

Saskatchewan Fencing Association

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2017 Annual General Meeting

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 30, 2017

Salle Seguin

414 1st Avenue North

Minutes

1. Roll Call

Voting Participants

Saskatoon Fencing Club – Jean-Pierre Seguin; (2 Votes)

Regina East Zone Fencing Club- Kendalyn Caister;(1 Vote)

University of Saskatchewan Fencing Club – Jean-Pierre Seguin; (1 Vote)

Prince Albert Northern Knights Fencing Club – Shannon Hurl; (1 Vote)

Asquith Garde Fencing Academy – Doug Brecht; (1 Vote)

Swift Current Fencing Club – Lisa Hagen; (1 Vote)

Non-Voting Participants

Dr. James Stempien – S.F.A. President

Anna-beth Zulkoskey – V.P of Finance

Sue Pitura – V.P. of Administration

John Brunning – Provincial Coach – Development & V.P. of Technical

Philip Pitura – Athlete Representative

James Sali – Armorer

Joe Dudiak – Technical Committee

Marcia Coulic-Salahub – S.F.A. Office Manager

Genevieve Rosseel – Guest (Asquith Garde Fencing Academy)

2. Announcements, Changes to the Order of Business, and Additions to the Agenda

a) Announcements;

i. None

b) Changes to the Order of Business;

i. Move item #14(a) from New Business to #8 Audited Financial Statements.

c) Additions to Agenda;

- i. Canada Cup West update,
- ii. Tournament Pricing
- iii. Athlete Representative motion. – Change the Athlete Representative duties & voting in the Rules & Regulations

3. Review of Minutes (May 27th, 2017 - Spring Meeting)

- a) No Changes Needed.

Motion: To accept minutes as read – Lisa Hagen

Seconded – Shannon Hurl

Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

- a) 50/50 tickets for the 2017 – 2018 Season - Asquith and Swift Current Fencing both declined running the raffle on SFA behalf. JP wondered about just doing a 50-50 raffle at the Canada Cup West. Discussed how to do this. Marcia to get the license and Sue to organize the sellers.

Motion: The SFA will sell tickets at the Canada Cup West as discussed. – Anna-beth Zulkoskey

Seconded: – Lisa Hagen

Carried

- b) New Website – Launch Date? - Jacob not here. Updates can still be sent to Brian Zulkoskey in the interim.
- c) Discipline Complaints Policy – wording change – Completed by V.P. of Administration.
- d) Athlete Representative – Policy- coming up
- e) Rules & Regulations – revised draft- JP and James will look at this in the fall 2017. Anna-beth will help on this committee.
- f) S.F.A. Equipment – storage/insurance- no longer an issue. The Salle has now been secured for another three years. Equipment is still not insured though. The S.F.A. needs to look at how much to insure the equipment for. Need a replacement cost list sent to AON for a quote. Joe can do up a list and replacement cost to Marcia by October 15th who will obtain a quote. Marcia will send the quote onto the Board of Directors.

5. Provincial Coaches Update (July – August)

- a) e-mailed out-no comments

6. Reports from Officers

- a) All reports were submitted at the Spring Meeting – No Discussion

7. Club Reports

- a) Asquith Garde Fencing Club-e-mailed out. No questions for Asquith.

- b) Note: Formal club reports are not required for this meeting. Clubs are encouraged to provide updates regarding fall activities and share early indications of fall registration numbers. No updates received.

