



Saskatchewan Fencing Association

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**2018 Spring Meeting
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.,
Saturday, June 2nd, 2018
Salle Seguin
414 1st Avenue North**

Minutes

1. Roll Call

Voting Participants

Dennis Wendel - Regina Rapiers Fencing Club– 1 vote;
Scott Dudiak -University of Saskatchewan Fencing Club – 1 vote;
Kendalyn Caister - East Zone Fencing Club – 1 vote;
Doug Brecht – Asquith Garde Fencing Club – 1 vote;
Pamela Wojciechowski - Prince Albert Northern Knights Fencing Club – 1 vote;
Lisa Hagan - Swift Current Fencing Club – 1 vote;
Jean Paul Seguin - Saskatoon Fencing Club – 2 votes;

Non-Voting Participants

James Stempien – President;
Anna-beth Zulkoskey – VP of Finances;
Sue Pitura - VP of Administration;
Jacob Gadzella – VP of Marketing & Communications;
John Brunning – VP of Technical / Provincial Coach – Development;
Lynn Sequin – Provincial Coach – HP;
Marcia Coulic-Salahub- S.F.A. Office Manager;
Bob Spracklin – Prince Albert Northern Knights – Head Coach;
James Sali – Head Armourer;
Doug Jackson – East Zone Fencing Club;
Christina Creusot – Directore;
Genevieve Rosseel – Asquith Garde Fencing Club

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

3. General Reading of Minutes (2017 Annual General Meeting) - Distributed prior to meeting.

- No comments or amendments.

MOTION: to move minutes as read - Lisa Hagen,
SECONDED: Kendalyn Caister
Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

- a) S.F.A. Rules update – Jean-Pierre Seguin & James Stempien
- The Rules and Regulations require changes.
 - The Rules and Regulations committee need to re-work them first.
 - The committee will work on them this 2018 summer and have a revised version for an upcoming meeting.
 - Jean-Pierre has collected some templates of other organizations who follow the correct format.
 - This document has already been split into the Bylaws and Rules and Regs by Marcia.
 - The document on the website is old; therefore, will be updated when completed.
- b) S.F.A. accepting e-mail transfers – Anna-beth Zulkoskey
- Anna-beth is trying to get this functionality in place for the SFA account as well as downloading statements, etc.
 - She is waiting for Conexus to get back to her.
 - This will allow more timely payment to our vendors, staff, etc.
- c) Decreasing tournament fees for multiple event entries – to discuss during tournament discussion.

5. President's Report - as submitted.

- Clarification of the Zonal Wheelchair competition Sept 14, 15, 16, 2018 with set up evening of Sept 13, 2018.
- John and Lynn will send out an information bulletin soon.
- Please communicate everything to Jacob to get onto the website.

6. Vice-Presidents' Reports, Reports from Officers, Committee Chairs & Appointed Officials

(a) Vice-President Finance

- No April bank statements from Sask Sport due to their staff turnover but it is predicted deficit due to decrease in tournament revenue.
- Tournament revenue is down to \$21,000 from a high of \$34,000.00 in past years.
- The expenses are not being cut to meet the tournament revenue deficit.
- The auditor is queued up have the audit completed for the AGM in the fall.
- Budgets have been submitted to Sask Sport and they are not balanced.
- There is a deficit of approximately \$1000.00.

- No feedback yet as Sask Sport is streamlining the budget reporting lines.
 - **Everyone at the table today has to be a supporting member and that is not happening.**
 - Anna-beth suggested increasing fees to tournaments is probably not the answer but increased members are probably the answer.
 - There has to be a decision around whether we are charging our HP athletes and if we are not going to charge them then take that line item out.
 - There is an assumption that every member pays the maximum of \$107.00 but that is not occurring due to the other membership categories.
 - Bigger sponsoring of tournaments is only considered if no loss is going to come to SFA.
 - Anna-beth also added that we are always short on our self-help category. All revenue should stream through the SFA so we can show this as a self-help. i.e.) coaching clinics, referee clinics, etc.
- (b) Vice-President Technical - sent out this AM
- Anna-beth has asked for a budget for the technical and HP committee to be sent in regularly.
 - **John agreed and will make sure this happens.**
- (c) Vice-President Administration
- Highlighted the Communication Plan and Multi-year document.
 - This will be put onto the website for future use.
 - Sue asked for any feedback and talked about accountability from the membership and the board going forward.
- (d) Vice-President Marketing and Communications
- Discussed the links to the local clubs that Jacob will be setting up.
 - Needs the Regina Logo.
 - **Jacob wants to make it more functional for registration, etc.**
 - **Jacob is also looking on a sponsorship package as well.**
 - Working on an application to a company where they are looking for a couple of athletes to sponsor.
 - Bob Spracklin asked about the possibility of “Adopt an Athlete.”
 - Could the SFA process this and it could it be used as a Self Help?
- (e) Provincial Coaches – as submitted.
- (f) Office Manager & 50/50 Fundraiser Report
- Marcia will be working more on the website; goal is to do weekly updates.
 - Marcia will get the licenses for the 50-50 draw.
 - Marcia asked for the winner, tickets and information ASAP after each draw.

- **Marcia will make guidelines for 50-50 ticket selling over the summer and send them out.**

(g) Athlete Representative

MOTION: to appoint Brianna Janzen as the interim athlete representative – Jean-Pierre Seguin,

SECONDED: Lisa Hagen

Carried

7. Club Reports

(a) Asquith – as submitted, nothing further to report

(b) 15 Wing Moose Jaw Matadors – report not submitted.

- **Sue will contact Jennifer Shrubsole to get an update**

(c) Prince Albert Northern Knights – as submitted, nothing further to report

(d) Regina Rapiers – as submitted, nothing further to report

(e) Saskatoon Fencing Club – as submitted

- Was wondering if a rent can be paid to the SFC if their facility is being used for SFA functions.
- **BOD asked the SFC to submit a proposal if they want some rental revenue.**

(f) East Zone Fencing Club – as submitted

- Doug Jackson wants to update equipment and offered some of their older equipment to other clubs.
- Kendalyn added that they need more executive.

(g) Swift Current Fencing Club – as submitted

- Volunteerism is an issue
- Going to be in the parade during the July 1st weekend.
- Want help from the province to help with a fair.

(h) U of S Fencing Club – as submitted

- They have low engagement.
- Going to nominate Shannon in the Women of Distinction Sports awards next year.

8. Resolutions, Orders & General Business - no motions submitted.

9. Ratification of Rules & Regulations - none created.

10. New Business

(a) CFF Annual General Meeting – August 24th to 26th, 2018 in Ottawa, Ontario

- John will go and represent SFA.
- Jackson Wang who runs Vango is now in the CFF board.

