

North Texas Division, USFA  
Annual Meeting  
24 May 2005

- I. Meeting called to order by Jeff Crowe, Chairman, at 7:15 PM.
- II. Credentials Report: Fourteen members present; 42 proxies – quorum was established.
- III. Treasurer's Report given by Brenda Waddoups: Pat White was out of town. There was approximately \$1600 reported in the bank account. The Executive Committee obligated most of this in the 2004-05 for repair and replacement of reels. Ovy Waddoups will purchase new reels and parts for repairing the old reels (as possible) over the summer months. Ovy Waddoups moved to accept the Treasurer's report as given with a full report to be submitted to council at a later date; Rhonda Trietsch seconded; passed unanimously.
- IV. Secretary's Report given by Brenda Waddoups: Rhonda Trietsch moved to accept the Secretary's Report; seconded by Ovy Waddoups; passed unanimously.
- V. Vice Chair's Report given by Rhonda Trietsch.
  - a. JO Qualifier – North Texas is seeing an increase in Cadet and Junior fencers, which is good for the growth of fencing in our community. This also means that clubs will have to step up to the challenge of furnishing more referees for the qualifying events in the future. There are some challenges with getting adult referees to give up a weekend to referee a tournament where they are not fencing.
  - b. Summer National Qualifier – Separate Division II and Division III events, plus the problems with referees canceling at the last minute created much of the problems with the Summer National Qualifier. David Sierra moved that Division II and Division III be fenced as one event next season; seconded by Rhonda Trietsch; passed unanimously.
  - c. Equipment – Rhonda Trietsch yielded the floor to Committee Chair Ovy Waddoups. Ovy Waddoups reported several clubs have had equipment for longer than one year and much of it is in disrepair. La Touché returned one reel in broken condition; it is not known yet how much the reel will cost to be repaired. Discussion ensued concerning the club's obligation when obtaining equipment to maintain such in good repair and to return the equipment in the same condition as was lent. Ovy Waddoups was directed by Committee to obtain the cost of repair and submit an invoice for the repair to La Touché. Discussion ensued concerning clubs having equipment for longer than one year, and established clubs continuing to use Division equipment. Ovy Waddoups moved to rescind the portion of the equipment policy which allows clubs to check out Division equipment for the fencing season; seconded by David Sierra; discussion ensued concerning new clubs such as Cutting Edge and R.I.S.E.; motion passed unanimously. Motion by Brenda Waddoups to establish an Equipment Policy Review Committee to establish a new Division policy which would support the use of Division equipment in support of newly formed clubs for a period to be determined by the Committee and a report to be given at the August meeting. Seconded by Ovy Waddoups; motion passed unanimously.
  - d. Ovy Waddoups moved to accept the Vice Chair's report; seconded by David Sierra; motion passed unanimously
- VI. Division Chair's Report given by Jeff Crowe.
  - a. The Division needs to develop more referees. Club Coaches and Owners should understand that the Division is the responsibility of all the clubs, not just a few.

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Coaches who desire smooth qualifiers should assist with qualified, knowledgeable referees for all the events. At one time, North Texas Division required all clubs to support the qualifiers with at least one referee. It was noted that the payment of referees is bringing the cost per event up and coaches are beginning to complain. A suggestion was made to require each club to supply two unpaid referees for the two qualifier tournaments; enforcement of this was thought improbable. Chair commended David Sierra and Rhonda Trietsch for their continued referee support.