8. Audited Financial Statements- Anna-beth Zulkoskey

- a) There was a slight surplus despite a membership shortfall.
- b) There was a shortfall in tournament registration but less expenses. Need to look at the decrease in tournament revenue.
- c) No athlete fees were collected last year for the provincial team due to rule changes and provincial team being identified quite late.
- d) Athlete rep stated that the HP plan has changed for this year. There was no contract sent out but rather an e-mail letter was sent which required an e-mail response back. No actual contract was attached.
- e) The Rules and Regulations state that there is supposed to be a contract in place at the SFA office. If Marcia has the list then she can collect the contract signatures and fees. The membership still needs the contract and which tiers have which Provincial team members in them. Marcia needs the list and can send them out and collect the fees. All payments should be collected by the office.
- f) Anna-beth is looking at whether the SFA can accept the e-mail transfer.
- g) The Rules and Regulations (Bylaws) will need to be changed to reflect the new tiered system.
- h) The HP tiered system should be on the website.
- i) The criteria and funding for the tiers has been finalized.
- j) An e-mail blast needs to be sent out to the Clubs to explain the new tiered system.
- k) Parasport Club Grant was allocated to SFA for two years instead of one; SaskSport has suggested we defer the money. John and Lynn will have an actual budget for the grant to Marcia and Anna-beth which will be sent into SaskSport on how the deferred money will be spent.

Motion: To accept Audited Financial Statements for June 30, 2017 as read – Jean-Pierre Seguin

Seconded – Lisa Hagen

Carried

Motion: To use Virtus Group and the Auditor for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year – Lisa Hagen

Seconded – Shannon Hurl

Carried

9. CFF – Annual General Meeting – summary (James Stempien & John Brunning)

- a) John reported day one was workshops, Risk Management Planning to Avoid Risks, plus the CFF goals for the year. [1. Memberships (need 4000 members to keep funding, be in the Olympics, etc. Goal is to hit 7000 members) 2. Succession planning for board members (want skill set as opposed to bodies) 3. More emphasis of work between PSO and NSO

linkages.] If there is a topic our organization wants help with we can contact CFF and they will be more than happy have our help.

- b) Arm Band program has been re-done for Foil.
 - i. The writer, Scott D. Nichols is asking for input for the Epee and Sabre portion right now. He has done up to Blue level for foil as after this it is not a generic program any more. It will have to be personalized for each athlete in the higher levels.
 - ii. For \$10.00 the fencer will get the booklet (Marcia will check where to get booklets) and a patch when completing that level.
 - iii. Most useful for beginner coaches.
 - iv. SFA has a bag of orange patches in the office.
- c) CFF has put a committee together to look at a new lower level introductory fee for recreational members and will have some answers by January. Survey sent out to all PSO's to fill out. Marcia will fill it out for the SFA.

10. SaskSport – Annual General Meeting – review (James Stempien & Sue Pitura)

- a) Nothing further to report as report given at Spring meeting.

11. Resolutions, Orders & General Business – See Attached Motions

- a) Motion to change name of “Rules & Regulations” to “Bylaws”
 - i. The portion of the Rules and Regulations which are the Bylaws are Chapters 1 to 8.
 - ii. According to SaskSport guidelines, these need to be separated from our Rules & Regulations.

Motion: Change the name of “Rules & Regulations” to “Bylaws” – S.F.A. Board of Directors

Seconded – Kendalyn Caister (with the following amendment – Motion to reflect that Chapters 1 to 8 of the Rules & Regulations now be labelled as the “Bylaws”.)

Carried

- b) Motion to change the ranking of Master fencers (Ages 30 to 39)

Motion: Change the ranking of Master Fencers (Ages 30 to 39) to a Provincially Developed System – Michael Weaver

Seconded – Lisa Hagen

Carried – Michael will need to work with the veteran’s committee on this motion details further.

- c) Motion to change timeframe of appeal in SFA Appeal Policy

Motion: Change the timeframe of appeal in SFA Appeal Policy to show 21 days– S.F.A. Board of Directors

Seconded – Jean-Pierre Seguin

Carried

- d) Motion for % of profits of SFA fundraising events

Motion: Clubs who organize a SFA fundraiser will get 25% of the profits. – Sue Pitura

Seconded – Kendalyn Caister

Carried – (1 Abstain)

e) Motion to change the date of submission in Rules & Regulations

Motion: Change the date of submission for the audited financial statements in the Rules & Regulations – S.F.A. Board of Directors

Seconded – Jean-Pierre Seguin

Carried

f) Motion for change to Rules & Regs for Athlete Representative

Motion: Change the Athlete Representative description in the Rules & Regulations – Philip Pitura (Athlete Representative)

Seconded – Jean-Pierre Seguin

Carried

12. Ratification of Rules & Regulations

a) The Rules and Regulations require changes. The Rules and Regulations committee need to re-work them first. The committee will work on them this season and have a revised version for an upcoming meeting.

