

2014-2015 Oklahoma Division Annual Meeting
April 11, 2015

Attendance: Robert Fiegel, Carolyn Gresham-Fiegel, Chris Rose, Jason Rutter, Margaret Li, David Dean, Nadia Tucha, Ian Downs, Ellen Lane, Rick Kirk, Joshua Tims, Bobby Cottam, Bonner Jones, Cathy Hoye, Jaxon Brinsfield

Proxies held by David Dean

1. Jordan Newman
2. Bryan Cobrun
3. Kendra Davis
4. Jibran Sharieff
5. Daniel Diep
6. Steven Krenyansky
7. Greg Covington
8. Evida Davis
9. Ruthie Newman

Proxies held by Rick Kirk

1. Melody Plaisance
2. Laura Kirk
3. Karl Welch
4. Robert Welch
5. Austin Spickes
6. Stuart Welsch
7. Tudor Colsica
8. Adrian Colsica
9. Donna Aitomeziane
10. Robert Balfe
11. Bethany Culperpper
12. Dan Curriden
13. Muhammad Haider
14. Terri Harvey
15. Tarah Taylor
16. Joshua Tims

Proxies held by Nadia Tucha

1. Thomas Mize
2. Michael Schwarz
3. Bonner Jones
4. Eric Fak
5. Brandon Wood

Proxies held by Jason Rutter

1. Jerry Benson
2. Susan Benson
3. Charles Fagans
4. Aiden Gerst
5. Lonnie James
6. Henry Kistharat
7. Zachary Mitchell
8. Jacob Mobely
9. Declan Simmons

The meeting was called to order.

I. Approval of last year's minutes.

Motion: Approve minutes of Annual Meeting, May 17, 2014.

Seconded. Approved Unanimously.

II. Treasurer's Report.

The 2013-2014 Oklahoma Division Treasurer's report was presented by Cathy Hoye.

Motion: Approve Treasurer's Report.

Seconded. Unanimous.

There was discussion as to whether a corporation report needed to be filed for the Division. Cathy Hoye researched and verified that the Division's corporation status is perpetual, and that no filing or fees are required.

III. Old Business

None.

IV. New Business

A. Other Business

1. Jason Rutter informed the meeting that the USFA is running a pilot program in the Division concerning running fencing clubs as a business. Some clinics or workshops on how to run a fencing business and/or tournaments have already been scheduled. More information will be forthcoming.

2. There was discussion about qualifying paths for Summer National and Junior Olympics. Bob Fiegel discussed the recent history of those paths, and stated that the USFA may be moving to a points system for qualifying in the future. However, that change has not yet been made.

3. Rick Kirk informed the meeting that the USFA is potentially running high school fencing programs. Athletes would be able to letter in fencing, similarly to other high school sports.

4. There was discussion about the scheduling of Divisional Team Championship tournaments. Rick Kirk suggested that they be scheduled early in the season as to avoid end of season and end of school year conflicts, to general agreement.

5. There was discussion about whether the Division could receive money from the Divisional Championship tournaments to help subsidize training for directors and coaches. There was also discussion about how to incentivize training for directors. Motion: To create a committee to develop directing development programs in the Division.

Seconded. Unanimous.

Motion: - That \$1.50 per person of the registration fees for the Division Named tournaments will be returned to the Division, to be used for directing development in the Division.

- the Division Named tournament are:

- Junior Olympic Qualifiers
- Summer National Qualifiers
- Team Foil Championships
- Team Sabre Championships
- Team Epee Championships
- Individual Championships

Seconded. Unanimous.

Bob Fiegel, as Chair, called for volunteers to the committee created. Ian Downs, David Dean, and Bobby Cottam volunteered to serve. They are to report their progress to the Chairman by August 1, 2015.

7. There was discussion about the reimbursement that the Division provides to Division members attending coaching and directing clinics.

