

**SoCal Membership Meeting**  
July 23, 2011 @ 1:00pm  
Los Angeles International Fencing Center

Present: Alex Gruman (Vice Chair), Karen Lieu (Secretary), Janet Gegan (LAIFC), Tigran Shaginian (Swords), Sarah Shin (Swords), Eva Knoppel (unattached), Terry Dix, Sarkis Assadourian, Richard Hatu, Benjamin Buenviaje, Ellen Chao, Claire Deffense, Loy Grotts.

- I. Meeting was called to order. Vice Chair motioned, Terry Dix 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- II. Minutes from Feb 27, 2011 meeting approved. Secretary motioned, Terry Dix 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- III. Treasurer Report – (Amanda Primes/Treasurer not present), it was speculated that there may be \$30,000.00 in the account. Members have requested numerous times for report and have not received any information. An update on USFA membership rebate payments for which years have been paid was questioned.
- IV. Elections – The Slate for the 2011 – 2012 board was made on Feb 27, 2011 as follows: Chair: Tigran Shaginian (Swords), Vice Chair: Gago Dimerchian (LAIFC), Treasurer: Eva Knoppel (Unattached), Secretary: Sarkis Assadourian (Unattached)

The following people requested to be placed on the ballot: Janet Gegan for Chair, Alex Gruman for Vice Chair, and Ellen Chou for Secretary.

Tigran Shaginian and Sarkis Assadourian objected to the additional nominees as per requirement of the nomination process in the bylaws.

Ellen Chou motioned to vote to move to elections and to waive 30 day requirement to go to open slate. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Dix.

Slate for the New Board was approved. Motion made by Terry Dix, Loy Grotts 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- V. LAIFC Invitational sanctioned for Sept 3-5, 2011
- VI. It was discussed that each club should have 2 events per season and announced on [www.askfred.net](http://www.askfred.net) Also, within the division, there should be 4 opens per weapon.
- VII. Open Forum: Members want more events hosted by the division. The issue of venues and cost were discussed. The option to have a more centralized venue, which would have a greater participation of members, was suggested by the Vice Chair. Also, events should have at least 2 referees.

Tigran Shaginian suggested that there be a centralized business office for the division and he would rent out an office from his building. He suggested salaries to be paid to division officers and a point system for clubs to earn monetary rewards. It was turned down due to conflict of interest and unnecessary use of division funds for an office. Mr. Shaginian was informed that per the by-laws, officers do not receive salaries. Also as a non-profit organization, monetary rewards for companies for profit are against the law.

- VIII. Loy Grotts was nominated for Veterans Tournament Committee by Janet Gegan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary.
- IX. Janet Gegan suggested that the Secretary should be in charge of filling out the qualifying forms instead of the Tournament organizer running the tournament.
- X. Dates for the JO Qualifiers was suggested for Nov 19-20.
- XI. The new board will notify the EC members on the next meeting.
- XII. Meeting adjourned