

Minutes

North Texas Division, USA Fencing

2024 Annual Business Meeting

Sunday, July 27, 2024

4:00 PM

Location: Fencing Institute of Texas

- A. Meeting was called to order by Brenda Waddoups at 4:16 PM.
- B. A quorum was established. Those present: Brenda Waddoups, Ovy Waddoups, Reneta Shalirova, David Ramirez, Lisa Lambert, Hector Maisonet, Allan Curry, NaRaye Williams, Christine Tadlock.
- C. Consent Agenda Item: Chair: Motion to accept – Ovy, seconded by Allan Curry, --No discussion; the motion carries.
 - a. Minutes of the 2023 Annual Business Meeting- posted, <http://www.northtexasfencing.org/meetings.html>
- D. Treasurer's Report: Ms. Williams presented the treasurer's report. The division's income statement for 2023-34 is posted on the website. Motion to accept by Ovy, seconded Brenda, Discussion- David Ramirez asked about the "Benefit". This is in reference to the requirement that use of division funds must benefit the division as a whole and not a single club. The division is always looking for opportunities to better the division and its fencers. The idea of division tournaments was floated; however the calendar does book up. David proposed co-hosting a tournament with the division, but to what end? Brenda encouraged clubs to email any proposals to the Executive Committee (EC). Next item from Brenda regarding being reimbursed for some expenses from a referee training course. This line item is to be tabled until receipts and documents can be emailed. Motion to accept the treasurer's report from Lisa, seconded Ovy; the motion carried.
- E. President's Report. Brenda went over several new items from the national office and tournament committee.
 - a. New Div 1 Epee and Foil format
 - b. iSponsor. This is a new way for any club to accrue funds. It does require putting in the last four digits of a credit card number.
 - c. HS Program Extension and Tournament instruction rolling out 2025-26.
 - d. New Fencing categories at local tournaments; Adult (21-39) and Adult Combined (21 and older).
 - e. Y8 Updates for the 2024-25 season. Y8 points can only be given at local tournaments. No regional or national points.
 - f. Qualifying paths for the 2025-26 season. These will require a fencer to participate in local tournaments (the number unknown) before the fencer can participate in a regional tournament. Allan Curry thought this will be hard for local tournaments to be on the calendars as many slots are taken with regionals. He also stated that hiring referees will be difficult as many tournaments will conflict with local tournaments. Oversight is needed at local level.
It was mentioned that AskFred is now under USA Fencing control. Brenda is asking all the division club to support each other in our local tournaments. Motion to accept Chair's report, Ovy, seconded by Allan; no discussion; motion carried.
- F. Approval of Executive Committee Members
 - a. Executive Committee Members – Once person from each North Texas Division, USA Fencing member club in good standing.
 - Current clubs in good standing:
 - Abilene Sport Fencing – Michael Bob Starr
 - Fencing Institute of Texas – Ovy Waddoups

Frisco Fencing Academy – Chris Slaughter
Globus Fencing Academy – Betty Lim
Go Fence Academy – David Ramirez
Gold Blade Fencing Center – Allan Curry
Hockaday School – Lisa Lambert
Lone Star Fencing Center – Andre Andreyev
North Dallas Fencing Club – Amgad Badawi
North Texas Fencing Tournament Coalition – Jordan Gatts
Pegasus Sword Academy – Hector Maisonet
University of North Texas Fencing Club –
Motion to accept the EC list- Ovy, seconded by Allan, no discussion: motion carried.

b. Additional Positions: DEI Coordinator – Alice Dungey; Safe Sport Coordinator – Laurie Lewis,
Motion to table this item, Allan, seconded by Ovy, no discussion, motion carried.

c. Nominating Committee Report by Chair Carolyn Hoyle, Unattached

i. Proposed Slate of Officers: motion to accept slate as presented; Ovy seconded by
NaRaye: discussion,

1. Treasurer – NaRaye Williams, Gold Blade
2. Secretary- Christine Tadlock, FIT
3. Vice Chair – Allan Curry, Gold Blade
4. Chair – Brenda Waddoups, FIT

ii. Lisa Lambert nominates Hector Maisonet as vice chair. Motion to nominate Hector by
Allan, seconded by David, approved. Allan Curry withdraws his nomination.

New slate of nominees:

Brenda Waddoups, Chair
Hector Maisonet, Vice chair
Christine Tadlock, secretary
NaRaye Williams, treasurer

Motion to accept slate of nominees. Allan, seconded by Ovy, no discussion, motion
carried.

G. The calendar meeting for the 2024-25 season will be on August 10 at 4:00 PM. A bout committee training
will be held at 1:00 PM prior. Both of these will be at Fencing Institute of Texas.

H. Move to adjourn, Ovy, seconded by Allan, no discussion, carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:23 PM.