Motion: That the Division provide reimbursement only for Division members attending directing clinics. They will be reimbursed \$25 per day, per person, with a maximum of \$50 per clinic, per person.

Seconded. Unanimous.

7. Bobby Cottam informed the meeting that Northwest Arkansas Fencing Foundation was bidding for an RYC to be held in Bentonville.

8. Jason Rutter informed the meeting about clinics and programs at Redlands Fencing center. There is an Epee coaching clinic scheduled for May 2015. There is a Business of Fencing clinic, run by the USFA, scheduled for October 24-25, 2015.

Redlands is also hosting HEMA tournaments.

B. Tournament Schedule

There was discussion of the order and hosting venues for Divisional Qualifying and Championship tournaments.

1. Junior Olympic Divisional Qualifying Tournament.
Motion: That Oklahoma Sport Fencing will host the 2015-2016 Junior Olympic Qualifying Tournament, on November 19-20, 2015.
Seconded. Unanimous.
2. Summer Nationals Divisional Qualifying Tournament.
Motion: That Redlands Fencing Center will host the 2015-2016 Oklahoma Division Summer Nationals Qualifying Tournament, on April 23-24, 2015.
Seconded. Unanimous.
3. Oklahoma Divisional Championship Tournament.
Motion: That Fayetteville Fencing Club will host the 2015-2016 Oklahoma Division Championship Tournament, with a tentative date of April 9-10 or April 16-17, 2015.
Seconded. Unanimous.
4. Sooner State Games.
Motion: That Oklahoma Sport Fencing and Redlands Fencing Club will host the 2015-2016 Sooner State Games, on June 13-14, 2015.
Seconded. Unanimous.
5. Oklahoma Divisional Team Epee Championship Tournament.
Motion: That Northwest Arkansas Fencing Foundation will host the 2015-2016 Oklahoma Divisional Team Epee Championship Tournament, in the fall of 2015.
Seconded. Unanimous.
6. Oklahoma Divisional Team Foil Championship Tournament.
Motion: That Oklahoma Sport Fencing will host the 2015-2016 Oklahoma Divisional Team Foil Championship Tournament, in the fall of 2015.
Seconded. Unanimous.
7. Oklahoma Divisional Team Sabre Championship Tournament.
Motion: That Tulsa Fencing Club will host the 2015-2016 Oklahoma Divisional Team Sabre Championship Tournament, in the fall of 2015.
Seconded. Unanimous.

Bob Fiegel asked whether August 1, 2015, would be a good date by which Division clubs could have all their local tournaments scheduled. There was general agreement that this was acceptable, and that clubs would submit their schedules to the EC by that date.

C. Election of 2014-2015 Officers

1. Nominations were entertained for each Officer position.

Chair: Nomination for Robert Fiegel

Motion: To accept Robert Fiegel as Chair for the 2015-2016 term.

Seconded. Unanimous.

Vice Chair: Nomination for Bobby Cottam

Motion: To accept Bobby Cottam as Vice Chair for the 2015-2016 term.

Seconded. Unanimous.

Treasurer: Nomination for Cathy Hoyer

Motion: To accept Cathy Hoyer as Treasurer for the 2015-2016 term.

Seconded. Unanimous.

Secretary: Nominations for Chris Rose, Joshua Tims.

A vote by show of hands was taken.

Chris Rose – 32 votes

Joshua Tims – 20 votes

Chris Rose is elected Secretary for the 2015-2016 term.

2. Club Representatives were discussed. The following representatives were decided upon.

Oklahoma Sport Fencing Representative: Lou Kohlman

Redlands Fencing Center Representative: Jason Rutter

Fayetteville Fencing Academy Representative: Nadia Tucha

Northwest Arkansas Fencing Center Representative: Joshua Tims

Northwest Arkansas Fencing Foundation Representative: Margaret Li

Tulsa Fencing Club Representative: David Dean

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Seconded. Unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Rose

Oklahoma Division Secretary