

CenCal Board meeting

08/18/26

Attendees: Ziad, JQ, Jane, Sherrol

Agenda:

- 26-27 key objectives
- Recent Maximum fencing event
- Future meeting schedule

26-27 key objectives brainstorm

Ziad:

- Clarify procedures
- Also have division directly pay for things vs. reimbursements
- Recruit club reps for CenCal for input and coordinations
- Documentation on Officer R&R and training

Sherrol:

- Clarify elections process
- Calendar meetings, communication of meetings, reduce sidbars
- Event oversight process

Jane:

- How to grow clubs
- Club communications
- Bylaws stability
- Individual clubs should not be host for division qualifiers (but askfred and fencingtime live is set up that way. Need banking/strip sorted to get division to be listed as host)
- Clarify criteria for sanction events
- Ref development program, training

JQ:

- Improve communications to clubs. Newsletter? Email lists? JQ to get ideas on what to list on first newsletter. One idea, sanctioning and insurance.

PRIORITY ITEMS

- Sanctioning criteria. Including time window-- ie, Aug events are at the same time as elections. Per Ziad, national office said prior board can sanction future events for August

Recent Maximum fencing event

Ziad:

- Maximum changed their head referee between the sanctioning request and the event without discussing it with us. Not a massive issue, but should probably be addressed.

Jane:

- Maximum used a referee with invalid membership.
 - Sherrol: referee renewed membership there prior to working, so ok.

- Refs were inexperienced, one ref was coach of one of the teams. One ref was a minor and had to be dismissed.
- Concern we don't have enough qualified refs.
- Tournament was unsafe

Sherrol:

- Sherrol was at the event and was able to observe
- Things to improve: some problems related to scheduling events and too many people for the space

Ziad:

- We should clarify for the club how many strips and caps should be allowed

JQ:

- What do we do with the results?
 - Per Sherrol, the method to report results is changing. Send to: "results@usfafencing.org"
 - JQ to see Addison Worley for procedure update. JQ to make sure results get submitted and copy board and maximum club key contact.

Sherrol:

- Note that non-sanctioned events are not covered by USFA fencing.

Future meeting schedule

Regular board meetings quarterly, target Wednesdays 1pm. Try google meet vs. Zoom.

Old Business

Club reps: how they exist and operate within the EC needs to be decided. Partially contingent on better understanding voting eligibility.

Jane: Asked why August events were sanctioned (by previous EC)

Ziad: scheduling requirements make it impossible for an EC to sanction events at the start of the season. Extending the sanctioning authority of the previous EC into August was discussed with division resources and approved

New Business

-Sanctioning criteria

-Financial report to USFA.

Task Owners

-Sanctioning criteria proposal: Ziad

-Ref development proposal: Jane

-Financial report to USFA: JQ and Sherrol

-Club newsletter: JQ

-Website page for minutes: JQ

-CenCal stripe access for askfred: Sherrol (remeber to have a secondary MFA for emergencies)

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