- **Dennis asked to a report to be sent out after the Ottawa.**
- (b) Sask Sport Annual General Meeting – June 16th, 2017 in Regina, Saskatchewan
 - Sue will go to represent the SFA.
- (c) Scheduling of Fall AGM
 - September 29th, 2018 with the Audit to be done by September 7, 2018.
 - Sue will work on the nominations committee.
- (d) 2018 - 2019 Competition Schedule
 - See Schedule A
 - Doug Brecht proposed adding another wheelchair foil event plus having all three veterans' events at a tournament or two.

MOTION: to appoint Brianna Janzen as the interim athlete representative – Jean-Pierre Seguin,
SECONDED: Lisa Hagen

Carried

MOTION: Schedule will be created now but individual clubs have one month to amalgamate/change/drop as benefits their individual clubs so long as we maintain a provincial championship. (For the 2019-2020 season, have a more developmental schedule planned out.) - Jean-Pierre Seguin

SECONDED: Kendalyn Caister

Carried

Developed Schedule. See attached Schedule A.

(For the 2019-2020 season, have a more developmental schedule planned out.)

b) Low attendance- Discussion

- Communication between and board/club and parents aren't ideal.
- Stress that going to the tournaments is part of the deal (fun).
- Bob wondered if the home club tournament could be a beginner, entry level tournament.
- Have to grab kids younger to get them involved.
- May need to break down the age categories even more; add U10 foil to the U13 and add a U13 sabre event as well.
- Run them concurrently.
- Just run them in a Pool format, not DE format.
- Athletes in Swift Current are asked to fence in the Swift Current tournament.
- Parent handbook stating requirements for tournaments.

- Suggested that out of province fencers get a reduced fee with proper communication and a reciprocal agreement.
- Coaches are a huge link.
- Provincial Team members are not showing up to provincial tournaments.
- HP athletes are role models.
- Lynn stated that the athletes who got HP funding met the requirement of receiving provincial funding.
- Jacob talked about getting more marketing on the website.
- Do we need to have all the tournaments, or could we amalgamate them?
- Maybe have more club events and less provincial tournaments.
- Could we billet our tournament staff when they come to work tournaments?
- Can there be club events with a club goal on how its run.
- Tournaments should be about community building not high-level competition.
- Wholesale change for next season.
- **Have the technical committee work on the wholesale change.**
- **Tech Committee: Please involve Christina in all discussions. Increase Under 10, U-13 sabre adding, wheelchair foil event, veteran event.**

c) Fees

MOTION: the 2018-2019 season to keep tournament fees as is due to revamping the tournament model for the following fee. – Jean-Pierre Seguin

SECONDED: Kendalyn Caister

Carried.

(e) S.F.A. Awards Banquet

- Prince Albert will host it at their tournament.

(f) CFF Funding of Western's

- Marcia said she just received the funding from CFF and will be sent to Regina Rapiers

(g) Competition Software purchase and printer purchase

- Sue will possibly donate a printer if it works for Christina.
- Christina learned how to run the Fencing Time Software.
- Christina was advised that the \$600.00 three computer software was the best to use.

- Needs a router (Jacob has one for her).
 - Christina said she just needs help to set up the router at tournaments etc.
 - **ASK FRED is the payment method that Brian Zulkoskey suggested so needs that set up.**
 - May be a small upgrade fee whenever an upgrade to Fencing Time occurs.
 - James will bother CFF for payment of the Fencing Time software as promised.
 - Christina would like this by beginning of summer.
 - Christina needs to know if the expectation is for her to run the wheelchair tournament.
 - Lynn and John will let her know.
- (h) Manitoba Request
- Steve Symons wrote to Jean-Pierre asking if he can register his Manitoba fencers with the Saskatoon Club.
 - JP will call him and get more information but it may be possible.

11. Adjournment- Scott Dudiak motioned to adjourn. Carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Action Item	By Whom	Due Date
Rules and regulations/bylaws updated	Jean-Pierre Seguin and James Stempien	June 30, 2018
Supporting membership needs to be collected by all Board Members, club level and SFA – send out reminders	Marcia Coulic-Salahub	September 2018
On-line banking functionality inquiry and set up	Anna-beth Zulkoskey	June 30,2018
Technical committee budget	John Brunning	Quarterly
Website functionality for tournament registration	Jacob Gadzella	July 2018
Sponsorship Packages	Jacob Gadzella and Board of Directors	August 2018
50-50 ticket selling guidelines	Marcia Coulic-Salahub	July 2018
SFC rental proposal to the SFA	Jean-Pierre Seguin	Fall 2018
Report from CFF AGM	John Brunning	After CFF AGM
Nomination committee member recruitment	Sue Pitura	July 2018
Look into a wholesale change of tournaments for the 2019-2020 tournament season incorporating some of the discussion items	Technical Committee	March 2019
Printer for Christina-picture and dimensions	Sue Pitura	June 15 th , 2018
Router for Christina-Jacob to donate one to Christina and she will need by next summer	Jacob Gadzella	August 2018
Fencing Time Software purchase	James Stempien	June 15 th , 2018
JP to talk more to Steve Symons about their request to join SFC	Jean-Pierre Seguin	June 15 th , 2018
Sue to speak to Jennifer from Moose Jaw to give her an update and get an update	Sue Pitura – Jennifer Shrubsole	June 15 th , 2018
Confirmation of respective tournament date/cancellation/development clinic	Each Club	July 2 nd , 2018

Schedule A

2018-2019 Season Tournaments (tentative schedule)

Wheelchair IWAS Zonal Championships – September 14th, to 16th, 2018
Asquith Open – October 27th & 28th, 2018 (Delisle, Saskatchewan)
Militia Open – November 24th & 25th, 2018 (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan)
Team Tournament – December 15th, 2018 (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan)
Wheatland Open – January 19th & 20th, 2019 (Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan)
Chinook Open – February 2nd & 3rd, 2019 (Swift Current, Saskatchewan)
NorthWestern Open – March 2nd & 3rd, 2019 (Prince Albert, Saskatchewan)
Provincial Open – April 13th, & 14th, 2019 (Regina, Saskatchewan)

SFA President's report 2017 – 2018 Season

Good Things

We had regular board meetings throughout the year, which isn't always easy to arrange considering all the board members are so busy with the other aspects of their lives

Anna-Beth was an excellent financial steward and her and I regularly met to sign cheques and talked about our ever-changing bottom line

Jacob got our new website up and functioning.

I visited Swift Current during one of their last regular practices of the year. My hope for next year is to visit each club just to get a good understanding of the clubs and what help the SFA can offer

Regina hosted a successful Canada Cup West in November last year. It all went smoothly thanks to the hard work of the Regina crew.

