

## Georgia Division, US Fencing Association

Annual Meeting: 27 April 2013

North Atlanta Fencing Club, Woodstock GA

### **Attendance:**

Curtis Kimball, Ellen O'Leary, Kathleen Ferrara, Kathy Vail, Brent Martin, Juliana Frigerio, John Terris, Blake Watson, Christopher Denecke, Stuart Johnson, Sarah Madden, Ross Thompson, Pete Appel, D.J.Martin, Audrey Barroso, Phoenix Williams.

Call to order: Pete Appel called the meeting to order at 4:55 pm

### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

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**Chairman:** Pete Appel: This chair is now the third one this year. The divisional tournament is in progress. There is no other report.

**Vice-Chairman:** Kathy Vail: JO qualifiers were held successfully.

**Treasurer:** DJ Martin: The division has some money; however there will not be much profit from the Divisionals tournament. See attached report.

**Secretary:** Ellen O'Leary: Classification change reports have been submitted after each of the Georgia Division tournaments closed.

**Tournament committee chairman:** Stuart Johnson reported that tournaments have been held in a timely manner; however this year we are going to have to make changes in the tournaments schedule, produce new referees, and keep them active.

**Webmaster:** no report. Treasurer DJ Martin has updated the website.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Pete stated that the USFA bylaws have been changed to eliminate sections and congress; therefore our bylaws must be amended to eliminate references to these categories. Kathleen made a motion that the board do the amending, then put the amendments to a vote at the August meeting. The motion was seconded by DJ. The motion passed.

Stuart stated that there will need to be some tournament scheduling changes since there are now too few weekends for the larger number of clubs. DJ looked up the number and found there are 17 fencing clubs in the GA Division at present. Kathy asked if there was a way to schedule August and September tournaments before the

annual tournament scheduling meeting. Suggestion was made that late summer and early fall tournaments should be scheduled by emailing the tournament chairman. DJ made a motion that the Tournament Committee meeting be held Sunday Aug 4, location TBA, for decisions regarding how to allot tournament weekends. The motion was seconded by Stuart. Secretary Ellen was tasked to pull demographic fencer attendance data from Fred so that information can be used at the tournament meeting.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE 2013-2014 YEAR:**

Kathleen nominated Pete Appel for chairman, DJ seconded the nomination. The nomination passed.

Kathleen nominated Blake Watson for vice chairman, DJ seconded the nomination. The nomination passed.

DJ nominated Kathleen Ferrara for secretary, Ellen seconded the nomination. The nomination passed.

Kathleen nominated DJ Martin for treasurer, Pete seconded the nomination. The nomination passed.

DJ nominated Stuart Johnson for tournament chairman, Ross seconded the nomination. The nomination passed.

DJ moved that the meeting be adjourned, Sarah seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Submitted by Ellen O'Leary division secretary 4/29/13