

Agenda

Special Meeting of the USA Fencing Board of Directors

May 12, 2011 via Teleconference

I. General Information and Organizational Items

General announcements

Remarks – Kalle Weeks, President

II. Minutes of the April 21, 2011 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

Motion (Mr. Baker): To approve the minutes of the April 21, 2011 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors (distributed separately)

III. Finance and Budget

Financial Reports (Greg Dilworth and Sunil Sabharwal)

Audit Report

IV. Motion (Mr. Baker): To adopt the Financial Policies and Procedures Manual (distributed separately).

V. Updates from the Executive Director (Greg Dilworth)

VI. Legal Update (Donald Alperstein)

VII. Search Planning Group Update (Kalle Weeks)

VIII. Election Committee Report (David Blake)

IX. Motion (Mr. Wood, seconded by Dr. Schiller): When an individual pays for a one-day membership, the initial fee can be applied towards a higher class of membership in the same season.

This motion was tabled during the April 21, 2011 meeting.

X. Motion (Mr. Blake): If a USA athlete seeks to change his or her affiliation to another nationality, the USFA will waive its rights under the FIE three-year rule if and only if during the season in which the change is requested that athlete has (a) not represented the USA in international competition and (b) not competed in a USA National Championship.

Rationale – The FIE requires an athlete to sit out for 3 years if changing country unless the country they have represented sign off on the waiting period. USA Fencing has been very accommodating granting these requests. There have been a number of athletes in the past few years that have started the season representing USA Fencing in either FIE events or USA Fencing team selection events, only to request a change in their national representation. Once the change was granted by USA Fencing, these athletes compete against their former USA Fencing teammates in the World Championships.

XI. Motion (Mr. Clements): To provide for modification of the qualifying paths for National Championship events for the 2011-2012 season as follows:

2.11.7.2 Veteran – V40, V50, V60, V70 – USA Fencing National Championships

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VETERAN – must meet age eligibility requirements above **AND** compete in

~~— Current season Section Championships~~ **OR**

- Current season Division qualifying competition for Division II and/or Division III Championships in which only those with a “C” classification or lower (D, E, or U) may compete **OR**
- Any Regional Open Circuit event during the current season **OR**
- Any NAC during the current season.

XII. Motion (Mr. Kuver): That the proposed selection process and selection criteria of the Youth Development Committee annually be submitted to the Board for review, commentary and guidance prior to evaluation of submitted tournament host bids to ensure that the intentions of the Board are being carried out.

Rationale: The selection process with the Youth Development Committee was flawed last season and required the Board to take action after the fact. In an attempt to avoid a situation like that again the Board should give its direction before decisions are made.

XIII. Motion (Mr. Kuver): That the proposed selection process and selection criteria of the ROC Advisory Group annually be submitted to the Board for review, commentary and guidance prior to evaluation of submitted tournament host bids to ensure that the intentions of the Board are being carried out.

XIV. Appeal of National Office Decision

The Board has been asked to hear an appeal of a decision made by National Office staff. A request for a waiver of existing policies regarding club membership was declined and that decision is being appealed.

The appeal request is attached as Appendix A.

XV. Adjournment

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

Appendix A
Appeal Letter from Ms. Harmann

Dear usfa board members,

I am Sabine Harmann, former USFA member and former USFA club owner of Allez Fencing Group in Wisconsin. Due to unfortunate personal circumstances a number of years ago, it was necessary to close the existing club that I had at the time. Now that things have normalized and a viable facility to restart the program has opened up, I was looking to restart the program. Unfortunately, I found out from Ms. Simmons that prorating the current year for membership is no longer an option and also that I would need to guarantee the 10 USFA member criteria within only the first two months of reestablishing the program. I know I will have 3 USFA members from the very start of the program, and feel quite comfortable stating we will have the required 10 within our first year of membership. I wish to request that the board make a consideration to allow me to pay my yearly club membership for Aug. 1, 2011 to July 31 2012 and receive a prorated amount to complete the current membership year, as a full year for 2 months is rather cost prohibitive for our club just getting reopened.

I would gladly prepay the following years membership as a way to demonstrate our commitment to running an ongoing program in good standing and not just receive a 2 month membership. We are looking to have the standard club level of membership which is what we were carrying previously. I am asking for these considerations so we can achieve our goals within a manageable budget. I appreciate your consideration and reply in this matter. Please call me if you have any questions.

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