There will be a Zonal IWAS tournament in Saskatoon in September. We had some trepidation regarding hosting as we are a small association and finances are tight. John Brunning and Lynn Seguin have done a great job in organizing this so far. Jackson Wang chairman of Vango sports has guaranteed us some funding and has already written some cheques for down payments on the hotel. The CFF has submitted a grant proposal for us as has the City of Saskatoon. This international tournament would be a great showpiece for this developing aspect of our sport.

Some of our fencers have had some great success this past year, both nationally and internationally. I can mention Jana Elshakankiri and Kirsten Van Marion who received Gold at the nationals. Ryan Rousell who had many medal successes over the year in wheelchair fencing both in Canada and abroad and Shannon Comerford who has helped keep her women's foil team ranked in the top 8 in the world. Many of our fencers have done fantastic work, had great personal success and enjoyed the wonderful sport of fencing.

I'm very impressed with all our coaches in Saskatchewan, both our Provincial and Development Coach, Lynn Seguin and John Brunning and all the club coaches across the province. None of you get paid enough, some of you don't get paid at all. You do great work to keep the sport of fencing alive in this province. If we could ever secure a continuing financial sponsorship it would be my goal to increase compensation for all our coaches across the province.

We have been successful in getting some small donations throughout the year. For example, Craven Physio and Bourassa Physio in Saskatoon each contributed \$200 and there were similar small donations for many of our clubs.

The concept of switching the SFA yearly raffle to a mini raffle at each tournament was more manageable, the money the SFA received was small but appreciated.

Challenging Things

Attendance at tournaments was decreased and a challenge to the financial stability of the SFA. This is something we need to discuss at the spring meeting and hopefully come up with some potential solutions.

Last year I ended up with a spinal issue that resulted in an operation on my neck at the end of November that I'm still slowly recovering from. The build up to the operation and post operation recovery kept me from the club visits and attendance at tournaments that I think important for the President to do. It also kept me from pursuing my own personal fencing. Hopefully next season will be better.

Lack of sponsors – In the “good things” section it was mentioned we had some sponsors that helped out over the past year. Each of these sponsors only contributed minor amounts and while they were greatly appreciated, we need to grow this source of funding. The Sponsorship committee has tried some ideas. and will continue to try but we have not found the pot of gold as yet.

Future

This will be my last year as president of the SFA, if anyone is interested, I'd be happy to discuss the role with them. My children are no longer regular attendees at tournaments so probably best for a succession plan to a parent or fencer who is regularly involved.

We need to discuss ways to get new funding sources for the SFA, this is a continuing request from SaskSport and a continuing worry for our VP finance. We need to be able to help ourselves more fully.

Jackson Wang the Chairman of Vango sports is now a member of the CFF board, some provinces supported this move others didn't. Politics in sports are like politics everywhere, confusing and opaque. Jackson has stated he is willing to put some of his wealth behind his desire to strengthen fencing in Canada. These next two years may turn out to be very interesting

It is a great honour to be the SFA president
Thank you very much
James Stempien

Technical committee report Spring 2018

Submitted by Maître John Brunning

The committee met several times over the season both via email and in person meetings.

We discussed making the team tournament a regular December event as a mid-season wrap up and hosting Provincial Championships as the last event switching with the NorthWestern Open in Prince Albert. The new event of mini epee was very well received and attended this past season.

Coaching development: Bdhyana Ramaswami continued being mentored in Saskatoon. The CFF hired Ildemaro Sanchez to the position of coach developer. He has held 2 courses, 1 in French and 1 in English but unfortunately none of our coaches were able to attend. I have been in contact with Alberta about the possibility of hosting a joint coaching session with them in the fall. We did not run any formal coaching courses this season apart from the usual summer course Held by Maître Claude Seguin in August.

Referee development: Again, no formal courses were held this season, our current group of referees continued to work at the provincial tournaments. I also talked to Alberta about a joint referee clinic for next fall.

Pistes were repair after every tournament. New Machines and reels were purchased from a parasport grant.

Current HP rankings in cadet Brynn Whelan 7th WS

Current HP rankings Juniors Kirsten Van Marion 14th WE, Julia Creusot 10th WS,

Sr. HP rankings Kirsten Van Marion 15th Brianna Jansen 25th WE, WE, Shannon Comerford 5th WF, Julia Creusot 9th WS, MF, Patrik Dula 25th MF, Philip Pitura 7th MS

SFA Spring Meeting 2018 Report VP Administration

The VP Administrator activities were as follows:

- Minute taking at board and member meetings
- Assisting with the Provincial Gala
- Local organizer for Canada Cup West held in Regina
- Developed a Roles and Responsibilities document with the assistance of Head Coach and BOD
- After consultation with the rest of the BOD and Technical committee, the Multi-year plan was pulled together and submitted to Sask Sport
- Assisted with development of the two-year budget
- Assisted with replacing the Athlete representative
- Will assist with getting an active nomination committee over the summer
- Will attend the Sask Sport AGM on behalf of the BOD.

Submitted by:
Sue Pitura
VP Admin

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Assistant Provincial Coach Report Spring General Meeting 2018

John Brunning

Attended and refereed at all 6 Provincial circuit events.

Travelled to all the clubs based on a schedule worked out with the HP Provincial coach and the clubs Sept.-April.

Wheelchair program with Cheshire homes continued with 3 regular members, focusing on sabre.

Participated in Prov. Team training camps in Sept., Nov., Jan. & April.

Participated in foil camp in February in Saskatoon.

Travelled with Ryan Rousell to NAC in Virginia Beach in January but was cancelled due to snow storm. Ticket was reimbursed so have 1 year to use. In February travelled with Ryan to wheelchair world cup in Eger, Hungary. Presented a bid to host the 2018 Pan American zonal championships which we eventually were awarded. Established the organizing committee: myself, Lynn Seguin, James Sali and James Stempien.

Attended the Canadian Cup West in Regina.

Organized the team tournament in Saskatoon May 5th. Format was multi-weapon teams. Doug Brecht suggested that this event would be better as a Christmas event; first half of the season wrap up and I agree.

Conducted introduction to fencing clinics in Saskatoon and around the province. I will submit a spreadsheet for the follow-up report as I still have some clinics booked thru the end of the school year.

Report from the Provincial Coach to the SFA Spring Meeting, 2018

This year has been an interesting one! We launched our new HP program with training opportunities front and centre of our HP program. We hosted 7 provincial training camps with one of these for sabre only. There was also a foil training camp with 2 of our National Coaches from the Women's Foil Team. These training camps were well attended by athletes and coaches alike. I have been very pleased with our training opportunities for all of our athletes.

