

NORTH TEXAS DIVISION, USFA

Annual Business Meeting Minutes

5 June, 2015

1. Call to Order Allan Curry, Chairman

The regular meeting of the NORTH TEXAS DIVISION, USFA was called to order at 7:05 PM on 5 June 2015 in Fencing Institute of Texas (FIT), 11482 Luna Road, Suite 100 Farmers Branch, TX by Allan Curry.

Present:

Christine Tadlock, David Sierra (+ 20 proxies), Allan Curry, NaRaye Williams (+ 11 proxies), Jordan Gatts, Lockette Manley, Ovy Waddoups, Laura Liu, Kim Fenner-Slaughter.

Quorum Present –

Allan Curry declared a quorum was present.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

- APPROVED -

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

-APPROVED-

4. Officer Reports- see Appendix -REPORTS ACCEPTED

- a. Secretary – Christine Tadlock, written
- b. Treasurer – NaRaye Williams, treasury detail sheet
- c. Vice Chair – David Sierra, oral

David Sierra discussed the Referee Tracking sheet (see Appendix C). The sheet provided information on which referees in the North Texas Division (NTD) had worked and at which tournaments. He wants to further train and support the NTD referees. There are now two new nationally ranked referees in the division. Mr. Sierra is wishing to run another Referee Clinic next year is trying to find the correct model. This year the division utilized a good cadre of referees in its two qualifying tournaments. NTD will again have the two qualifying tournaments as well as three Regional tournaments (The Northern Texas Round Up SYC & RCC, the Duel in Dallas Vet ROC & RJC, the Wang Memorial DV1 & DV2 ROC)

- d. Chairman – Allan Curry, oral / written

Mr. Curry reviewed the division's qualifying tournaments. The Junior Olympics were held at Cutting Edge Fencing Center and went well. The Summer National Qualifier again had a late surge of participants, but not nearly as bad as past years. Almost all events had to be fenced, which was different than in the past several years. Almost all of the Division officers were present at the Summer National Qualifier and provided direct assistance, and we used the

following additional referees: Oz Diaz De Sousa, Regan Ward, Nellie Evanyk, Andrew Foster. Brycen Rushing.

There will be three national/ regional tournaments in the Division next year and four others in Region Five (see above).

With Summer National being held next year in the Dallas area, the Division can expect markedly larger participation in the Summer National. The Division may need to plan for a two-day event.

Mr. Curry suggested that because the Division has receive a large recent influx of funds from USFA for the Division's share of membership dues for this and past years, that the cost to participants in the two Division qualifiers be greatly reduced in the upcoming season. The Division could to bear a "loss" on these events where the entry and event fees do no fully cover the tournament expenses.

The USFA Board of Directors Election are occurring. Mr. Curry did not have any recommendations regarding the candidates running for office. The USFA continues to get its finances under control.

Mr. Curry also provided a list of updated and changing rules. Specifically referenced were: Team events procedures, Corps a corps for sabre and foil, foil and saber fencers are required to report to strip with two mask, chronometers will be accurate to 100th of a second. Also FIE has recently added a padded chest protector rule for foilists, and more robust saber gloves are required.

e. Equipment Report – Ovy Waddoups, oral

Mr. Waddoups related that the division still had all of its copper strips. He recommended keeping these until after the Duel in Dallas tournament. All of the division's equipment is in the lock up. The three copper strips are at another club. While all are working some of the power supplies are too small for some of the newer scoring machines. The division has 10.4 complete strips (depending on the power supplies). The NTD now has three nationally certified armourers: Lily Jackson, Amy Sanders, and Ovy Waddoups. He would like to have a parent's armory class soon.

5. Old Business

David Sierra discussed the Referee Development Task Force that was instated at last year's meeting. Please see the Appendix for details.

6. New Business

- a. Election of Officers, Officers new term begins 1 August, 2015
 - i. Treasurer – NaRaye Williams
 - ii. Secretary – Christine Tadlock
 - iii. Vice Chair –David Sierra
 - iv. Chairman –Vote

Brenda Waddoups - 22 votes

Allan Curry – 14 votes

b. Open discussion and comments:

- We wished to thank Allan Curry for his service as Chairman to the NTD.
- Mr. Sierra wished a new task force be established to study refreshing the tournament sanctioning document and process. The North Texas Division Sanctioning Protocol Task Force members are David Sierra, Jordan Gatts, Laura Liu, and Christine Tadlock.

Mr. Curry is chair of the Southwest Section (SWS) will be working with the Division chairs of the SWS on dispersing the Sections assets. A vote was taken and the North Texas Division agreed to the proposal that the Section assets, which consists of a bank account containing approximately \$3200, should be divided equally among the constituent divisions of the Southwest Section.

- Mr. Sierra also wished to welcome 2 new clubs to the division, Kairos Fencing and International Fencers Alliance.

- Mr. Sierra added that he is submitting a bid for a Sabre Regional Youth Circuit (RYC)/Regional Cadet (RC) tournament to be held in January. He also stated that the Austin Fencers Club (South Texas Division, Region V) would submit an Epee and Foil RYC/RC.

The next meeting will be the North Texas Calendar Meeting at 3:30 PM on August 1, 2015 at FIT.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM by Allan Curry. Next year's Annual Business Meeting will be determined at the Calendar Meeting in August.

Minutes submitted by: Christine Tadlock

2015 North Texas Division Secretary Report

The year 2015 has been a year of change in the Secretary office of the North Texas Division. I took the Secretary job after Mrs. Brenda Waddoups decided to retire from the position after serving for many years. She is and will be a great role model, mentor, and information resource to me. I thank her.

At the last annual meeting the officers requested a new website be built by the Secretary. Chairman Allan Curry and Treasurer, NaRaye Williams chose the web servicing company, Go Daddy. The new site was launched in September of 2014. My husband is the website's IT department. The website continues to be updated with new calendar dates, information, and news.

In addition to the website and its content, I have been busy with the National Office of the USFA helping the North Texas Division fencers with qualification problems, submitting the division's qualification reports, and the division's classification change reports.

In the coming year I foresee continuing these same jobs and duties, but also formulating a newsletter to be blasted to the division membership as well as being posted on the website. This newsletter would include news, Board of Director actions that pertain to the fencing membership, dates, and changes to qualifying standards, a summary of national fencing issues, etc. This would only be "blasted" quarterly. I would also like to work on gaining more veteran women or men fencers in the division.

It has been an honor to work with the other members of the North Texas officers and I hope this coming year brings great blessings to the fencers and their families.

Submitted June 5, 2015

Christine Tadlock
Secretary, North Texas Division, USFA