- b. Club Coaches and Owners should also understand that the setting up of the Division Qualifiers requires manpower to roll out the strips and tape them down. This last year, FIT and Renaissance fencers laid strips for JO's and Summer Nationals without any help from other clubs. Ovy Waddoups noted that only one fencer, Shalyn Shourds, came to help with Summer National set-up, which is why there were only four copper strips rolled out. Brenda Waddoups stated one coach complained to her "it looked like a FIT tournament." It should be noted that FIT fencers are encouraged by their coach and club to referee and support the Division as much as possible, which is why they are so visible at the tournaments. The Division would like a presence from all clubs. Help is needed with Registration, set-up and teardown, referees as mentioned earlier, and various other odd jobs.
  - c. Ovy Waddoups moved to accept the Chair's report; seconded by Brenda Waddoups; passed unanimously.
- VII. Selection of North Texas designation for Southwest Section Circuit Cup. David Sierra reported that La Touché/Grapevine do want to be the SSCC designee for the 2005-06 fencing season and has been appointed by the SSCC. [**Note:** *La Touché and Grapevine clubs are undergoing a trial period to determine whether a merger of the two clubs is a viable option.*] Brenda Waddoups confirmed this report. Brenda Waddoups moved to accept La Touché/Grapevine as the North Texas Division designee for the SSCC event as a matter of formality; seconded by David Sierra; motion passed unanimously. Brenda Waddoups reported the next in rotation would be Cutting Edge Fencing Club followed by R.I.S.E, Fencing Academy of Arlington, Dallas Fencers Club, Renaissance Fencers Club, Fencing Institute of Texas. [**Note:** *Should new clubs develop, they would enter the rotation between Fencing Academy of Arlington and Dallas Fencers Club. If La Touché and Grapevine decide not to merge, Grapevine would be in line before Cutting Edge. If a club declines the designation, the next club in rotation is asked, etc., until a club agrees to be the SSCC designee.*]
- VIII. Calendar meeting date. It was moved by David Sierra to set the next Division meeting for **3 PM, SUNDAY, AUGUST 7**, at Fencing Institute of Texas, 11482 Luna Road, Suite 100, Farmers Branch, Texas 75234; seconded by Cait Schneider; passed unanimously. David Sierra requested Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> as a Cutting Edge tournament date for a "D and Under" (Div3) Men's and Women's Sabre and "Y10/12" saber events. Moved by Drew Waddoups; seconded by Cait Schneider; passed unanimously. Jeff Crowe suggested any agenda items or policy/procedure changes be submitted to Brenda Waddoups at least one month prior to this meeting for dissemination to the Executive Committee to give them enough time to review before the meeting.

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- IX. North Texas Division Elections.
- a. Slate of Officers and Executive Committee presented. David Sierra withdrew his nomination. Chairman Jeff Crowe asked for nominations from the floor; no nominations were made. Ovy Waddoups moved to close all nominations; seconded by Rhonda Trietsch; passed unanimously. David Sierra moved that the Chair cast one unanimous vote for the slate of Officers and Executive Committee as presented; seconded by Ovy Waddoups; passed unanimously.
- i. Officers:
1. Jeff Crowe, Chairman
  2. Aly Khamis, Vice Chairman
  3. Brenda Waddoups, Secretary
  4. Pat White, Treasurer
- ii. Executive Committee
1. Baylor University – George Wilhite
  2. Cutting Edge Fencing Club – David Sierra
  3. Dallas Fencers Club – Waldek Czaja
  4. Fencing Academy of Arl. – Michele Khamis
  5. Fencing Inst of Tx – Ovy Waddoups
  6. Grapevine TX Fencing Club – Valorie Pope (until merger w/ La Touché Fencing Club)
  7. Hockaday – Nelly Evanyk
  8. Jesuit Fencing Club – Mohamed Elsakhawy
  9. La Touché Fencing Club – Russell Mack
  10. Lone Star Fencing Center – Michael Kim
  11. Renaissance Fencers Club – Larry Mansir
  12. R.I.S.E. – Amgad Badawi
  13. Rockwall H.S. Fencing Club – Carolyn Hoyle
  14. UNT Fencing Club - Jon Davis
- b. No nominations were received by the Nominating Chair for Representatives and Alternates to the USFA Council. North Texas is allowed 6 representatives and 6 alternates. Nominations from the floor were:
- i. Representatives
1. David Sierra
  2. Aly Khamis
  3. Katalin Gasparin Kenessey
  4. Amgad Badawi
  5. Michael Kim
  6. Jim Carpenter
- ii. Alternates
1. Volodymyr Yefimov
  2. Elliott Chorn
  3. Mohamed Elsakhawy
  4. Lucas daSilva
  5. Brenda Waddoups
  6. Nelly Evanyk

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- c. No further nominations were made. Ovy Waddoups moved to close nominations; seconded by Drew Waddoups; passed unanimously. Cait Schneider moved that the Chair cast one unanimous vote for the slate of Officers and Executive Committee as presented; seconded by Ovy Waddoups; passed unanimously.
- X. Ovy Waddoups moved to adjourn; seconded by Drew Waddoups; passed unanimously at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Waddoups, Secretary  
North Texas Division, USFA