13. Elections & Appointments

• All Director positions only have 1-year terms, all positions are up for election.

(a) President - James Stempien

(b) Vice-President Technical - John Brunning

(c) Vice-President Finance - Anna-beth Zulkoskey

(d) Vice-President Administration - Sue Pitura

(e) Vice-President Marketing and Communications - Jacob Gadzella - James will reach out and find out if Jacob is still interested. A week after the AGM Jacob did e-mail James and agree to continue.

(f) Membership Committee (2) – Sue Pitura, Keith Spanier

(g) Relations Committee (2) – appointed when needed

(h) Technical Committee (4) – James Sali, Doug Brecht, Jordan Smith, Genevieve Rosseel

(i) Nominations Committee (2) – Marcia Coulic-Salahub, Vacant

(j) Sponsorship Committee (2) – Keith Spanier, Leen Van Marion, Anna-beth Zulkoskey.

(k) Athlete Representative (1) - Philip Pitura to continue till Spring meeting

*** All positions were accepted and voted in by acclamation. No new members came forth from the floor.

14. New Business

(a) Pricing for tournament

- Discussion around a decrease of fees for multiple event entries.
- Nothing was determined for this.
- Tabled till Spring Meeting.

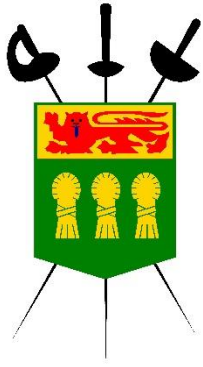
(b) Canada Cup West

- Two days instead of three.
- Need to make sure about wheelchair fencing due to camp being held in Montreal.
- Sue will contact CFF for more information.

15. Adjournment

James Stempien adjourned at 12:05pm

Seconded: Lisa Hagen.



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Provincial coach – summer up---date report to the SFA AGM September 2017

I would like to up-date you since the Spring Meeting on what I have been doing since that meeting.

After the Spring Meeting, I attended the Pan Am Championships in Montreal with Shannon Comerford and the Women's Foil Team and our National Men's & Women's Epee teams. I got to participate in all the training camps that took place before the tournament. I also make personal contact with all of our National Coaches to make sure they knew who our athletes were.

I met a couple of times with the Wheelchair HP leader, Benjamin Manano, to talk about Ryan and the upcoming season for him. There is a training camp in Montreal in preparation for the Senior Wheelchair World Championships in Rome in November. Ryan will attend both of these opportunities.

Since the Pan Am Championships, Shannon and Meghan had their baby girl Scarlett! Shannon sis not attend Senior World Championships because they were waiting for the baby to be born around the same time as Senior Worlds. Shannon has committed to the next Olympic games and has started the journey towards qualification.

Ryan too, will start his journey toward qualifying for the Paralympic games. The CFF has some funding for his travel during this season and are looking at carding him as well for next season after this current one. They are also nominated his name to OTP (Own the Podium) for extra funding from their Next Generation program. This will be decided in the next few weeks and is not a for sure thing. OTP makes these decisions based on results, plus other criteria. Benjamin will be writing the application to OTP to support Ryan's nomination. This is very exciting news for Ryan as he has caught the eye of a major funder! Because the SFA helped fund him over the past year, he was able to show what he has on the international stage. Many thanks to his family, his club & coaches, Sask Sport for the grants we received and the SFA family (plus Sylvie who continues to be a cheerleader for Ryan and the SFA).

Maître Claude Seguin ran his annual coaching course and we had 2 SFA coaches attend. Lisa Hagen and Bob Spracklin participated and enjoyed themselves in getting to know one another plus the other three coaches, Michelle Curran & Scott Nichols from Peterborough, and Karen from Red Deer. We have many of our SFA fencers come and be students for these coaches, they appreciated all the help from our fencers!!!

