

North Texas Division, USFA

2016 Annual Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2016

Fencing Institute of Texas

1) **Call to order** Brenda Waddoups

The Annual Meeting of the North Texas Division, USFA (NTXD) was called into order at 4:07 PM on May 14, 2016 at Fencing Institute of Texas (FIT) 11482 Luna Road, Suite 100 Farmers Branch, TX by Brenda Waddoups.

Present: Lockette Manley, Kirk Manley, Allan Curry, Chris Slaughter, Brenda Waddoups (25 proxies), Christine Tadlock, NaRaye Williams

A quorum was declared.

2) **Officers' Reports- see Appendix for Written Reports**

- a) Treasurer, NaRaye Williams
- b) Secretary, Christine Tadlock
- c) Vice Chair, David Sierra
- d) Chair, Brenda Waddoups,

NaRaye Williams gave us a break down of the division's financials. We do have excess funds and will need to provide some ideas on what the division can fund. Reduces the entrance fees for the division's qualifying competitions should also occur. She was not able to present a copy of the financials due to a suicidal computer. The secretary will post the report. The provisional verbal report accepted. Motion: Lockette, Allan.

Christine Tadlock presented her report. The need for a clarification for when sanctioning agreements are due will be worked out before the Division Calendar Planning Meeting in August. Report accepted.

David Sierra and Ovy Waddoups were not present.

Action Item: for David and Ovy- To find out about the chips and costs associated with the upgrade and what are alternatives? VSM?

Action Item: for Ovy- Get rid of the old metal strips.

Brenda Waddoups stated the division still needed to work on a sabre and foil referee program. The division should be good with the number of epee referees. The NTXD is establishing a policy of reimbursing the difference between a regular USFA

membership and a professional membership, if the referee test has been passed. She also stated that Safe Sport training will be available online and that all professional members will be required to take the training in addition to passing the background checks.

Brenda Waddoups presented a verbal report.

NAC DV1 She shared some news from committees of the USFA. The Tournament Committee is proposing a two-day DV1 Epee event at a NAC this year. How it will work: the top 34 fencers if those registers (based upon national points) move to the second day of fencing. The rest of the field will fence the first day as regular, through pools and through direct eliminations. The top 22 from the first day of fencing will be entered to the second day with the 34 making a field of 56. They will proceed to fencing the DV1 event as regular. The losers from day one will fence on day two in the DV1A event.

The national epee coach is pushing for this. If the coach does not get this new configuration, he will not award any points.

New Sabre Placement and Timing Chris Slaughter shared that the placement will help eliminate a lot of simultaneous calls. The price of the new chips in the boxes is a concern.

December NAC Foil Brenda also shared a proposal to move the DV1 Foil out of the December NAC and making it a stand-alone competition. This is because the World Cup competition is scheduled the same weekend.

Motion to Accept: Lockette move to accept that this is stupid...
NaRaye seconded.

3) New Business

a) 2016 Summer National Championships and July Challenge in Dallas

FIT is having a table at the convention center and is inviting other division member clubs to put their signs or information at the table.

There is a call out for performers for the National Anthem. Please contact Lockette Manley for information, lochette.manley@sbcglobal.net

Dallas Sports Festival is putting some event together. No word yet on when that would be.

b) Election of Officers, additional nominations; proxies presented: 25

There were other nominations. Motion to accept the slate as presented – Allan Curry, seconded Lockette Manley

Motion to have the chair, Brenda Waddoups (and proxies), cast the vote- Allan, seconded Lockette.

All elected unopposed.

c) Confirm 2016-2017 NTXD Calendar Selection Meeting date.

The meeting will be held at FIT's new location on Saturday, August 13, 2016 at 4:00 PM.

FIT will be moving to 1000 West Crosby Road, Carrollton, TX.

Chris Slaughter has some questions about the bidding process for RYCs and RJCCs. Brenda advised him and offered assistance.

4) Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:24 PM. Motion to adjourn-Christine, seconded Allan.