

USFCA minutes 3.6 2016

In attendance

Kristin Vines

Paul G

Carolyn G-F

Tom S

Bob L

Peter B

Ray Parker

Wang Yung – CAB chair, non-voting

I. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes from 10.4.15 meeting –
- b. Correction to minutes – Korfanty misspelled on page 2
- c. Passed...

II. Treasurer report by Paul G

- a. Two documents
- b. Since taking over role (thanks Carolyn – she has been very helpful, also Andy Q)
- c. Highlight a few things to improve organization
 - i. Transitioned to Quick book, will help to track income better
 - ii. Linked our accounts with Bank America to the Quick Books accounts so we can get online updates
 - iii. Challenges in tracking income via credit card processing – very time consuming
 - iv. Forensic challenges the numbers from our history are not jiving
 - v. Good news – we are in good shape approx. 35000 dollars and three CDs
 - vi. We are profitable and healthy
 - vii. How can we utilize the money we do have? Can we do better with the CD's? Paul can get some gratis advise on better ways to invest the money
- viii. Paul will explore some options for future ways to use this money**
- ix. Do we have any future needs in the next 6-12 months?
 1. Coaches Academy – put a deposit on the site – another few thousand
 2. Update the website – ball park, a couple thousand?

III. Meeting with USFA Moving the sport forward

- A. From 4-9 pm, led by a guy from Australia Peter ?: attending were Alex Beguinet, Michael Marx, Michael Auf, (Columbia head coach) Maureen Griffen, Tim Morehouse via phone, Kris Ekeren and Kate Reisinger from USFA

- B. Canadian model was terrific and we should follow this. All under same rubric for achievement. BUT US is good because we have such diversity and we should celebrate this. We have not government backing.
- C. At the end, all agreed that USFCA should lead the drive for coaching
- D. We will call our organization Coaches Academy, and USFA will advertise for it

IV. Clinics

- A. Failure in New Jersey – Patrick Derkin
- B. Atlanta – very successful, Walid Mahran was a gracious host, very successful
- C. San Francisco went well
- D. Future events -
 - a. Portland
 - b. Dallas
- E. Coaches' Academy
 - a. Jerry Benson is the only person who has filled out the forms
 - b. After Nationals, in July...one price per coach – all inclusive, room, board, training etc.
 - c. Hope to be firm by the end of March
 - d. Will the host make money on the event? Will be break even? How much will this cost USFCA?
 - e. Progress on curriculum – Walter Green and ?
 - f. Goal – get certification for coaches
 - g. We need a media/marketing packet for this, but who?! – put aside a budget and hire a marketing person? We need a clear budget for this. *Paul has a few ideas for this. Peter will put some bullet points together and send them to Paul and he will sound out a few folks.*

V. Website

Ray takes the floor...

Jeremy Schmid is helping with strong ideas and being proactive

We need a content manager, will this be Jeremy?

We need an influx on content

How about interactive/form pieces – who will moderate such?

Ray suggests we budget for a salaried position for a person who will maintain and manage the content and appearance of the site.

- A. Appearance
- B. What Functions?
 - a. Can we make finding a coach and his qualifications easier than it is?
- C. Updating
- D. Library of thesis and resources for members
 - a. *These are on the site, but we cannot find some new ones, there seems to be a break down in the process of posting these*
 - b. *Erika of CAB will do a cross check/audit on these*

- c. *We can scan paper copies to the web*
 - d. *USOTC library is where these were posted in the past*
- E. Qualifications of Members
- F. Video CD's
 - a. Robert Block has retired from this and we may not be sending these out any more.
 - b. No one has taken this up
 - c. *Carolyn will check up with Nathan Anderson about getting the cd burner*
- G. Repeated downtime for the online exam
 - a. This is on a separate website
 - b. *We have resolved the problem about people who forget to print out the score*
 - c. It is possible to add a module to our site, but it will take time and money
Estimate about 500.00 for the software
We need to get the data from CAB

**Tom S. drops out.*

VI. Idea of only online membership (Ray) (competition year?)

No longer accept paper application

Moved and approved – we will no longer accept paper applications and will send a news blast to inform the membership.

VII. CAB update (Wang)

A. New score sheets

- We need to act more on this, perhaps have a conference call? At least get feedback from CAB.
- There are logistic problems with the Masters exam – we need a venue and a pool of fencers for the examinees to use.
- We need to set up a meeting to hammer things out.
- Anything gone forward on long distance/video exam? *Use this only for moniteur level*

B. Historical exams (Mondschein clinic)

- Do we have what it takes for this? A score sheet? A place on the website? How is this going to work?
- Ken is having a rapier clinic – how does this work? All this is left up to Walter, Ken and David. One of these people needs to be included on the call.

VIII. New Business

Nominating committee Bill Shipton, we need to re-up or find replacements

IX. Set next Conference Call

For next time: who updates the data base on web site? We need to have Erika on this call

X. Adjourn – 11:02