

Minutes

North Texas Division, USA Fencing

2025 Annual Business Meeting

Saturday, May 10, 2025

4:00 PM

Location: Fencing Institute of Texas

- A. Meeting called to order by Chair Brenda Waddoups at
- B. Establish quorum. Secretary stated a quorum was achieved. Members present: David Ramirez, Renata Shakirova, Brenda Waddoups, Ovy Waddoups, Christine Tadlock, John Tadlock, NaRaye Williams, Bernard Witek, Lisa Lambert, arrived late. These were a total of 18 proxies presented. These were authenticated and accepted.
- C. Minutes from the 2024 Annual Meeting were accepted as posted. Motion to approved by Ovy, seconded by NaRaye, no discussion, Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Treasurer NaRaye Williams present the 2024-2025 Financial report. -----Motion to accept report as presented- Ovy, seconded by Brenda, Motion passed unanimously.
- E. President's Report-----Brenda shared updates from the USA Fencing Tournament Committee.
 - a. USA Fencing intends to proceed with a One Point System, meaning a fencer will receive points at local, regional, and national tournaments. A fencer will need to achieve a certain number of points before being allowed to register for the next level of tournament. Or perhaps go to three local tournaments before being allowed to register for a regional tournament. This system will be finalized at the committee's June meeting, though the plan is for this to begin in the 2025-26 fencing year. The Tournament Committee has also established a fixed calendar. Regional and National tournaments are being put on a fixed calendar. These tournaments will occur at the same weekend in the same month year -to-year. For example, the Wang Memorial will always be the third weekend in March. The open weekends will be available for local tournaments. This fixed calendar will allow regional and national tournaments reserve venues. The point system is thought to be able to control the experience level of fencers who register for tournaments.
 - b. Another repercussion of this system to qualify for tournaments is that the divisional qualifying tournaments will not be needed thus leading the way to the possible dissolution of the divisions themselves. This could happen in about two years.
 - c. In the treasurer's report, the division currently has over \$13,000 dollars in its bank account. Any money and the division's physical assets would revert to USA Fencing ownership at the time of the division's dissolution. Those present would rather find ways to use this money to help all fencers of the North Texas Division. The money cannot legally be evenly divided amongst the clubs. The division is organized as a non-profit entity and all but one of the clubs in the division are for-profit. After much discussion it was decided to offer ideas to the membership clubs. Finally, a motion was put forth from Lisa Lambert. The motion to send out a proposed list of at three options and to solicit additional proposals for use of the division's funds. The motion was amended finally seconded by Bernard and Ovy. Motion passed. Ideas will be discussed via email. (Please see Appendix 1 to read the proposal sent to the clubs.) **The original motion put before the EC alludes to the possible dissolution of Divisions. This is not in the planned or foreseeable future. The division is not dissolving Division funds We are asking for input on the use of Division funds that will benefit the entire division.**
PLEASE NOTE** For clarification-The division is not dissolving Division funds We are asking for input on the use of Division funds that will benefit the entire division.
 - d. NTD JO Qualifier will be held on December 6, 2025, and the NTD SN Qualifier will be held on April 4, 2026.
- F. Approval of Executive Committee Members

- a. Executive Committee Members – One 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
Lone Star Fencing Center – Andre Andreyev
North Texas Fencing Tournament Coalition – Jordan Gatts
Pegasus Sword Academy – Lisa Lambert
University of North Texas Fencing Club -

Ovy moved to reelect member representative as presented except for North Dallas Fencing Club.

Seconded, by NaRaye. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Additional Positions: DEI Coordinator – Alice Dungey; Safe Sport Coordinator – Laurie Lewis.
Motion to accept these nominees as presents. 26 yeas, 1 abstention.

- c. Proposed Slate of Officers:

1. Treasurer – NaRaye Williams, Gold Blade
2. Secretary- Christine Tadlock, FIT
3. Vice Chair – Hector Maisonet, Pegasus Sword Academy
4. Chair – Brenda Waddoups, FIT

No nominations from the floor. Christine called to elect all candidates in one vote. All were elected unanimously.

- G. Sunday, August 3, 2025, at 2 PM at FIT will be the 2025-26 NTX Division Calendar Meeting
- H. Good Will and Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

APPENDIX 1* Note: This motion put before the EC alludes to the possible dissolution of Divisions. This is not in the planned /foreseeable future. The division is not dissolving Division funds We are asking for input on the use of Division funds that will benefit the entire division.

The North Texas Division (NTD) will develop and publish a plan that overs the planned dissolution of Divisions. This plan should:

- A. Provide even benefit among all NTD clubs.
- B. Comply with current 501 (c) 3 rules and regulations.
- C. Benefit the sport of fencing and athletes in the NTX.
- D. Plan to be electronically transmitted to all NTD clubs withing 10 working days.

Suggestions include, but not limited to:

- a. Purchase strips and equipment
- b. Sponsor seminars, symposiums, and educational events.
- c. Put fencing in the public eye through advertising.
- d. Conduct fencer exchange programs nation-wide.
- e. Contribute to low-income fencer programs, i.e. Grace program.

Inputs from each member club in NTD is due to the NTD officers with 30 days of receipt of this message.

