

**Alberta Fencing Association  
Annual General Meeting  
2006 August 13, 1000 to 1200**

**Attending:**

Brad Goldie, EPIC  
Elya Perritt, GDFC  
Pat Gustafson, GPFC  
Nathan Bell, UCFC  
Tara Stieglitz, UofA  
Jill McClay, SPS  
Lynette Samson, CFC  
James Birchall, CCF  
Shane Carritt, RDFC  
Pearl Morrison, EFC  
Mary McNabb, DEF

Vanessa Bjerreskov, AFA  
Chris Seabrook, AFA  
Barry Edgar, AFA  
Norman Wiebe, AFA  
Brian Dixon, AFA  
Jill Thompson, AFA

1. Meeting called to order at 1006.
2. Election of chairperson: Elya nominated Norman Wiebe, Brad seconded. Pearl moved nominations cease, Shane seconded. Passed by acclimation.
3. Adoption of minutes from 2005 AGM: No issues. Barry moved we adopt the minutes, Shane seconded. Passed unanimously.
4. Acceptance of Agenda: Shane moved that we accept the agenda, Mary seconded. Passed unanimously.
5. Reports: Pearl moved that we accept all reports but financial, Mary seconded. However, we decided to just go down the list. No comments/questions on a, b, c, d, or f. e  
Financial. Our Foundation funding has been increased for next year by the order of about \$5000 per annum. Motion to accept all reports but financial passed unanimously. Barry moved that we accept the financial report, Mary seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Membership Proposal:
  - a. Norm briefly outlined the AFA proposals and the effects on our membership.
  - b. UCFC: no comment
  - c. GDFC: favoured two fees. Has an issue with U13 events: NC or Comp? Separate issue, tabled for later. Proposed vote on two things: one on structure, second on fees. Also, call N-C "General."
  - d. EPIC: favoured two-tier fee, but believes the proposal is revenue increasing rather than revenue neutral.
  - e. CFC: supported two fees. However, N-C membership at \$15 will reduce their numbers with birthday parties and such (one-time classes). Norm indicated that one-time class participants don't need to purchase memberships. Lynette said that she's been told that if someone comes to the club, they require a membership. **TASK:** Vanessa will contact insurance company and confirm.
  - f. CCF: was on the fence; thought \$15 was too high. Two-tier if we can lower the NC fee somehow, one-fee if we can lower the fee to \$15. Norm clarified the reason for the fees as proposed. However, this will affect the way they bring their rec fencers into the club.
  - g. UOFA: favoured two fees, but rec is high; won't be able to explain it to the rec members.
  - h. EFC: favoured two fees, but also agrees that \$15 is too high.
  - i. DEF: concerned about fee increase; had trouble in the club before. Probably two-tier is better, but one fee may encourage people to go out and compete.
  - j. RDFC: favoured two-tier. But if we end up with more money than we expect, maybe go back and revisit the fee structure.
  - k. SPS: two-tier is better, but concerned about \$15. Question: runs two sessions a year. If person registers for both, do they have to pay again? No.

- l. GPFC: First glance, one-fee is easier, but two-tier may work if it's seamless. Would go with two-tier.
  - m. Elya moved, James seconded that we amend the proposal to have two categories called Competitive and Associate. Motion carried unanimously.
  - n. Discussion moved on to the fees. Nathan proposed we vote on \$45/\$15 to see if it will pass. Nathan moved, Pat, seconded. In favour: 5 Against: 5. Chairperson abstained. Discussion resumed.
  - o. Brad believes that if we try a lower number for a year, we can see what happens. Our Foundation increase should help to offset any loss. Elya pointed out that the NC members only paid \$33 to the province. We have 268 competitive members in total, 930 rec members, but James believes that we'll lose a significant amount. Pat doesn't believe it will be a hard sell, nor does Mary.
  - p. Pearl moves that the fees be \$45 for competitive, \$12 for associate. Brad seconded. Lynette likes round numbers. James probably wouldn't tell their members about the associate level. He also proposes that we vote on the fees for each category separately. Mary wants to know if the \$2 covers the AFA costs. It does, leaving the AFA with \$1.33. Shane doesn't believe there is any difference between \$11, \$12, \$13, \$14 or \$15. Pat would prefer to stay at \$15. In favour: 5 Against: 4 Abstain: 1. Motion carried.
  - q. Voting on the options presented. Option A: all Option B: 0. The AFA will have a two category membership structure as amended in the previous discussion.
7. Bylaws
- a. Membership categories. Elya moved, Pearl seconded that we accept the proposed revision as read. Lynette wanted clarification on corporate members: difference between clubs and corporate members. Clarification was made. Motion carried unanimously.
  - b. Meeting quorum. Number of individual members has changed to 66% from the original proposal sent out. We wanted to make achieving a quorum simpler, but we don't want to make it too simple. Voting remains the same: one club, one vote. Clubs want to remain sensitive to the rights of both large and small clubs. Elya moved, Lynette seconded to accept the motion as read. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Policy manual
- a. This is a big document, so we wanted people to understand the changes and voice their concerns.
  - b. Coach record checks: Lynette wanted to know who was a coach. Norm feels that anyone in charge of a class is a coach, therefore should get a record check done. **TASK:** Vanessa to check with insurance company on who is a coach. **TASK:** Vanessa to send out template letter to all clubs.
  - c. Discipline procedure: new? Yes.
  - d. Out-of-province equipment: this policy was practice put into policy.
  - e. Brad noted that we don't vote on the manual, as it is procedure, not policy or bylaw.
9. Elya moved that we accept CCF, DEF, and PRE as new clubs, Brad seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
10. No other business.
11. Election
- a. VP Admin – Lynn Meyer will stand. No other nominations.
  - b. VP Marketing – Marc Prymack will stand. No other nominations.
  - c. Secretary – Chris Seabrook will stand. No other nominations.
  - d. All positions are filled by acclimation.
12. Elya moved to adjourn the meeting at 1155.