Because of the great work of our club coaches, we have 2 potential senior national team members and 2 wheelchair national team members. Our wheelchair athletes will start qualifying for Paralympics in September/October of 2018 and our able body fencers will start qualifying for Olympic games in April 2019. It will be a very exciting season starting in September!!

I am very happy and proud of all of our SFA club coaches!! They have worked very well in their respective clubs and with each other at training camps and tournaments. The development of their athletes are wonderful to see. I am so happy to see this! Thank you to all of our coaches, without you, there is no fencing!

My travel to the clubs this season didn't work out as well as we had planned. This was because of

a new part-time job I have in addition to my Provincial Coach position. The hours I work at this other job did not allow me to travel to Swift Current and Moose Jaw clubs. In talking with Maître

John Brunning about this situation, we are thinking that our travel funding to go to club coaches. The funding might be better served if we pay for coaches to attend training camps and other training opportunities in Saskatoon. This would help the cost our club coaches pay to attend our training camps. With this different way of using this funding, we can offer mentoring to our coaches when it is good for them. We can also see and assist them work with a variety of athletes in a variety of training situations.

I would still like to travel to the clubs during the summer, or before the new season starts. This would allow me to talk with club coaches, parents and athletes, all at one time and answer questions pertinent to the specific club. I believe this in person meeting helps clubs and their coaches to better understand our HP program and training camps.

There are going to be changes at the CFF HP level soon. At this point in time, I am still a member

of the CFF HP Committee. This will become an advisory committee as the HP Coordinator will become known as the HP Director.

I have also been named to be Chairperson of the Wheelchair HP Committee. I take over from Benjamin Manano at the end of May as he takes over the CFF HP Director position as Monica Peterson is leaving the CFF.

In September, the SFA will be hosting the Zonal Wheelchair Championships in Saskatoon. I look forward to this event taking place as we have several wheelchair athletes who will take part in this event.

Thank you to the SFA HP Committee for their work on our HP plan, the SFA Board of Directors for supporting

this plan and Maître John Brunning and the Tech Committee. Thanks also to our clubs and their volunteers who keep them running and the coaches who give their time to our athletes.

Sincerely,

Maître Lynn Seguin

50/50 Fundraiser Report

This past year, as no club wanted to take over the 50/50 fundraiser at the Provincial level, the Board of Directors decided to hold 50/50's at each Provincial tournament.

The money for this year's 50/50 Fundraiser has not yet been allocated for a specific use. The Board of Directors will determine what the Saskatchewan Fencing Association needs with the help of the Technical Committee as well as the Provincial Coaches.

<u>Tournament Name</u>	<u>Tickets Sold</u>	<u>Total Money</u>	<u>Prize Money</u>	<u>Winner</u>
Asquith Open	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Western's	291	\$582.00	\$291.00	Joe Dudiak
Wheatland Open	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Militia Open	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chinook Open	47	\$94.00	\$47.00	?
Provincial Open	263	\$526.00	\$263.00	Ryan Lacasse
NorthWestern Open	77	\$154.00	\$77.00	Sue Pitura

Respectively Submitted by;
Marcia Coulic-Salahub
Sask Fencing Assoc. – Office Manager

Office Managers Report
2017– 2018 Season
Saturday, June 2, 2018

The past year as Office Manager had some very interesting challenges that were balanced with many rewarding experiences.

This year's audit went very smoothly and we were able to get everything to the Auditor in a timely manner. Once again, our SaskSport representative Freda Sutherland was a tremendous help. Unfortunately, we have lost her to another position. She is no longer our representative at SaskSport. For now, our cheques and financials will be once again shipped down to Carla Johnson in Regina till further notice. I am excited to work with her as she seems extremely knowledgeable.

This year I was able to fill out our Assessment Questionnaire, our Funding Application as well as many other hosting grant applications. They were challenging but with the help of our awesome Board of Directors, our SaskSport Advisor, Noreen Murphy, and others, I was able to complete them all. Cheques continue to be paid twice a month, with "emergency" cheques being submitted when necessary. The new CFF online registration page is still being added too and upgraded so it is an ongoing learning process. I also have learned to manage the new S.F.A website. It is still a work in progress but slowly I'm hoping to have it updated on a weekly basis.

I would still like to work on more communications between the S.F.A. and the clubs. I try to be frequent in my e-mail to everyone and keep everyone informed to the best of my ability, but like other people, I sometimes drop this ball. My promise is to in the coming year try to communicate better with all the clubs the happenings within the S.F.A. If you have any suggestions, I would be more than happy to hear them and hopefully they will help me with my goal.

I would like to thank James Stempien, Anna-beth Zulkoskey, Sue Pitura and the Board of Directors for all the work they do behind the scenes to keep our organization running and for assisting me with my tasks. I would also like to thank our SaskSport Advisor, Noreen Murphy, as she has been a valuable asset when questions arise. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the SFA and I look forward to the upcoming fencing season.

Have a wonderful summer everyone!!!!
Respectfully Submitted by;

Marcia Coulic-Salahub
Sask. Fencing Assoc. – Office Manager

Registrar's Report
2017-2018 Season
Saturday, June 2, 2018

The CFF online registration webpage this year was nice to work with, with the exception of the upgrades that occurred throughout the year. The administration page has many features that will be handy to our organization in the future as they come online. As far as I know the CFF is still working on having a page for the S.F.A. and their clubs so that all fees could be paid online.

I still input the tournament results for our Provincial tournaments to CFF for their rankings as well as issue tournament sanctions for each of our Provincial tournaments. Brian Zulkoskey has been tremendous in helping me with this and I really appreciate all the help he gives me. I will truly miss him next year as he is retiring from the Director position. I once again use my personal credit card to pay for the fees and the Saskatchewan Fencing Association reimbursed me the amount.

Respectfully Submitted by;

Marcia Coulic-Salahub
Sask. Fencing Assoc. – Office Manager

Athlete Representative **Spring Meeting 2018**

As athlete representative being available at Provincial tournaments is key in order to get feedback from fellow fencers. Due to the fact that I was on the World Cup circuit this year which conflicted with many provincial tournaments, I resigned from my position in February 2018. The BOD will be able to appoint an athlete representative until an election can take place at the Fall AGM.

Prior to resigning my post, I conducted a Facebook survey which asked about the general feelings towards provincial tournaments. The results were that the cost tended to be too high for many first timers (that being the cost of the tournament and a CFF license) and that the timing of the tournaments tended to clash with other major tournaments and school events (notably exam time).

I approached Brianna Janzen to ask if she would be willing to take over as Athlete Representative and she has. I would like to advise that the athlete rep be someone in good standing with the athletes across the province but is not actively involved in World Cup competition. The necessity to travel for World Cups is prohibitive to being available for the athletes at key times, notably tournaments and camps.

