

**Southern California Division, USFA,  
Membership Meeting**  
July 22, 2017, 3:00 pm  
Burbank, CA (Swords Fencing Studio, Office)

Present: Tigran Shaginian (Chair), Phil Hareff (Vice-Chair), Clare Deffense (Secretary), James Beihold (Treas.), Karen Lieu (BHFC), Richard Lee (at large), Eric Speicher (Conejo)

The meeting was called to order at 3:15.

With respect to the draft minutes of the March 2017 membership meeting, Clare Deffense asked for help understanding her handwritten notes taken that day on the waiver of sanction fees for tournaments with under 8 participants. After discussion, the members agreed as to the appropriate wording. The members present also noted that Eric Speicher and Richard Lee were also nominated at that meeting, and they requested other changes to the minutes, as follows:

M/S/C (11-2) to approve the draft minutes of the March 2017 membership meeting, with the following changes:

- Add the approval of a motion to waive sanction fees for tournaments with fewer than 8 participants across all events (not counting Y10 and Y12)
- Add Eric Speicher (Conejo) and Richard Lee (at large) to the list of additional directors nominated
- Correct Sorah Shin's club affiliation to Allez; and correct Karen Lieu's club affiliation to BHFC

Jim Beihold reported on the Division's finances, which showed a profit of \$195 for the year to date, better than projected. He proposed a budget for 2017-2018 that projects a \$1,500 loss for the year.

M/S/C -- to approve the budget for 2017-2018 as presented.

The Secretary announced that the following nominations for officers/directors for the upcoming 2015-2016 fiscal year had been made to date:

- Tigran Shaginian, Chair
- Phil Hareff, Vice-Chair
- James Beihold, Treasurer
- Clare Deffense, Secretary

Also nominated to serve as directors: Tim Robinson (Presidio), Vadim Ayupov (UFA), Jae Sang (ZLA), Sorah Shin (Allez), Karen Lieu (BHFC), Eric Speicher (Conejo), and Richard Lee

(unattached).

There being no additional nominations made at the meeting, the entire slate was elected unanimously, by acclamation, by the members present, as follows:

Tigran Shaginian, Chair; Phil Hareff, Vice-Chair; James Beihold, Treasurer; Clare Deffense, Secretary; and additional directors, Tim Robinson (Presidio, Vadim Ayupov (UFA), Jae Sang (ZLA), Sorah Shin (Allez), Karen Lieu (BHFC), Eric Speicher (Conejo), and Richard Lee (unattached).

The discussion turned to the Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget (attached). After discussion of year-end results, a motion was made to decrease the proposed budget for equipment purchases from \$6,000 to \$2,000. The motion was amended to decrease the amount to \$3,000;

The board and members present also discussed Jr Olympic and Summer National qualifiers, preliminarily to be held December 3 or 17th, and March 24 or 25, respectively, but Jim Beihold will research venues, with the understanding that dates may need to be changed.

The meeting was adjourned approximately 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Clare Deffense (Secretary)