We had a very good Summer Camp in Outlook this August. We had 7 coaches and 21 athletes in all three weapons. We changed the format of the summer camp from previous years and it worked really well! Our coaches were in charge of their own weapons and created their own summer camp for the level of fencer who was in their group. It was a pleasure having Michelle Curran & Scott Nichols who worked in foil with our Lisa Hagen, and Maître Jean-Marie Banos from Montreal to help in sabre. It was great to see Kirk Brecht and Jean-Marie work together and use the opportunity for mentorship.

On another note, we have started to implement our new provincial HP program. We have sent invitations to all SFA fencers who have met criteria for either our HP Development program, or our Next Generation program. All athletes who have been invited and accepted were very happy to have been notified and to participate in our new program. We are looking forward to the new season to make it all happen!

Once again, I am thanking our HP committee who continues to work hard for the SFA and our athletes. I also have to thank John Brunning for his support, he works very hard for all of us every day! Thank you too, to our Board of Directors who keep me thinking in the right direction!

John and I have started doing club visits, I am looking forward to visiting your club this season.

Sincerely;

Lynn Seguin.

2016-2017 Asquith Garde Fencing Club Report

Submitted by Head Coach Doug Brecht

The Asquith Garde continues its rebuild. Slowly increasing the number and calibre of our competitive fencers, and it showed in the 2016-2017 results. We had 10 competitive fencers this season. We continued to hold classes at “The Gardehouse” in Asquith and continued the class format to make all classes open to both weapons, Epee and Saber. Classes were held on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, and on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 to accommodate the new Musketeers class. Our season ran from 1 September to 31 May.

We also continued to promote Wheelchair Fencing with a wheelchair event being held at each of the provincial tournaments in the 2016-17. The Militia in Saskatoon hosted the first Saskatchewan Wheelchair Epee event with the assistance of Genevieve Rosseel who travelled out from Laval Quebec to instruct us.

The Provincial Championships had full events of both Wheelchair Epee and Saber. Our Wheelchair Athlete Ryan Rousell medalled in both events. A clinic was held by Ruth Sylvie Morel a former Canadian Fencing Paralympian.

With the assistance of Saskatchewan Wheelchair Sports and the SFA Ryan Rousell competed in his first world Cup in The Netherlands where he obtained a top 8 finish in Wheelchair epee. He also competed in a Senior World Cup in Warsaw and in The Under 23 Wheelchair Fencing World Championships where he earned a Bronze Medal in the World Championships, The First Ever for Canada in this Event!

Our competitive fencers placed consistently in the medals in all Saskatchewan events this year frequently taking home the Gold and Silver medals. Dayne Whelan and Kirsten Van Marion took home overall Provincial Championships in their weapons and age categories. Brynn Whelan and Peter Fleischfresser achieved medals at the Western Canadian Fencing Championships in the under 17 Saber Event. We had multiple fencers travel to Canada Cup National Level Events in Richmond BC and Gatineau Quebec. Our head Coach Doug Brecht won Silver Medals in the Veteran Saber Events in both Richmond BC and National Championships in Gatineau Quebec. We also had athletes competing in North American Cup Events in the USA, and World Cup Events in Europe. Our club continues to be known across Canada for having highly skilled and competitive fencers.

Nadia and Jordan Smith continue to work as our assistant coaches, and the high level of instruction they provide has had a direct bearing on the number of medals we procured this year. The excellent parental support continues to be a key factor in the continuation of our club.

Nadia Smith has continued to offer a “Musketeers” class for age 4-8-year olds. She was assisted by Kirsten Van Marion. It was very popular. It was run on Monday Evenings from 6 to 7pm. and we are looking forward to continuing it in 2017-18 with a shift to a Saturday morning time slot.

The success of the Musketeers Class has encouraged Nadia Smith and for 2016-17 we hosted a new class on Tuesday Evenings from 7:00 to 8:30pm. This was an Intermediate class for fencers aged 9-12. Its goal was to transition the Musketeers to the main class.