Respectfully submitted by:
Philip Pitura

2017-2018 Asquith Garde Fencing Club Report

Submitted by Head Coach Doug Brecht

The Asquith Garde continues its rebuild. Slowly increasing the calibre of our competitive fencers, and developing our next generation of champions, and it showed in the 2017-2018 results.

We had 7 competitive fencers this season. We continued to hold classes at “The Gardehouse” in Asquith and all classes were open to both 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 Intermediate 9-13 yrs. old class at 6pm. The Musketeers Class was held on Saturday mornings at 9am for age 4-8-year olds. Our season ran from 1 September to 31 May.

We also continued to promote Wheelchair Fencing resulting in two wheelchair events being held at each of the provincial tournaments in the 2017-18. We are advocating increasing this to 3 Wheelchair events with the inclusion of Wheelchair foil. The Provincial Championships had full events of both Wheelchair Epee and Saber. Our Wheelchair Athlete Ryan Rousell took the Gold Medal in Wheelchair Saber and the Silver Medal in Wheelchair epee. Our Kirsten Van Marion took the Gold Medal in Wheelchair Epee. Ruth Sylvie Morel a former Canadian Fencing Paralympian travelled out from Montreal to participate.

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!

Ryan Rousell and his coach Doug Brecht were one of 55 pairs of athletes/coaches across Canada who received the prestigious Petro-Canada Faces Award as Paralympic Hopefuls. This grant will help them to travel to continue to improve in the sport of Wheelchair Fencing.

Our competitive fencers placed consistently in the medals in all Saskatchewan events this year frequently taking home the Gold and Silver medals. Nadia Smith, Dayne Whelan, Brynn Whelan, Peter Fleischfresser, and Kirsten Van Marion took home overall Provincial Championships in their weapons and age categories. We had multiple fencers travel to Canada Cup National Level Events in Regina and Quebec City.

At the Canada Cup West in Regina, Doug Brecht took the Gold in Veteran Mixed Saber and Genevieve Rosseel captured the Silver Medal. She also earned the Bronze medal in Veteran women’s Epee. Kirsten Van Marion earned Silver in Junior Women’s Epee and Bronze in Senior Women’s Epee, Brynn Whelan took Gold in Cadet Women’s Saber, Jordan Senterre placed fifth in Senior Mixed Saber, Matthew Fleischfresser earned Bronze in Junior Men’s Epee.

At The 2018 Provincial Championships in Regina members of our club took home numerous medals and Provincial Championship Titles. In Women’s Saber Genevieve Rosseel captured Silver and Brynn Whelan and Nadia Smith earned Bronze medals. Brynn Whelan won the Provincial Championships in Junior Women’s Saber and Cadet Women’ Saber, and Peter Fleischfresser did the same in the Men’s. Jordan Senterre captured the Silver medal in Junior Mixed Saber. Kirsten Van Marion won the Provincial Championship in Junior Women’s Epee and Matthew Fleischfresser in the Junior Men’s. In Veteran Mixed Saber Doug Brecht earned Silver and Genevieve Rosseel captured Bronze. In Under 13 Mini-Epee Trinity Hamm and Andrew Fleischfresser won Bronze medals. Gavin Smith won the Bronze medal in Under 10 Mini-Epee.

Ryan Rousell took the Gold Medal and our head Coach Doug Brecht won Bronze Medal in the first Wheelchair Saber Events ever held at a Canada Cup in Quebec City.

The newest member of our club, Genevieve Rosseel, took home the Silver Medal in Veteran's Women Saber at the prestigious CAN-AM Tournament in Toronto Ontario. She also took the gold medal at the Veteran's Mixed Epee Event in Moose Jaw, and the First Place Trophy for Women's Foil at the NorthWestern Open in Prince Albert.

At the IWAS World Cup Wheelchair Fencing Tournament in Montreal on 29 April Ryan Rousell made history by winning Canada's First Ever World Cup Gold Medal in Wheelchair Fencing by winning the Wheelchair Saber Event. Our head coach Doug Brecht finished in 12th place in Category A Wheelchair Foil.

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, competitive and sportsmanlike 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 once again offered a "Musketeers" class for age 4-8-year olds. She was assisted by Kirsten Van Marion. It was very popular. It was run on Saturday mornings from 9 to 10 am and we are looking forward to continuing it in 2018-19. The age 7-12-year olds Intermediate Class coached by Nadia Smith and assisted by Sandor Baird and Peter Fleischfresser moved to Monday evenings from 6 to 7:30pm.

The success of the Musketeers Class and Intermediate Class created by Nadia Smith continue to be very popular in the community. 7 youths registered in her intermediate class and she had 7 new and returning students in the Musketeers Class. The big challenge continues to be in providing equipment for intermediate youths too large for Musketeers equipment but too small for full sized gear. Fortunately, our local Asquith Rec Board has been generously assisting us in this regard.

Again, this year we held our annual tournament "The Asquith Open" in the curling rink in Delisle on the last weekend of October. The venue was excellent. We were fortunate to find such an excellent location at such a reasonable cost. Registration in all events was up from last year. This year the Duel was replaced by two new events, the Under 13 Mini-Epee and Under 10 Mini-epee. These events were so well received that they have been adopted by the Saskatchewan Fencing Association and are in now included in every tournament in Saskatchewan.

Our fencers did excellently at the Asquith Open. Cooper Jewsbury won the Silver Medal and Cash Rosin and Gavin Smith earned Bronze medals in Under 10 Mini-epee, and Trinity Hamm got Bronze in Under 13 Mini-epee. Peter Fleischfresser took Gold in Cadet Men's Saber, Silver in Junior Mixed Saber, Jordan Senterre took Gold in Junior Mixed Saber and Bronze in Senior Mixed Saber. Doug Brecht took Gold in Veteran Mixed Saber and Bronze in the Wheelchair Saber. Kirsten Van Marion won Gold in Junior Mixed Epee and Silver in Senior Mixed Epee. Genevieve Rosseel won the Bronze in Open Mixed Epee and Wheelchair Epee. Ryan Rousell won the Silver in Senior Mixed Saber and Gold in Wheelchair Saber and Wheelchair Epee.

For the 2018 Asquith Open we will be holding the event in the same venue in October 2018. We are planning on introducing a U13/U10 Saber event for the future Sabreurs of Saskatchewan. The Canadian Nationals Fencing Championships are being held in St. Catherine's Ontario on the 19-21 May 2018 and our club will be represented by Kirsten Van Marion, Brynn Whelan, Peter Fleischfresser and Genevieve Rosseel. Genevieve Rosseel will also be competing in the Can-Am

Veteran Championship in Toronto the following weekend. The Warsaw Wheelchair Fencing World Cup and Under-23 Wheelchair World Championships (also in Warsaw) will be happening from 5- 14 July and Ryan Rousell and Doug Brecht will be representing us there. Currently all are training hard getting ready for those events.

