

USFA So. Cal. Division
Executive Committee Minutes
Saturday, June 11, 2005, 9:30 am
Los Angeles, CA

Present: Mike Yurka, Fr. Calhoun (MdF), Linda Dunn (Couturier), George Porter (Fortune), Clare Deffense (Swords), James Gay (Treasurer), Carla Corbet (BHFC), Janet Gegan (Chair), Greg Schiller (Monroe), Laura Johnson (USC), Gary Zeiss (Cong. Rep.)

The meeting was called to order at 9:42 am. Janet Gegan (Chair) asked Clare Deffense to record notes for the minutes of the meeting. The subject of the meeting was the proposed competition schedule for the 2005/2006 year. J. Gegan distributed a proposed schedule and listing (attached) for discussion. After a brief discussion on how best to proceed, the committee consensus was to *first*, date the qualifying events, *second*, date the requests for club-sponsored events, and *third*, date Division-sponsored events as needed to fulfill any unmet needs.

2005-2006 Schedule

The Committee then discussed the proposed schedule/list, and determined:

1. Qualifying Events

- M/S/C (unan.) – J.O. qualifiers will be scheduled for November 20, 2005 (Epee events), and December 4, 2005 (Foil & Saber events), as indicated on the attached schedule/list;
- M/S/C (unan.) – Summer Nationals Div. I and Div. II qualifiers will be combined into one event; and
- M/S/C (unan.) – Summer Nationals Y14 and U16 individual qualifiers will be scheduled for March 18-19, 2006, in accordance with the attached schedule/list.

At this point, J. Gay requested consideration of a new business item: Net proceeds from the Division's Memorial Day event, budgeted for donation to the National Guard Armory at Burbank, were less than expected. J. Gay proposed augmenting these proceeds to provide a total donation of \$500.

- M/S/C (unan.) – The Division will donate \$216, in addition to the \$284 already donated, to the National Guard Armory (Burbank), for a total \$500 donation for the season.

Discussion returned to the schedule, as follows:

- M/S/C (unan.) – Summer Nationals team qualifiers will be scheduled for April 2, 2006 (Sr. teams) and April 9, 2006 (U19 teams), as indicated on the attached schedule/list, but with the dates advanced; and
 - M/S/C (unan.) – Summer Nationals (Sr.) individual qualifiers will be scheduled for April 29-30, 2006, as indicated on the attached schedule/list, but with the Div. II and III events combined.
2. Club Events (During this discussion, it was noted by consensus that all approvals of club-sponsored events would be subject to Division approval of the club's proposed bout committee and compliance with applicable USFA and Division rules for sanctioned and Division-sponsored events.)
- M/S/C (8-1) – To approve LAIFC's proposed event scheduled for September 4-5, 2005, as indicated on the attached schedule/list;

By consensus, and after discussion with G. Schiller and Fr. Calhoun, the committee determined that Chaminade and Monroe High Schools' proposed September 24 (Monroe) and October 22 (Chaminade) 2005 events will not be included in the Division schedule of sanctioned events, but that the Division will be mindful of these events, to avoid unnecessary conflicts in scheduling.

- M/S/C (unan.) – To approve Swords' proposed event scheduled for October 23, 2005, as indicated on the attached schedule/list;
- M/S/C (unan.) – To approve Monroe High School's proposed event scheduled for October 29-30, 2005, as indicated on the attached schedule/list; and
- M/S/C (unan.) – To approve Couturier's proposed event scheduled for November 19, 2005, as indicated on the attached schedule/list.

By consensus, the committee determined that Norwalk High School's proposed January 7, 2006, also will not be included in the Division schedule of sanctioned events, but that the Division will be mindful of this event, too.

- M/S/C (unan.) – To approve BHFC's proposed event scheduled for January 7, 2006, as indicated on the attached schedule/list;
 - M/S/C (unan.) – To approve BHFC's proposed event scheduled for February 12, 2006, as indicated on the attached schedule/list;
 - M/S/C (unan.) – To approve USC's proposed event scheduled for March, 4, 2006, as indicated on the attached schedule/list (but with all events combined in one day);
 - M/S/C (unan.) – To approve the proposed Stro Memorial event scheduled for March 10-11, 2006, as indicated on the attached schedule/list;
 - M/S/C (unan.) – To approve Newbury Park High School's proposed event scheduled for May 6-7, 2006, as indicated on the attached schedule/list;
 - M/S/C (unan.) – To approve Chaminade's proposed Masque de Fer event scheduled for April 23, 2006;
 - M/S/C (unan.) – To approve BHFC's proposed Saber event scheduled for May 21, 2005, as indicated on the attached schedule/list; and
 - M/S/C (unan.) – To approve Monroe's proposed Scholastic event scheduled for May 20, 2006, as indicated on the attached schedule/list.
3. Division Events – J. Gegan appointed J. Gay, Adam Johnson, G. Schiller and J. Gegan (ex officio) to comprise a subcommittee to examine the schedule approved so far, and to make recommendations at the next meeting of the Executive Committee for additional events to be sponsored by the Division. By consensus, the Committee also determined that the scheduled developed so far should not be published on the website until finalized with any additional additions and corrections, but that the Pac. Coast Section will be notified of the schedules Section-related events. Also, L. Dunn suggested that the events calendar should be sent to the clubs for input.

New Business

By agreement: L. Dunn will pick up Division equipment stands from LAFC.

Fr. Calhoun informed the Committee of a problem arising from the 2005 Masque de Fer event: New ratings were earned by several top fencers, and cards were distributed acknowledging these new ratings. Subsequently, some ratings were re-earned but not re-issued, some event entries were qualified, and other such things occurred, all based on the understanding that the MdF ratings had been issued and all paperwork had been completed. Unfortunately, however, the original records of these ratings have been lost or destroyed. Fr. Calhoun has reconstructed a listing (attached) of nine fencers who earned new ratings at that event, and he requested the Committee accept that listing and the ratings awarded.

- M/S/C (7/1/1) – To accept and approve the listing of ratings awarded at the 2005 Masque de Fer event, as detailed on the listing provided.
- M/S/C (unan.) – Henceforth, ratings cards will not be provided at sanctioned events.

Next Meeting

- M/S/C (unan.) – The Annual Meeting will be held at LAIFC on July 30, 2005, at 2:00 pm. This meeting will included the election of officers.

Adjournment

The meeting was then adjourned, at about noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Clare Deffense (obo Susan Dollar)