

## Minutes

Monday, December 5th, 2022 @8:30 pm

## Central Florida Division Executive Committee Meeting

Those in attendance: Emily Grajales, Jenny Seachrist, Robert Szokolay, Shanna Davis, Eric Eldon, Alex Kossman, and Alex Libers joined for the last half.

- ❖ **Call to Order** at 8:33 pm
- ❖ **Consent Agenda**
  - Eric Eldon moved to approve minutes from August 22, 2022, Nestor seconded
- ❖ **New Bylaws and Operating Guide - Shanna**
  - No update as of yet. When the documents are released, we will share them on slack and set up a separate meeting to review and discuss.
- ❖ **Referee Development - Emily**
  - Emily discussed approving another \$1,000 on top of the \$1,000 spent for the referee clinic held on November 13th. This one would be by invitation only for existing referees. Jenny moved to approve that expenditure; Alex Kossman Seconded - all approved, none opposed.
  - The Date for that training event will be March 18th location tentatively set for Stoccata with a tournament the following day on Sunday, March 19th.
  - Emily encouraged everyone to come and fence those events so the quality of referee training is upper level.
- ❖ **Junior Olympic Qualifier Event - Emily**
  - Reported that only the Junior men's foil event was fenced on December 3rd - the event ran smoothly
- ❖ **Discuss Sending Division Sponsored Teams to National events - Shanna**
  - Presented the idea of sponsoring teams of mixed club fencers for team events at National Events as it provides experience in a different team format that is unlike traditional fencing tournaments. Nestor said that he thought maybe team members had to be from the same club. Jenny liked the idea of maximizing fencer's experience when they are already planning to attend and building camaraderie in the division. There is some question about how the fees are applied and if team members have to be in the same club. There was discussion about doing this for Regionals as well. (Alex Libers logged in during this discussion) Emily asked if the priority was for composite teams that the division puts together or have folks that want to be on a team together to reach out to us. Things to research and lay out:
    - Find out if we can send multi-club teams
    - How would fencers submit participation - individual or whole teams
    - Selection criteria
  - Jenny moved to table this topic until the next meeting with further discussion on slack. Nester seconded.

❖ **Discuss Current Use of Division Equipment - Emily**

- 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. He still has not been able to access the building. 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. It appears he may not be granted access to his equipment for some time yet so the question as to the ongoing use of division equipment needs to be addressed. The equipment is currently on loan without a contract. Now that the division has had this situation the EC needs to come up with a more global policy of how to move forward and how to handle similar future situations - emergency short term use. We need to define that short term period.
- The division has a daily fee structure in place for events; it was agreed that the division is not in the business of long term equipment rental.
- It was decided that an agreement would be drawn up that permits use for 90 days in cases of emergencies or natural disasters like this without charge with approval by the board. It is the responsibility of the recipient to maintain, care for and/or replace damaged equipment. After those 90 days the equipment should be returned in good working order. Robert Szokolay agreed to draft an agreement and put on slack for tweaking and preparing for Carlos' signature ASAP as his 90 days begin once signed.

❖ **Division Championship Series** (See [website](#) or [Facebook](#) for schedule)

Remaining Events in the Series: includes events for Y8 through veterans

**UPDATED: March 11, 2023 CFL Division Championship Series - #3 Youth**

**March 11, 2023 CFL Division Championship Series - #4 Open, Div 3 & Vet**

**April 29, 2023 CFL Division Championship Finale - All Events**

Venue for the finale still needs to be confirmed.

❖ **Update on the Florida State Fencing Championship - Emily**

- Emily asked for help with organizing this event, especially in finding a Venue. Need ~ 14,000 sq. ft. for 16 strips and \$1,500/day. The idea is that it would take place in Central Florida this time. Shanna agreed to help but not to spearhead anything.

❖ **Senior Games**

- Eric Eldon shared the dates of Senior Games. The EC collectively determined that April 15th would be best for a fencing tournament if held. Jenny asked to be invited to the meeting to help troubleshoot the registration issue.

❖ Alex Libers updated us on the health of Charlie Johnson and shared his contact info.

❖ **NEXT MEETING - Monday, January 23, 2023**

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