As this season closes out, we are eagerly looking forward to 2018-2019 and our relocation to our much larger facility in Rosseel Hall, the former Asquith United Church.



SFA ANNUAL CLUB REPORT - 2017-2018 Season

CLUB NAME: Moose Jaw Matadors

LOCATION: Moose Jaw

CLUB PRESIDENT OR REPRESENTATIVE: Jennifer Shrubsole (coach)

DATE: June 28, 2018

COACH NAME(S):

Jennifer Shrubsole

NUMBER OF ATHLETES (Head count): 12

REGULAR MEMBERS: 7

REGULAR HALF-SEASON: 4 (1 renewed membership)

REGULAR RECREATIONAL SEMESTER: 1

REGULAR NON-ELIGIBLE SEMESTER:

DAY CAMP MEMBERS:

SUPPORTING MEMBERS: 1

INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR? No, decrease of 1 (became supporting member)

SELF DECLARED STATUS: Non-Status:

Metis:

Status:

RECRUITMENT, MARKETING & PROMOTION INITIATIVES: (What did you do to attract new athletes/members)

We held a clinic during a local summer camp, displayed at the city-wide sign-up event, and displayed at the 15 Wing September kick-off for base organizations. Advertised on 15 Wing recreational events site and booklet. Kept website, and started a Facebook page.

Some new members were recruited by word of mouth: current or past members recommended the club.

15 Wing PSP personnel also did marketing and recruitment. It is unknown all that transpired.

FOCUS & PLANS FOR THE 2017/2018 YEAR:

(Discuss athlete development initiatives, including introductory programs and competitions.)

As always, we will try to recruit new members. At least 1/3 of the members from this past year are military members who will be posted somewhere else. Two other military members seem to be returning, but a civilian member will be leaving for Saskatoon.

RESULTS, CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES:

All athletes who joined in January or earlier competed in at least one tournament. For most, it was their first tournament, and for some the first tournament outside of Team. All fenced well, and 1 member won bronze at Provincials (cadet men's foil) in only his second tournament.

Once again, the Provincial Coaches visited the club, although Lynn was unable to continue after December due to scheduling issues. The fencers and coach greatly benefited from their experience and advice.

Several parents took some administrative duties on, with three running the Wheatland Open canteen. Two parents, however, did not continue throughout the season, leaving the coach to fill the gap. In Moose Jaw the two continuing issues are the high turnover rate (due to realities of military life) and the unsustainable gaps in club administration. Many plans had to be scrapped due to lack of capacity, administratively speaking.

CLUB FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES: (Discuss what was done, how much was raised etc.)

The parents involved focused their attention on the canteen at the Wheatland Open. Running the tournament was a new project for these parents, so this was a huge task. The main organizer did not continue, so there was severely reduced capacity for fundraising. The coach participated in the 50-50 draw efforts, at the provincial level.

FOCUS & PLANS FOR THE 2017/2018 YEAR & FUTURE NEEDS:

See above – coach cannot do administrative work, and need to recruit new members. Need lots of equipment repaired, and need to purchase new equipment, especially weapons and reels. Need an armourer very much, since coach capacity an issue, and this led to several practices without a sufficient number of working weapons.

MEDIA COVERAGE:

None to report. The parent assigned to this did not provide any information.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

SIGNATURE: Jennifer Shrubsole



SFA ANNUAL CLUB REPORT - 2017-2018 Season

CLUB NAME: Prince Albert Northern Knights Fencing Club

LOCATION: Prince Albert, Saskatchewan

CLUB PRESIDENT OR REPRESENTATIVE: Shannon Hurl

DATE: May 18, 2018

COACH NAME(S):

Bob Spracklin (Head Coach)
Stephaan Salahub (Assistant Coach)
Tristen Hurl (Assistant Coach)

NUMBER OF ATHLETES:

REGULAR MEMBERS: 11
REGULAR RECREATIONAL: 14
REGULAR RECREATIONAL SEMESTER: 0
REGULAR NON-ELIGIBLE SEMESTER: 0
DAY CAMP MEMBERS: 0
SUPPORTING MEMBERS: 4

INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR? Yes

SELF DECLARED STATUS: Non-Status: 0

Metis: 3

Status: 3

RECRUITMENT, MARKETING & PROMOTION INITIATIVES:

(What did you do to attract new athletes/members)

We participated in the Prince Albert Street Fair last June 2017.
On Facebook, we promoted the club through paid advertising, and posting on upcoming events.
We also advertised in the weekly shoppers back to school edition.
The Knights also attended the King George school fair in September.
We continued to advertise in the school newsletters as well.

FOCUS & PLANS FOR THE 2017/2018 YEAR:

(Discuss athlete development initiatives, including introductory programs and competitions.)

Our beginner class was a huge success with our assistant coaches and HP athletes being responsible for the lessons, warm up and work outs.

Our second annual in-house tournament was also a huge success with our beginners being in a tournament setting without the pressure of an actual competition.

RESULTS, CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES:

The Knights enjoyed consistent medaling this season. With an average of 1 to 2 medals per event, we had a big boost in our team pride.

These medals showed our beginner fencers the opportunities that can be available in Saskatchewan fencing.

CLUB FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES: (Discuss what was done, how much was raised etc.....)

We applied for the MAP grant available from Sask. Fencing.

We also did a Kaboom Kettle Corn fundraiser just in time for Christmas. \$714.30 was raised in the endeavor.

Our raffle table at the NorthWestern also is a big fundraiser for our little club. This year we were able to raise \$1,012.40.

We also had a \$200.00 donation from a local business.

FOCUS & PLANS FOR THE 2017/2018 YEAR & FUTURE NEEDS:

This next year we would like to see our club athletes compete in more competitions throughout the Province.

We will also be focusing on our beginner class and beginning Arm Band testing for the returnees.

Of course, upgrading our old and outdated equipment is an ongoing venture that we will again be doing.

MEDIA COVERAGE:

Our local media covered our club throughout the year. The Daily Herald and PANow covered our tournament as well.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

The Knights have had an awesome season!!!!

We are extremely happy with our Head Coach and Assistant Coaches as they bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to our little club.

Unfortunately, we will be losing one of our Assistant Coaches to Regina as he is graduating this year and will start University of Regina in the fall.

We wish him luck in his future endeavors and hopes he continues fencing down in Regina.

