

Southern California Scholastic Fencing League

Agenda: From 2 - 4 PM at the Beverly Hills Fencer's Club

Attendance: Teresa Fint (Bout Table), Ted Katzoff (HWHS), Derek Snyder (Chaminade HS), Sud DeLand (Torrance Fencing Club), Alex Gruman (FOC, Z Fencing), Karen Lieu (Askfred.net, BHFC), Greg Schiller (President, VAPA HS), Sam Signorelli (Treasurer & website, Armorer), Steve Lowy (lawyer & fencer, fencing parent), Daniel Walker (by phone Haake and Slasche, Lakeview Middle School Fencing Team).

This is the 25th Anniversary of the SoCal Scholastic League

1) Treasurer's Report (Ted and Sam)

TED: Account from City Bank is now closed \$2684.05 check was given to Sam Signorelli (made out to SoCal Scholastic Fencing League. Need to establish new bank acct at USBANK. No debt in the league at this time. All old checks are being destroyed. Thank you Ted for doing this job for 25 years.

SAM: getting the bank account ready with USBANK but need a set of Bylaws (see G). Need Call for Dues for all clubs for this new year.

2) FOC's Report (Alex Gruman) – New remuneration system for hiring refs \$\$ worked. The Fee Schedule needs to be on the website. Check in needs to be separate from the Bout Table. Maybe not even at the same place. Perhaps check in should be separate table in a different place (outside) for kids to sign in and pay and sign up for and check. Need to have dedicated people at the bout table for check in, but they need to be trained in order to do it correctly. Having FOC and Bout Table together but separate out Sign in Table. Wants bout table/foc as far away from sign in table.

Karen will make a FAQ's sheet, and a Youtube Video for parents QR code to send it to the link.

Checkin... then at end of check in send it to BC... then announce who's not signed in... then to FOC & BC work on seeding/pools and how it goes out.

We have more ref's that ref nationally, we have newer ref's, ref pipeline... and a good ref training program. And have 3-4 new ref's and ref's from other clubs... and if our kids want to learn how to referee then they need to contact Alex and if they want to go further they can.

3) Bout Table Report (Teresa Fint) – It would help to close check in the NIGHT BEFORE.

Midnite is OK. She runs the checks in the AM. Askfred does not check membership for USFA. BC person usually before the night before to make sure they have checked in and have USFA membership. So only people need to have membership checked are those that are checking in the door.

So we need to have everyone do ASKFRED. Member schools should check in early to get good gauge of how big the tournament will be. So please sign up on ASKFRED before

tournament. NEED a PA System for each tournament so please ask if you are hosting the tournament.

4.) New Business:

A) Entry fees (Sam Signorelli) for both individual and team. Last year was not as sustainable for \$\$\$. Break down – with league schools paying \$200 per school, and \$10 per person in Individual events. Everyone else paid \$25 per person per event if non-league school. \$50 for a team non-league team... or composite team non-league school. Fees pulled in \$13,700 last year.

IF... we reduce the school dues to \$60 per school... and charge every participant \$20 across the board. Then we would've made \$17,312. Increase of \$3,612. Extra Funds could be for gym rental. This league has been susceptible to changes due to lower finances.

However, we made \$2600 last year.

Issue is where are we going to come up with \$1800 to pay for Chaminade for 3 events.

Perhaps charge team fees \$60 instead of \$50. No discussion. Would not bring in more revenue...

We need to know how much our venues are going to charge us for this 2017-18 competitive year vs. cost for last year.

Perhaps we have sponsorships for CA State Champs strips

B) Proposal for an exception in team event if we have someone from a league school who is the ONLY fencer in a given weapon of their gender.

C) Resolving the sign up issues as they relate to recognition of our events. Allex covered it and have Reg separate table in a different location from BC. Coaches need to make sure the kids' names are spelled the names the same way over and over again on askfred and USFA memberships. School ID name is same for USFA and ASKFRED.

D) Buying printer/check writing program – (Sam) cost of check writing program... \$200 for program, ink for bank, and the printer. Only used for league events... Greg will Handwrite the checks so Sam can sign them.

E) Changing shield on the medals. – (Sam) Redo them. Withdrawn. We all agree the medals are fine... if other fencers want a change then they request and we'll put it out there as a redesign open to all parents/fencers to submit. Vote for best for next year.

F.) Giving something to 1st tournament winners... no. Group decision is that we want fencers to come to both events. And results from both still get final results from that.

G.) Bylaws - need to be written or found. (Lowy) (See section G)

G)-Lawyer speaking on our 'business' which is more like a trade organization.

Bank fictitious business name. To protect ourselves from liability to form a non-profit, non-charitable corporation. And entity that would shield us from liability. Set of bylaws to show how we would operate. Have a board of directors. Have a system to
We are a partnership right now. File an agreement – what is it. Limited liability company?
Individuals or as a group a fictitious business. Board of Directors.
Still need bylaws if we are going to be un-incorporated.
If we were a corporation we would need to file taxes.
Standard sets of bylaws.
Show them to the bank and they should be ok with us opening a bank account.
Do we need a tax ID #? Or individual social security #? NO. Bank says we only needs bylaws and minutes from this meeting.
We are more like a trade organization – unincorporated bylaws more like a trade organization
Greg Schiller works with Steve Lowy to develop bylaws.

H. Novice Once! They get medals... But we've had fencers

- I. Ted's News of the World - Ted is retiring in 2018 from Harvard Westlake. Erika Velarde will become the head fencing coach there. So there will be a part-time fencing coaching position opening at the middle school. Matthew LaCour at HWL will be the contact person to get the job. Looking for 3 wpn coach.
- II. So... put up Job Coaching Openings on the League's website (Sam)

5.) Old Business (Locations: Brentwood HS, Harvard-Westlake HS, Vistamar?, Le Lycee HS, Chaminade Mdds, Chaminade HS, VAPA (Cortines HS of VAPA), Lakeview Middle School (VV))

A. Schedule for Next Year

Foil #1 – Oct 8th, 2017

Epee/Saber #1 – Oct 22nd, 2017

Novice 3-weapon open – Dec 3rd, 2017

Foil #2 – January 21st, 2018

Epee/Saber #2 – January 28th, 2018

Foil Team – Feb 25th, 2018

Epee/ Saber Team – March 18th, 2018

California State Championships – April 29th, 2018

B. Elections...

President, Greg Schiller

VP, Ted Katzoff

Secretary, Greg Schiller

Treasurer, Sam Signorelli

Historian, Zoe Jones

Public Relations, (still open position – Zach Wharton's dad (David Wharton?))

To get results to papers, to develop funding sources, donations,etc

Bout Table, Teresa Fint

Askfred, Karen Lieu

Website – Sam Signorelli