

Minutes

Monday, January 30th, 2023 @8:30 pm

Central Florida Division
Executive Committee Meeting

Those in attendance: Emily Grajales, Jenny Seachrist, Robert Szokolay, Shanna Davis, Eric Eldon, Nester Grajales, and LeAnn James.

❖ **Call to Order** at 8:33 pm

❖ **Consent Agenda**

- Eric Eldon moved to approve minutes from December 9, 2022, LeAnn James seconded

❖ **Discuss Agreement for Emergency Use of Division Equipment**

- After the last hurricane, Carlos Ablnado with D'Alerta Fencing could not access his equipment or training space due to flooding. He asked if he might borrow the division equipment for a couple of weeks. This was a unique emergency situation and the board agreed to allow him (as a club member and individual member of the division in good standing with USA Fencing) access to division equipment. The equipment is still on loan without a contract. Robert drafted a contract and the EC discussed needed amendments and modifications.
- It was reiterated that the division is not in the business of long term equipment rental. This agreement is just for emergency short term use.
- The draft contract has a place for a security deposit and a \$1 fee per item for the duration of the contract that will allow an accounting of equipment being used
- Robert will add a section requiring transportation of equipment if the division requires use of it during the contract period.
- The contract can be for any period but for the sake of policy development the term should not exceed 60 days.
- Shanna will draft a policy for future guidance on this issue

❖ **Referee Development**

- We discussed canceling spring plans for an advanced referee training as many of us were feeling burnt out on this particular day.
- Jenny indicated Bill Becker had secured the date and was intending to follow through.
- Emily said she would reach out to Bill and get back to us to confirm or postpone the event.

❖ **Discuss Sending Division Sponsored Teams to National events**

- Shanna gave a brief synopsis of some emails from the National Office about division sponsored teams at national events. Certain championship events required teammates to be from the same club. There is some confusion on which national events are championship events and which are not. There may be some team events that happen as part of Summer Nationals/July Challenge that are not championship events and may allow for a team from multiple clubs. Shanna said that she would try to nail down that possibility before the next meeting.

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❖ **New Business:**

➤ Armoring Clinic:

- Nestor brought up the idea of having an armoring class focused on basic skills and repairs for fencers and parents.
- Coaches get overwhelmed before big events with repairs, having more knowledgeable fencers and parents of fencers could prevent a wave of repairs all at once.
- Something in the weeks leading up to Summer Nationals would be ideal.
- LeAnn suggested requiring an investment of basic materials for families intending to participate.
- There was discussion on whether a fee should be charged.
 - LeAnn asked about Bob Lightner and what he charges
- Eric moved to officially add this topic to the agenda of the next meeting; Emily seconded

➤ Senior Games

- Eric Eldon said they would not be hosting a Senior Games fencing event this year

❖ **NEXT MEETING - Monday, March 27, 2023**

- ❖ Eric motioned to adjourn; Nestor seconded **Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.**

Approved April 17, 2023