SIGNATURE: Shannon Hurl (President of the Prince Albert Northern Knights)



SFA ANNUAL CLUB REPORT - 2017-2018 Season

CLUB NAME: Regina Rapiers

LOCATION: Regina, Saskatchewan

CLUB PRESIDENT OR REPRESENTATIVE: Dennis Wendel

DATE: May 3, 2018

COACH NAME(S):

**Dennis Wendel
Jerry Johnson**

NUMBER OF ATHLETES:

**REGULAR MEMBERS: 8
REGULAR RECREATIONAL: 0
REGULAR RECREATIONAL SEMESTER: 0
REGULAR NON-ELIGIBLE SEMESTER: 0
DAY CAMP MEMBERS: 0
SUPPORTING MEMBERS: 1**

INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR? Not Sure

SELF DECLARED STATUS: Non-Status: 0

Metis: 0

Status: 0

RECRUITMENT, MARKETING & PROMOTION INITIATIVES:

(What did you do to attract new athletes/members)

Assisted East Zone Fencing Club in the Cathedral Village Arts Festival (May 2018) where over 230 kids/adults could try fencing. Over 100 pamphlets were handed out with contact information.

We also hosted a Gala at the Provincial Tournament in March 2018 where many outside individuals were treated to all the senior and wheelchair finals.

We continue to market in the City of Regina – Leisure Guide as well as on the Arcola East Community Association website and electronic bulletin board.

FOCUS & PLANS FOR THE 2017/2018 YEAR:

(Discuss athlete development initiatives, including introductory programs and competitions.)

We provided coaching to the Cathedral Area Community Association's child's fencing class. There were two sessions, one in the Fall and one in the Winter with 12 and 12 participants respectively. Many thanks to Ben Sarty and Doug Jackson for providing coaching to this group.

We continue to offer three "Try Fencing" lessons to people who are not quite sure and have signed up many from this.

We had participation in all the Provincial Tournaments as well as all Canada Cup's and Nationals. We also had participation in two NACs.

We will be looking at the way we deliver lessons in light of an increasing amount of bodies in our facilities.

We continue to have a dedicated practice space on Saturday morning in which the competitive fencers can get more focused lessons and training.

RESULTS, CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES:

The Rapiers had many successes at the Provincial Level in all three weapons and there has been a notable uptake of Sabre in this club.

East Zone coaches Emery and Brecht provide the Epee' and Sabre coaching. Coach Wendel handles foil.

CLUB FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES: (Discuss what was done, how much was raised etc.....)

Also, assisted the East Zone organizing the Gala banquet in conjunction with the Provincial competition.

With the sale of banquet tickets, a silent auction table and straight donations there was money raised was split 50 – 50 with the SFA and East Zone.

FOCUS & PLANS FOR THE 2017/2018 YEAR & FUTURE NEEDS:

The focus will be on fundraising for better scoring machines next year and there has been a call for more clothing for athletes to wear.

We will continue to promote the sport and support the other clubs (East Zone and U of R and Cathedral Area Community Association) as we are able.

We will be discussing hosting some other forms of lessons to those who may not wish to take on a full year of fencing.

MEDIA COVERAGE:

Rawlco Radio provides some coverage for the Gala.

Involvement with the East Zone Board has been a great partnership and they have been very supportive with any of our “asks”.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

SIGNATURE: Dennis Wendel



SFA ANNUAL CLUB REPORT - 2017-2018 Season

CLUB NAME: Saskatoon Fencing Club

LOCATION: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

CLUB PRESIDENT: Jean-Pierre Seguin

DATE: June 2, 2018

COACH NAME(S):

John Brunning

Lynn Seguin

NUMBER OF REGISTERED ATHLETES: 172

INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR? YES

SELF DECLARED STATUS: Non-Status: Metis: ? Status:

RECRUITMENT/MARKETING/PROMOTION INITIATIVES (Used to attract new athletes/members)

Advertised in Fall and Winter Leisure Guide

Attended the Broadway Street Fair

John Ran clinic/program in Martensville

FOCUS/PLANS FOR THE 2017/2018 YEAR

(Discuss athlete development initiatives, including introductory programs and competitions.)

This was year two to the restructured classes at the club and we are starting to notice return members in the intermediate and regular groups which is assisting the club with greater membership numbers and revenue. It's also been generating more competitive participants.

RESULTS/CHALLENGES/OPPORTUNITIES:

We plan to make a more conscious effort to engage parents next season concerning tournament participation throughout the season.

FOCUS/PLANS FOR THE 2018-2019 YEAR

The Club had been under serious financial stress. This year the books have now been balanced and we hope to start making a surplus so that money can be saved in the event of a potential move to a new location should that be required. The goal of the club is to maintain a full-time facility for the club but also to satisfy the needs of the provincial matters.

FUTURE NEEDS:

A significant amount of new equipment is required in the next 2-3 seasons.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

The club appears to have dealt with the financial struggles of the last number of years. Some of these were raised at the last meeting as talking points. It appears this has now been resolved.

SIGNATURE: Jean-Pierre Seguin

SFA ANNUAL CLUB REPORT - 2017-2018 Season



CLUB NAME: East Zone Fencing

LOCATION: Regina, Saskatchewan

CLUB PRESIDENT OR REPRESENTATIVE: Kendalyn Caister

DATE: May 10, 2018

COACH NAME(S):

Doug Jackson
Kirk Brecht
Erica Emery

NUMBER OF ATHLETES: 37

REGULAR MEMBERS: 18

REGULAR RECREATIONAL: 1

REGULAR RECREATIONAL SEMESTER: 18

REGULAR NON-ELIGIBLE SEMESTER:

DAY CAMP MEMBERS:

SUPPORTING MEMBERS: 4

INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR?

SELF DECLARED STATUS: Non-Status:

Metis:

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Status:

RECRUITMENT, MARKETING & PROMOTION INITIATIVES:

(What did you do to attract new athletes/members)

We have done a couple of demonstrations this year with one of our coaches, Doug Jackson, and various fencers, at Regina Beach, the Serbian Club, and a day camp. We are once again offering a fencing station at the Cathedral Village Arts Festival's Funville in Regina this May as further promotion where we usually see at least 150 participants. In addition to the Funville station we will be also be doing demos (hopefully of all 3 weapons) on the Festival Stage. We are looking into ways we can get more fencers, possibly through advertising or adjusting classes/fees or more demonstrations.

FOCUS & PLANS FOR THE 2017/2018 YEAR:

(Discuss athlete development initiatives, including introductory programs and competitions.)

