

NTX Division Meeting, June 6, 2014

North Texas Division Meeting		
6.6.2014	7:00 PM	Fencing Institute of Texas, 11482 Luna Rd., Farmers Branch, TX
Meeting called	Brenda Waddoups, notification sent May 23, 2014	
Type of meeting	Annual North Texas Division meeting	
Facilitator	Allan Curry	
Note & Time Keeper	Christine Tadlock	
Attendees	Allan Curry, David Sierra, 11 proxies, NaRaye Williams, Christine Tadlock, Lockette Manley, Dorothy Tadlock, Melanie Mercer, Margaret Nemeth, Ovy Waddoups.	
Officers' Reports		
Secretary Vice-Chair	Brenda Waddoups, absent due to illness. Margaret Nemeth --Nothing to Report	
Treasurer	NaRaye Williams	
<p>Ms. Williams discussed with the board the yearly income statements. The 2011-12 division dues rebate statement would need to be resent to USFA office as they have no record of receiving it. The 2013-14 statement is almost ready. There were two payments that could not be accounted for. These will be investigated further and rectified. The 2013-14 budget: currently the division had \$2800 with \$4100 expected. FYI: There are 461 competitive members in the North Texas Division.</p>		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Investigate the two PayPal statements, submit needed reports to USFA.	Ms. Williams	
Officers' Reports - continued		
Chair	Allan Curry	
<p>Topics: <u>2014 Divisionals</u>: There was still a late surge of entrants. Opened a question of how to solve this problem. This problem was not a severe problem due to the better support in referring. <u>AskFred</u>: Qualifiers results still not on the AskFred results page. Allan will ask Brenda. <u>Updating the NTX Website</u>: The chair expressed a desire that the NTX website be updated to create a more desirable marketing presence. Mr. Sierra had a contact the division could ask for direction. The secretary will look into updating the website including the pertinent information needing to be on it. <u>USFA elections</u>: The chair reminded us to participate in the USFA elections currently going on. <u>Three Major Tournaments for NTX</u>: NAC December 5-8, 2014 is in Dallas, Div. I, II & Vet; Duel in Dallas, Sept. 27-28 is a Vet ROC and a Cadet/Junior JRCC; Wang Memorial, March 14-15, 2015. <u>Calendar Planning Meeting</u>: Set for August 3, 2014 at 7:00 PM location TBA. <u>Youth Sports Today</u>: Allan informed of a possible marketing opportunity for clubs. The magazine Youth Sports Today is very interested in covering the fencing scene in North Dallas/ Fort Worth. Those clubs interested should contact Allan Curry. <u>Safe Sports</u>: The chair opened a discussion about the program and how it was working. There was a general mixture of opinion on the program spanning from noting some real problems and the mediocre results to the efficacy of the program given how it was written. It was also discussed who on the bout committees and tournament volunteers needed to have a professional membership. <u>Referee Development</u>: It is a desire to develop a robust referee program. Mr. Sierra reported on a recent referee clinic he hosted. He had 15 people, half from NTX. There was tournament following the clinic for an observation opportunity. About half of the clinic participants were observed. Mr. Sierra and the others agreed there needs to be a mechanism to follow up the clinic participants to nurture and progress these new referees. There is a considerable expense to becoming a referee. Some present wondered if a rebate program might encourage the clinic participants to further their referee experience. Mr. Sierra wonders how other divisions manage a successful referee program. Mr. Sierra agreed to chair a committee to research and produce recommendations on a referee program.</p>		

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Updating the Website	Mrs. Tadlock & others	
Research and propose referee development/nurturing program.	Mr. Sierra, Mrs. Manely & others	
Officer Election		
	Allan Curry	
The proposed slate was sent out May 23. No others persons were nominated. The slate was duly elected.		
Allan Curry, chair; David Sierra, vice-chair; NaRaye Williams, treasurer; Christine Tadlock, secretary.		
Old and New Business		
The division is still looking into selling the old mesh strips for scrap. The division currently has approximately 8 to 10 complete working strips.		
Motion to Adjourn		
Motion to adjourn, seconded and approved at 7:49 PM.		