APPENDIX 2

Date	Region	Circuit	Tournament	Locations	Events
Aug 23-24	5	Local			
Aug 30-31	5	SYC/RJCC	North Texas Roundup SYC/RJCC	Dallas, TX	Y10, Y12, Y14, CDT, JNR
Sep 6-7	5	Local			
Sep 13-14	5	Local	DFW CUP #1		
Sep 20-21	5	RYC/RJCC	Battle in Space City RYC/RJCC	Houston, TX	Y8, Y10, Y12, Y14, CDT, JNR
Sep 27-28	5	Local			
Oct 4-5	5	OCT NAC			
Oct 11-12	5	Local			
Oct 18-20	5	RYC	Duel in Dallas Fall RYC/RPC	Dallas, Tx	Y10, Y12, Y14
Oct 25-26	5	Local			
Nov 1-2	5	ROC/RJCC	Battle in Space City ROC/RJCC	Houston, TX	CDT, JNR, DV1A, DV2, VET
Nov 8-9	5	Local			
Nov 15-16	5	NOV NAC			
Nov 22-23	5	RJCC/ROC	ROC of Ages RJCC, Vet ROC, RPC	Dallas, TX	RJCC, Vet, Para
Nov 29-30	5	Local	Thanksgiving		
Dec 6-7	5	DIV	NTD JO Qualifier		
Dec 13-14	5	ROC/RJCC/RYC	The Crescent City Open	New Orleans, LA	Y10, Y12, Y14, CDT, JNR, DV1A, DV2, DV3, VET
Dec 20-21	5	SYC/RCC	Austin Challenge SYC and RCC	Round Rock, TX	Y10, Y12, Y14, CDT
Dec 27-28	5	Christmas			
Jan 3-4	5	Local			
Jan 10-11	5	JAN NAC			
Jan 17-18	5	Local			
Jan 24-25	5	FIE/SJCC	Junior/Cadet		
Jan 31-Feb 1	5	RYC	Alliance Fencing?		
Feb 7-8	5	Local			
Feb 14-15	5	JOs	Championship		
Feb 21-22	5	Local			
Feb 28-Mar 1	5	RYC /RJCC	West Texas Duel	El Paso, TX	Y10, Y12, Y14, CDT, JNR
Mar 7-8	5	MAR NAC			
Mar 14-15	5	Local	DFW CUP #3		
Mar 21-22	5	ROC/RJCC/RYC	Wang Memorial	Dallas, TX	Y10, Y12, Y14, CDT, JNR, DV1A, DV2, VET
Mar 28-29	5	ROC/RJCC	Paul Pesty Memorial	San Antonio	
Apr 4-5	5	DIV	NTD SN Qualifier		
Apr 11-12	5	RYC	Alliance Fencing		Y10, Y12, Y14
Apr 18-19	5	ROC/RJCC	Duel in Dallas Spring RJCC, Vet ROC, RPC		CDT, JNR, VET, PARA
Apr 25-26	5	APR NAC			
May 2-3	5	Local			
May 9-10	5	Local	DFW CUP #4		
May 16-17	1	May SJCC			

North Texas Division of the USFA

Income Statement

(01-Aug-2024 through 03-May-25)

BEGINNING BALANCE (01-AUG-2022) \$ 11,095.23

REVENUE	Unit	Qty	Subtotal	
Membership Dues Collected				\$ -
Dues Rebates				1,497.00
2023-2024: 4th Quarter			747.00	
2024-2025: 1st Quarter			645.00	
2024-2025: 2nd Quarter			105.00	
2024-2025: 3rd Quarter			-	
Entry Fees				1,236.50
Junior Olympic Qualifiers				
FRED Registrations	20.00	5	100.00	
FRED Event Fees	15.00	8	120.00	
Platform Fees	2.50	5	12.50	
National Championship Qualifiers				
FRED Registrations	25.00	18	450.00	
FRED Event Fees	25.00	20	500.00	
Platform Fees	3.00	18	54.00	
Cash Registrations	25.00	0	-	
Cash Event Fees	25.00	0	-	
Interest Income		0		-
Contributions				-
Sales Brochures/Decals/Etc.				-
Other				-
Total Revenue				\$ 2,733.50

EXPENDITURES	Unit	Qty	Subtotal	
Membership Dues Remitted				\$ -
Stationery & Printing				-
Postage				-
Telephone				-
Medals/Trophies/Engraving				-
Junior Olympic Qualifiers			\$ -	
National Championship Qualifier			-	
Travel				-
Junior Olympic Qualifiers			-	
National Championship Qualifiers			-	
Competition Expenses				135.09
Junior Olympic Qualifiers				
Platform Fees			12.50	
Payment Processor Fees			9.03	
Meals			-	
Referees/Armorer/BC/Reg			-	
Venue			-	
Refunds			-	
Refunds (FRED Fees)			-	
National Championship Qualifiers				
Platform Fees			\$ 54.00	
Payment Processor Fees			34.56	
Meals			-	
Referees/Armorer/BC/Reg			-	
Venue			-	
Refunds			25.00	
Equipment Purchased & Repairs				-
Dues & Subscriptions				-
Bank Charges				-
Other				127.79
Website & Domain Name Hosting			127.79	
Total Expenses				\$ 262.88

ENDING BALANCE (31-Jul-2023) \$ 13,565.85