We provided coaching and equipment to the Cathedral Area Community Association's child's fencing class. There were two sessions; one in the fall and one in the winter. Thanks to Ben Sarty for providing coaching to this group. I believe some of his fencers made it to at least 1 tournament. We continue to offer three "Try Fencing" lessons to people who are not quite sure and have signed up some fencers through that. We continue to have a dedicated practice space on Saturday morning in which the competitive fencers can get more focused lessons and training. We hosted the Canada Cup West in November 2017 as well as Provincials in March 2018. We have incorporated some skill dev./strength training into the beginning of all our classes. We offered a part-time training option this year (paying for 1 class a week instead of 2) which increased our numbers for the fall, most however did not renew for the winter. We had 9 part-time fencers this year, only 1 has been continuous through the year.

RESULTS, CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES:

We need more Epee fencers. We really only had 1 Regular Epee this year and I have been told not to expect her return. We think we need to get more continuous rec. fencers. Only 4 of our Rec. Fencers were continuous through the year and 1 was part time. 1 of our Regular members did not renew the second half of the year. We may need to create another beginner level class to help keep younger people engaged/interested. Sabre is currently very popular at our club.

CLUB FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES: (Discuss what was done, how much was raised etc.....)

We held a canteen at the Provincial Tournament. Once we receive payment for the SFA officials we will have made \$667.10. We also held a Benefit Dinner, Silent Auction and Sabre Raffle during Provincials which we made a total profit of \$1805 which is to be divided equally between ourselves and the SFA.

FOCUS & PLANS FOR THE 2017/2018 YEAR & FUTURE NEEDS:

We need to figure out a way to get more fencers and their families to help out with events (volunteer). Those most likely to help already coach, ref, help with armoury, or other aspects of events. We also need more help with our club executive. Hoping to increase the number of people working on running the club and get an advertising rep, a volunteer coordinator and/or a special events coordinator at the very least.

MEDIA COVERAGE:

Over the summer (2017) our sabre coach Kirk Brecht along with our National Team Member Philip Pitura were featured on CBC's Participation 150 Playlist promoting fencing. The Cathedral Arts Festival garners a lot of media attention, we are mentioned in information relating to our participation at Funville and on the stage.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

While our numbers appear to be somewhat good, many of our participants were not highly involved, half-time fencers for only half the year.

SIGNATURE: Kendalyn Caister



SFA ANNUAL CLUB REPORT - 2017-2018 Season

CLUB NAME: Swift Current Fencing Club

LOCATION: Swift Current, Saskatchewan

CLUB PRESIDENT OR REPRESENTATIVE: Lisa Hagen

DATE: Jun 1/18

COACH NAME(S):

Lisa Hagen

NUMBER OF ATHLETES: 15

REGULAR MEMBERS: 8

REGULAR RECREATIONAL: 2

REGULAR RECREATIONAL SEMESTER: 3

REGULAR NON-ELIGIBLE SEMESTER:

DAY CAMP MEMBERS:

SUPPORTING MEMBERS: 2

INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR? Yes & no

SELF DECLARED STATUS: Non-Status:

Metis:

Status:

RECRUITMENT, MARKETING & PROMOTION INITIATIVES:

(What did you do to attract new athletes/members)

Our coach was asked to do a demo for a City run program for the youth. Also, we attended the City-Wide Registration night.

FOCUS & PLANS FOR THE 2017/2018 YEAR:

(Discuss athlete development initiatives, including introductory programs and competitions.)

Our focus was to introduce fencing to a younger group of kids with our 8-10yr old group, which ran from Sept - Dec (30min every Thursday) and Jan - Apr (1hr every Thursday)

Also, we focused on helping more of our fencers reach the HP development group and sending more to the Provincial training camps.

RESULTS, CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES:

Results: At each tournament, we had approx. 60-75% of our club in attendance. We had 3 fencers compete in Regina at the Western Canada Cup. Dylan Lacasse took 5/6 gold medals in the U13 foil & epee events. Ian Lacasse competed at Nationals placing 23 in the U15 event. It was a good learning experience for him.

Challenges: With the retirement of Michele Merkel as our treasurer at the end of last season, we have been having issues keeping a treasurer with one getting sick & the one is unable to continue as she is going back to school.

Opportunities: At the moment we are planning on entering a float in the July 1 weekend parade. Also, we will increase the age group for our younger kid's class from 8-10 to 7-10. We will also be looking at more fundraising opportunities.

CLUB FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES: (Discuss what was done, how much was raised etc.....)

This season was a 1st for us in fundraising outside of our tournament concession, although we did make around \$500 at the canteen. Throughout December & January, we teamed up with a local butcher company and sold \$50 gift cards. We made \$5/card which in the end came to around \$1200. A local company heard about our fundraiser and they bought 150 cards for their annual Christmas gift to their employees. We will be looking at expanding said fundraiser.

FOCUS & PLANS FOR THE 2017/2018 YEAR & FUTURE NEEDS:

We need to find a parent willing to be our treasurer and we need to either do more fundraising or increase our fees to cover our rental fees & equipment replacements.

MEDIA COVERAGE:

Our tournament was featured in both local papers, with a large article with pictures in the one.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

It's been a tough season that started with a steep learning curve for our new executive, however now that they have 1 season under their belt hopefully next year will be a smoother season.

SIGNATURE: Lisa Hagen

2017-2018 University of Saskatchewan Fencing Club Report

Membership Summary

- 13 members
 - 5 females / 8 males
 - 3 beginners
 - 2 CFF HP members
 - 1 National team member

Competitive Highlights

Shannon Comerford continues to represent Canada on the international stage as a part of the Canadian Women's Foil Team. This was a challenging season for Shannon individually but a great season as a member of Team Canada. Some highlights of the season were:

- Selected as ambassador for the Canadian Olympic Committee "One Team"
- Selection for 2018 Senior World Championships
- 4th Place finish with Women's Foil team at Cancun World Cup
- Canadian Women's Foil Team finish season ranked as 6th in the World

Patrik Dula continued the development of his international fencing career. Overall this was a challenging season for Patrik with limited successful results. Patrik remains motivated to improve his results in the 2019 season. Some highlights of the season were:

- Attended FIE Anaheim Grand Prix
- Attended Trekanten International - Nordic Championships FIE satellite in Copenhagen, Denmark

Challenges

Due to low membership we continue to partner with the Saskatoon Fencing Club (SFC) to share classes. SFC coaches continue to provide instruction to U of S members. Although efforts were made to expand our marketing through the use of social media and an on-campus presence with advertising booths and posters, limited success was had in recruitment. The majority of members continue to be fencers from around the province who pursue and education at the U of S and join the club. An additional challenge was national competition participation with only two athletes attending national championships this year.

Future Plans

For 2019 there are three primary goals for the club:

- Actively engage members to become more involved in the organization. This year there was very little activity or engagement with club members. This goal will include social meetings to develop a stronger community engagement.

- Work with the SFC to improve offerings for adult beginners including U of S members
- Aggressively market the club digitally
- Survey members to identify ways to improve the club