

July 28, 2019 - Annual Meeting Notes

Committee Members Present:

Paul Apostol, Michael Mrak, Jorge Gana, Alice Kee, Rosa Hearne, Kira Horiuchi, Dirk Goldgar, John Gringeri

At large Members Present:

Gene Costa, Rose Gana, Jonathan Horiuchi, Stephen Horiuchi, Jerry Duffy

Agenda:

1. Confirmation of Nominee Slate:

Kira Horiuchi – nominated to Secretary

Michael Mrak – nominated to Executive Committee

Kyle Lewis – nominated to Executive Committee

George Cummings – nominated to Executive Committee

Jorge Gana – nominated to Chair

Alice Kee – nominated to Treasurer

Dirk Goldgar – nominated to Vice Chair

Kira Horiuchi – nominated to Secretary

Unanimous acceptance.

2. Executive and Tournament committees – should be SafeSport and background checked. Should the Division be reimbursing committee members who did not require CheckEd+ prior to serving on EC / TC? Discussion.

Jorge proposed NJ Division approval for reimbursement to Executive and Tournament Committees for SafeSport, Background check, Checked+ etc expenses, excepting those who already require it as a professional in fencing

Rosa – seconded

No objections, approved.

3. Ancillary Committee Positions

Alice Kee – nominated as Tournament Committee Chair

Rosa Hearne – nominated as Nominating Committee Chair

Lisa Campi-Sapery – nominated as Referee Development Liaison

Alice and Jorge to reach out directly to define future role

Jerry – Frosh-Soph tournaments are good opportunity to observe younger referees

Jorge – Need to determine whether tournaments not sanctioned by USA Fencing can be used to observe referees.

Jorge – move to approve Ancillary Committee nominees
Dirk – seconded

No objections, approved.

4. Treasurer's Report

Currently have near \$70,000 in the bank
Denise O'Conner RYC
2019 - \$9,000; 2018 \$16,000
No Denise O'Conner high school event
JO Qualifier
Lost \$900
Summer National Qualifier
Net gain \$2,000

Moving JO Qualifier to December 14-15

Jerry – Would the Division be willing to promote high schools to develop teams?
Discussion: Yes, we already do. Discussion around the help NJ Division provides to new teams, including the monetary support and help with School Board approvals etc., and the new teams we gave support to last year.

Jorge – We should refill the sub-committee that promotes the development of new high school teams with new members.

Discussion of pamphlets, web videos and other promotional materials that the Division could develop or re-use to promote fencing in the state. Agreement to recirculate existing materials and come up with ideas for new materials.

5. Updates on Tournament Committee - Alice

JO Qualifier – Dec 14-15
SN Qualifier – March 28-29
201 NJ Division events were approved
134 events occurred

Discussion will continue for DOC in 2020-2021

Discussion: Should the NJ Division hold a team event to encourage team activity

Jorge – Agree that a team tournament would be a great idea

Michael Mrak will look into starting to shape up a NJ Division sponsored team event

6. Reminder we need more member nominations for the committees. All members and Nominating Committee Chair to work on new nominations.

7. Status of the Website

Discussion: We don't have the accesses that we need for the existing domain

Need to discuss with bank to cut off the direct debits to web services.

Will re-reregister domain for the two domains (one will be started fresh).

NewJerseyFencing.org has been automatically renewed

Njfencing.org could be repurchased

John can be in charge of the re-registration and website matters

Jerry – will there be a forum available on the new website? Discussion.

Who will be moderating that forum? Is there a need?

Rosa – How would the moderation of the registrants work (approval by email etc)

Jorge – Let's get a fully working website first, then we can delve into additional functional aspects of that website

8. New item discussion:

Jerry – The high school fencing version of FencingTime does not support FencingTimeLive, and the upgrade to a version that would support FencingTimeLive costs approximately \$10,000, should the NJ Division assist?

Jorge – That is a large sum of money. We should discuss the underlying issue first with NJIFA.

Gene Costa – The NJ Division had paid some money for the development of the high school version of fencing time to begin with.

9. Jorge – Proposal to restart the New Jersey Cup

Need to select tournaments, points for best 3 events

Number of tournament participants would matter for points (percentage and quality based?)

Determine which events should be counted as events for Cup

Discontinue the sponsorship by third parties

Give basic awards and stipends/gift certificates

Dirk – Would need to determine stipend status for NCAA fencers

Rosa – seconded

No objections, approved.

10. Jorge – Reinstating more regular meetings

Propose next EC committee Tuesday September 3, 2019 at 7 pm

No objections, agreed.