

British Columbia Fencing Association
Annual General Meeting
25 July 2009
MINUTES

Morris J. Wosk Boardroom
Library Square Conference Centre
350 West Georgia Street
Vancouver, B.C.

July 25, 2009

1100 - 1700

Registration of Proxy Forms: Completed and recorded on spreadsheet.

General Registration: completed and recorded on spreadsheet.

Call to Order: at 1135. Jeff B presiding, Brad S recording.

Approval of 2008 AGM Minutes: Moved by Jeff B, seconded by Brad S; carried.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Jeff B, seconded by John F; carried.

Approval of Financial Statement: Discussion regarded expenses for Provincials – numbers reflect both 2008 and 2009 because fiscal year covered both competitions. Discussion re: expense of website maintenance. New board will review. Motion to accept financial statements by Patrick T, seconded by Veronika H; carried.

Presentation of 2009-2010 Budget: This year's core grant will be 66 % of last year's, due to low membership. We require 350 more members to qualify for full grant. Motion raised to finalize the budget at a later date by John F, seconded by Patrick T; carried.

Executive Reports:

President's Report: Jeff recommended the following:

- Provincial Championships should be contracted out to clubs
- Membership fees should be raised to \$40.00 annually
- Club councils need to be more involved in the BCFA
- Core grant funding will disappear if membership does not increase.

CFF – AGM Report – Jeff reviewed the proceedings of the CFF AGM (June 14, 2009) and the unanimous requests the provinces made to the CFF board:

1. A new, clear and transparent athlete ranking system.
2. Open CSC events
3. A clear and effective pathway to coaching certification.

4. A national equipment standard of 350N (not the 800N FIE currently proposed)
5. Change the CFF tournament sanction fee to a tournament ranking fee to reflect that the fact CFF does not sanction tournaments, govern their quality or provide insurance coverage. Next season, the CFF will not accept events for domestic ranking unless the province approves.

V.P. Admin Report: Drews D recommended that membership registration be done solely through the CFF website using the new registration system developed by the CFF. The new system will be functional by the end of August, and will alleviate problems with CFF licence validation. At the start of the next season, the board should work with clubs to assemble a calendar of events to streamline the tournament ranking procedure with new procedures implemented by the CFF.

V.P. Elite Report: Manuel B forwarded a letter outlining his activities, thanking those who supported him, and informing the board that owing to his duties at the National level, he would not stand for re-election.

V.P. Marketing: Veronika recommended the following:

That the BCFA website be used as a primary vehicle of communication. She recommended specific changes to the website, a comprehensive email contact list for membership, and an on-line Policy and Procedure manual.

That outdated equipment in the BCFA locker be released to clubs.

That the job of Office Administrator is mandatory, and that \$10,000.00 per year should be allocated to this position.

That files need to be organized and saved to a laptop.

All reports were accepted and approved (moved, seconded and carried).

15 Minute Break

New Business:

Membership Fees: Due to the lower Sports BC core grant, an increase in Membership fees was suggested. Various possibilities were discussed. The general consensus was that fees needed to increase, but the BCFA needed to provide an evident benefit to its members. It was suggested that the Club Registration fee be raised to \$250 annually in light of the benefit they receive in Insurance coverage. Motion to increase individual membership fees only by Jeff B, seconded by John F; carried. Motion to increase fees by \$10.00 (\$40.00 total) annually by Jeff B seconded by Patrick T; carried.

Equipment: It was suggested that the Office Administrator have the key to the Equipment locker.

Provincial Championships: It was suggested that the Provincial Championships be contracted to local clubs by tender. This could be done by email. If this was completed before September 30th a calendar of all sanctioned events for the competition year could be posted on the BCFA website. This would fall under the VP Admin's jurisdiction.

Appointment of Auditors: Discussion of whether to continue with the current auditors. It was suggested that the decision be left to the new board. Motion that the appointment of auditors be left to the discretion of the new board by Jeff B, seconded by Patrick T; carried.

Alternate Sources of Revenue: Suggestions included fundraising, event-specific grants, increased membership numbers and increased membership dues, flow-through funding, city grants, and the national sport trust fund. The new board will look into this.

Elections of Directors:

Jeff B nominates John F as President; John accepts nomination. No other nominations; John is President by acclamation.

Jeff B nominates Brad S as V.P. Finance; Brad accepts nomination. No other nominations; Brad is V.P. Finance by acclamation.

Jeff B nominates Mark F as V.P. Admin; Mark indicated his acceptance of nomination by email. No other nominations; Mark is V.P. Admin by acclamation.

John F nominates Victor G as V.P. Elite; Victor accepts nomination. No other nominations; Victor is V.P. Elite by acclamation.

John F nominates Yinuo (Nina) Xu as V.P. Marketing; Nina accepts nomination. No other nominations; Nina is V.P. Marketing by acclamation.

Motion to extend a vote of thanks to previous board by Patrick T, seconded by John F; carried.

Motion to adjourn by Jeff B, seconded by Nina X; carried.

Adjourned at 1603.