

Minutes of Meeting 10.4.15

Present:

Kristin Vines

Tom Strzalkowski
Wang Yung
Peter Burchard
Walter Green
Paul Gianneschi
Bob Lightner
Andy Ma
Andy Qu
Carolyn Gresham-Fiegel
Ray Parker

1. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

Not sent, will send with these minutes

2. Introduction of new Treasurer Paul Gianneschi

Welcome and thanks to you.

Report via Andy Q

30,000 in cash

37,000 in CD accounts

*suggest we move some money to another CD, perhaps 25,000

All bills up to date

We need more than one person on the account, Andy will stay on the account for the time being to help with a smooth transfer.

3. Partnership with USFA

Wang (CAB chair) and Paul Sis to speak

- We are the logical group to be the coaching arm of the USA Fencing, but not a slam dunk. So we have to put together a document to promote our case.
7 pages long sent to Peter
Talks about the certification process, how it is recognized internationally
USOC wants a grass roots program, and that is what we do
We can train and test all across the country
We need more information and do not want to work alone.
We want feedback so that we do not waste our time.
There may be a movement to take what we had and not use us, as they may have been thinking several years ago. We need to be partners and not subordinate to the USFA.
Wang will forward the document to the group so we can all see it

4. Coaches' College

- We want to keep going on the formation of this, no matter what happens with USFA.
- A week long seminar, at two levels, prevost and master
- Start this summer – three offers for hosting: Brandis U, Shipman; Mission in long Island; Colorado University
- Can we come up with a new name? A new name may help with re-identification of the process; old name may be copywriten.
- We need a copy of the executive committee document regarding the list of coaches college graduates
- For this summer, do we have costs covered and do we have man power.
- Have we sent out bids for "Coaches College" in the Point In Line? Do we have bid forms? Do we have a protocol/list of items we need (Ray)

5. Regional Clinics

- Durkan failure – no marketing, no clinic
- What are our other venues for getting information out?
- Carolyn can put things on AskFred; has a document ready to post at NAC, just needs to have dates filled in
- Perhaps social media? US Fencing magazine?
- Email blasts...

6. NAC presentations

- Via Durkan – had three hour long clinics at Summer Nationals. Good feedback on this.
- Trying to keep this up at NACs during the year. Andy Ma will give presentation in October

- Can we see about doing this remotely? Good idea. Can we make it work – perhaps via video and put on website? What about proprietary rights? Are there coaches who will allow it

7. AGM 2016

- We need a bid package for hosting this. Jerry Benson wants it, but we need to go through a process.

8. New Business

- Korfonte Colloquium targeting coaches, referees and fencers
- USFCA should do more, we should reach out more, bring more coaching to the masses. Ron Miller is interested once he is not as involved in his own coaching.
- New score sheets in progress? A candidate will pick a "lesson" out of a hat and will have 20 minutes to prepare the lesson for the board. We will need 'fencers' for the candidate to give the lesson to.
- Maybe not do the testing for master except at specific times/dates
- CAB has decided to put the year of the Coaches College certificate on the USFCA certificate. Who has these certificates now? Can Erica get them?

Proposed change to item #3

In the event that a person applying for Coaches Certification by the USFCA is in the records of Coaches College, we will accept the information in our data base and they do not have to physically produce the document. For those who earned their certificate in the years where the data has been lost, they need to produce additional documentation for your claim of passing Coaches College.

Also change the word instructor?

Motion passed by vote of committee

Walter Green – Center of Excellence

- Guild Academy changes to the Center of Excellence
- Identify the best fencing clubs in the United States, based on the results of the fencers
- Our approach is based on the quality of the instruction, equipment, safety, outreach, etc.
- We need to look at a different set of criteria based on the size of the club and coaching development (FIE, USOC documents)
- This is a self-done management program, based on best practices

We need to look this over and discuss this at our next meeting.

Motion: Peter B. can be reimbursed 200.00 for his travel to the Durkan clinic. Motion passed.

Wang asked about the budget for CAB.

*It would be a great idea for a budget for CAB this year to vote on next time
Also a line item for College?*

9. Set next meeting

Sunday, November 22 @ 9:30 PM

10. Adjourn