease Expenses in Line 72, Senior World Cup New York by \$10,000

Net impact will be an increase of Grand Total surplus by \$11,333.33.

The variance is to be used to purchase four (4) video replay systems which will be available at the first NAC of the 2010/2011 season and will be owned by USA Fencing after that. The systems will be used as appropriate at domestic USA Fencing events.

Motion (Mr. Baker): To approve report of Board action.

Second: Mr. Schiller

Motion Passed.

IV. Finance and Budget

Financial Reports (Greg Dilworth and Sunil Sabharwal)

Mr. Sabharwal and Mr. Dilworth gave an oral report of our current financial position.

V. Updates from the Executive Director (Greg Dilworth)

Mr. Dilworth gave an oral report of recent updates on a number of topics including the upcoming Wheelchair World Championships, in-progress sponsorship opportunities, and the use of instant replay systems at NAC A in Cincinnati.

VI. FIE Update (Sunil Sabharwal)

Mr. Sabharwal gave an oral report of recent FIE Executive Committee actions.

VII. Committee and Task Force Reports

Nominating Committee Report (Aaron Clements)

Mr. Clements gave an oral report of the status of the Nominating Committee.

International Task Force Report (Alex Wood)

Mr. Wood provided a report of the status of the International Task Force.

Motion (Mr. Baker): To appoint Pia Douglas to the Wheelchair Advisory Committee.

Second: Mr. Rodriguez

Motion Passed.

Motion (Mr. Baker): To appoint Samuel Cheris to the Nominating Committee.

Motion ruled out of order.

It was reported that Steve Sobel has withdrawn from serving on the Nominating Committee for personal reasons. Michel Mamlouk, as next immediate previous past President, has been contacted by Ms. Weeks, and has indicated that he declined to serve on the committee. Samuel Cheris, as the next immediate past President, has been contacted and has agreed to serve on the committee.

Motion (Mr. Glon, on behalf of the Youth Development Committee): To add:

- Place first in the Y14 event at a current-season RYC tournament
as an additional qualification path to Y14 National Championships.

Second: Mr. Baker

Motion Passed.

VIII. New Business

Motion (Mr. Baker, on behalf of the National Coaches in Men's Foil and Women's Foil): To amend the USFA rulebook to require the use of conductive bibs at foil competitions (Cadet, Junior, Senior and Veterans) that serve as selection events, as of January 1, 2011.

Second: Mr. Rodriguez

Motion amended to read:

To amend the USFA rulebook to require the use of conductive bibs at foil competitions (Cadet, Junior, Senior and Veterans) that serve as selection events, as of August 1, 2011.

Motion, as amended, Passed.

Motion (Mr. Sabharwal): To express our interest in hosting the 2011 FIE Congress in Philadelphia, providing financial support not to exceed \$25,000.

Second: Mr. Becker

Motion Passed.

Division and Section updates

- Request for establishment of a new division (North Carolina)
More information to follow in the future
- Members' concerns regarding division governance (Gold Coast)
Concerns appear to have been resolved.

IX. Executive Session

The Board convened in Executive session to consider legal and personnel matters.

X. Good and Welfare

1. Plans for a working session and Special Meeting in Dallas, TX at Junior Olympics
Special Meeting of the Board scheduled February 19 at the close of fencing. Estimated time is 7:30pm. Possibility of Board working session scheduled for Thursday, February 17.
2. Distribution of call and other information

XI. Adjournment

Motion (Mr. Baker): To adjourn the meeting.

Second: Mr. Clements

Motion Passed.