Interest was strong with a four youths participating. The challenge was providing equipment for youths too large for Musketeers equipment but too small for full sized gear. Again, this year we held our annual tournament “The Asquith Open” in the curling rink in Delisle on the last weekend of September. The venue was excellent. We were fortunate to find such an excellent location at such a reasonable cost. Registration in “The Duel” was well attended, ensuring that it will be back for 2017-2018. We saw the return of two of our club’s past fencers with Nadia Smith and Douglas Brecht coming out of retirement to enter the Open Saber.

For the 2017 Asquith Open we will be holding the event in the same venue but later in the season, 28-29 October 2017. We are planning on introducing a U13/U10 Mini-Epee event for the future epeeists of Saskatchewan.

We are eagerly looking forward to 2017-2018 as this season closes out.



Date	September 1, 2017
Motion (What is the Motion)	Change the name of our “Rules & Regulations” – Chapters 1 to 8 to “Bylaws”
Motion is Moved By	Saskatchewan Board of Directors
Motion is Seconded By	Kendalyn Caister
Background	To comply with SaskSport.
Rational	To comply with SaskSport guidelines, the Saskatchewan Fencing Association needs “Bylaws”. Since our “Rules & Regulations” are basically what SaskSport is referring to, the name should be changed to “Bylaws”.
Impacts	
List of Supporting Documentation	
Outcome of Motion	Carried



Date	2017/4/10
Motion (What is the Motion)	Change the provincial ranking of Master Level fencers (Ages 30 to 39) to a provincially developed system similar to that used for Under 13 level fencers. This change to be effective for the current fencing year and for future years unless specifically modified.
Motion is Moved By	Michael Weaver
Motion is Seconded By	Lisa Hagen
Background	Currently, the ranking of Master Fencers in Saskatchewan is taken from the CFF Veteran's Rankings.
Rational	Since none of our local tournaments have enough "Veterans" to be part of the CFF rankings, none of our local tournaments are counted. This creates a system where anyone that travels to outside Veteran events may influence the rankings in a way that distorts the skill levels shown by our Master Fencers. More importantly, using Veteran results unfairly eliminates those Master Fencers who are not also Veteran Fencers.
Impacts	Since we do not hold Veteran's Events in our tournaments, it is inappropriate to rank our fencers on the basis of Veteran's rules. We must either change our tournament events to be Veteran's events, which would eliminate a number of people such as Nadia Smith, or we must adopt a different ranking system. Brian Z tells me he can easily put together a ranking system similar to the Under 13 system.
List of Supporting Documentation	
Outcome of Motion	Carried



Date	September 7th, 2017
Motion (What is the Motion)	Change the amount of time of appeal in the S.F.A. Appeal Policy from 14 days to 21 days.
Motion is Moved By	Saskatchewan Board of Directors
Motion is Seconded By	Jean-Pierre Seguin
Background	To comply with SaskSport.
Rational	<p>To comply with SaskSport guidelines, the Saskatchewan Fencing Association needs to change their Appeal Policy to reflect the following;</p> <p>Written appeal should be submitted (21) days from receipt of written decision instead of from (14) days.</p> <p>From the S.F.A. Appeal Policy;</p> <p>Timing and Conditions of Appeal</p> <p>1. Individuals who wish to appeal a decision have fourteen (14) days from the date on which they received notice of the decision to submit, in writing to the Association, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Notice of the intention to appealb) Contact information and status of the Appellantc) Name of the Respondent and any affected parties, when known to the Appellantd) Date the Appellant was advised of the decision being appealede) A copy of the decision being appealed, or description of decision if written document is not availablef) Grounds for the appealg) Detailed reasons for the appealh) All evidence that supports the appeali) Requested remedy or remediesj) An appeal fee of five hundred dollars (\$500) which will be refunded if the appeal is successful, or forfeited if the appeal is denied. Send cheque to: Saskatchewan Fencing Association Attn.: Office Manager 510 Cynthia Street Saskatoon, SK; S7L 7K7
Impacts	Gives any complainant extra time to file an appeal to the Discipline Committee

