

## **Minutes of the 2009 USFA Central Florida Division Annual Meeting**

**Saturday, April 18, 2009**

Record by Jason R. Seachrist, Division Secretary

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### Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ken Lauver, Chairperson, at 12:00 PM. All officers were in attendance, with the exception of Jim Campoli, Treasurer.

### 2008-09 Minutes

Ken Lauver, Chairperson, highlighted minutes from last year's annual meeting. Brakes were installed on the Division's trailer for \$914.85. Additional pads were purchased to match the number of strips for \$348.15. For tournaments, conducted by non-division members, the equipment rental fee was raised to \$75.00 per strip and \$25.00 per scoring set.

The only outstanding task from last season's meeting is to create the Executive Committee. This committee includes Officers of the Division and a representative from each club in good standing with the USFA. Only two representatives were nominated at last years meeting, Charles Johnson and Dave Holdsworth.

### Account Status

Ken Lauver, Chairperson, presented the account status. The current cash balance, as of 02/05/2009, is \$2069.22. The Division also holds \$10,000 in a certificate of deposit.

### Elections

Elections were held in the following order. For Secretary, Jason R. Seachrist was unanimously elected. For Vice Chairperson, Jim Campoli was unanimously elected. For Treasurer, Kirk Rowley was unanimously elected. For Chair, Ken Lauver was elected over Kenneth Drewke, 19 – 9.

### Discussion Regarding Tournaments

Ken Lauver, Chairperson, opened the floor for discussion regarding the number of tournaments held during this season and the costs incurred for hosting tournaments. Several members expressed their concern for the lack of competitive opportunities this season.

Ken suggested that one way to increase those opportunities is for clubs to conduct specialized one day tournaments that would cost less but could be held more frequently. In example, some clubs can concentrate on epee and, therefore, host several epee tournaments per year. Others can focus on foil and saber, youth and veteran events, etc.

## Absentee Voting Approved

Ken Lauver, Chairperson, motioned to change our bylaws to permit voting for Officers and other significant concerns by absentee ballot. The motion was seconded and a quorum of 10% of the current membership (304 in good standing) was counted. The motion was passed unanimously.

Details will be hammered-out by the Officers, and it must be noted that an effort should be made by the membership to attend the annual meeting. Absentee voting can only apply to the election of officers and items in a published agenda. New business can only be voted upon by members who are present.

Members of quorum (minimum counted, all confirmed in good standing):

* Matthew Breen	Margaret Nampon
*E'lise Matthis	*Issac Cox
*Spenser Nampon	*Carson Nampon
Rotesak Nampon	Renee Grover
*Devyn Grover	*Brenden Grover
David Grover	David Holdsworth
Denys Beecher	Boyko Krastevitch
*Levente Bajan	*Richard Ramohr
Barbara Bajan	Nolin Moon
Kenneth Drewke	Jesus Lugones
Richard Georgia	Jenny Gibson
Melody Klasinski	Isabelle Lingvay
*Joseph Lingvay	*Ivan Lingvay
Laurance Lingvay	*Domenik Lingvay
Jennifer Rawlings	Jason R Seachrist
Ken Lauver	*Nicholas Farrell
James Lane	Charles Johnson

*\*Parent or guardian present*

## New Division Tournament Approved

Jason R. Seachrist, Secretary, motioned that the Division host a seasonal Division Championship in addition to the current qualifiers for National Championships and Junior Olympics. By separating the Division Championship from the National Qualifier, attendance should improve for the annual meeting and the number of fencers sent to Nationals should increase.

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. A change to the Division Bylaws is unnecessary due to the verbiage used in Article 3, Section 5, "Yearly Schedule" – "The Division [shall conduct] competitions under its jurisdiction, unless superseded by the USFA rules, i.e. Junior Olympic Qualifications and National Championship Qualifications, **etc.**"

In the same discussion it was decided to schedule the Division's annual meeting at the new Divisional Championship in order to attract larger participation.

Details still need to be discussed by the Officers. Though not motioned for a vote, it was suggested by several members that the tournaments rotate between the Tampa and Orlando geographic areas. But it was decided that the Division leadership has the final decision to host the events in the venue best suited to the event and financial impact.

## Meeting Closed

Ken Lauver, Chairperson, closed the meeting at 1:15 PM and fencing resumed.