List of Supporting Documentation	
Outcome of Motion	Carried



Date	September 15, 2017
Motion (What is the Motion)	Clubs who organize a SFA fundraiser will get 25% of the profits
Motion is Moved By	Sue Pitura
Motion is Seconded By	Kendalyn Caister
Background	<p>Whereas, Sask Sport expects every one of their Provincial Sport organizations to undertake fundraising activities so that their operating budget is not totally reliant on funds from Sask Sport and;</p> <p>It has been difficult getting assistance from local clubs to assist with the SFA fundraising activities as they are very involved with their own fundraising activities</p>
Rational	<p>If local clubs could replace one of their own fundraising activities by organizing a SFA activity, they can assist both their club and the SFA plus they can draw funds province wide rather than always going to their local families and communities.</p>
Impacts	<p>Both the local club and the SFA will benefit from the funds plus it will satisfy Sask Sports requirement to undertake fundraising activities.</p>
List of Supporting Documentation	
Outcome of Motion	Carried – 1 abstained



Date	September 18 th , 2017
Motion (What is the Motion)	To change the date the audited financial statements, go out before the Annual General Meeting from (14) fourteen days to (15) fifteen days in our Rules & Regulations.
Motion is Moved By	S.F.A. - Board of Directors
Motion is Seconded By	Jean-Pierre Seguin
Background	To comply with SaskSport guidelines as well as I.S.C. guidelines it is recommended to change the timeframe the audited financial statements go out (15) fifteen days before the Saskatchewan Fencing Association's Annual General Meeting instead of the (14) fourteen days that is currently written in the S.F.A. Rules & Regulations.
Rational	For us to be able to get out the audited financials out before the Annual General Meeting in a timely manner, clubs and their executives will have enough time to look over the statements and be informed for the Annual General Meeting. This would also be in accordance with SaskSport guidelines set out for us in submitting all follow-up reports by our submission date.
Impacts	We would be able to comply with these guidelines set for us by SaskSport and I.S.C.
List of Supporting Documentation	
Outcome of Motion	Carried



Date	September 30, 2017
Motion (What is the Motion)	<p>Article V-Directors (19) be changed to read: The Athlete Representative shall be voted in for a two-year term by the members of the provincial team. Nominations and votes to be gathered and tabulated via e-mail vote by the Office Administrator 30 days prior to the Spring Meeting. The Athlete Representative position:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shall attend and have a vote at the SFA AGM.• Shall attend and have a vote at all meetings. <p>Each Athlete Representative will be required to follow all SFA bylaws, rules and regulations pertaining to the Board, including the Board Member Attendance bylaw.</p> <p>If the Athlete Representative is in default of this bylaw, or cannot fulfil his/her term, the Board shall appoint a replacement by approaching one or more of the nominees from the previous Provincial Team. The method of approach to be based on the voting from the previous Provincial Team or by the current Board's vote. The individual selected shall fill the position until the next Spring Meeting.</p> <p>The Athlete Representative will be required to do the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) The active fencers of Saskatchewan shall be represented at all meetings of the Board, at the AGM of the Association, and all other meetings required, by a delegated representative of the competing wrestlers.2) He/she shall be responsible for any and all affairs of the Association concerning the affairs of fencers generally and shall be their representative to the Association.3) He/she shall be responsible for the preparation of reports, briefs, budgets and timetables as required by the Association.4) He/she shall prepare and submit to the Provincial office a written report of the activity of the active fencers thirty (30) days prior to the AGM of the Association.
Motion is Moved By	Philip Pitura, Athlete Representative
Motion is Seconded By	Jean-Pierre Seguin, U of S Club
Background	The current Rules and Regulations need the Athlete Representative duties and voting outlined more firmly.
Rational	
Impacts	Impact is to have better reflection of how the Athlete Representative gets nominated and voted in and their duties once a member of the Board of Directors.

List of Supporting Documentation	
Outcome of Motion	Carried