

The AFA executive meeting, August 29th 2004

The meeting was called to order at 8 PM. Present: Barry, Marie, Ian, Norm, Spencer
Regrets: Elizabeth

1. Minutes of the July executive meeting were reviewed. Ian moved and Barry seconded to accept these minutes. Carried.
2. Sabre Grant:
 - a) The coaching development part of this Grant is underway. There will be a two-day coaching clinic held in Calgary. Sjarhei has agreed to coach these clinics. No one has bid for a clinic in Northern Alberta yet but we're hoping that the University of Alberta is willing to do this.
 - b) On the financial side, we've received applications for grant money to buy equipment from several of the clubs. Norm moved and Spencer seconded that we accept the fund allocations proposed by Marie. Carried.
3. Dates for courses/tournaments:
 - a) Ian is still in the process of gathering information and he will let us know when this has been finalized. Grand Prairie has requested a level 1 coaching course. They're willing to travel as far as Edmonton to get it. Norm is working on hosting an Aide Moniteur (Level 1) coaching course September 25, 26.
 - b) The Calgary open is still up in the air. They're discussing whether or not to include a youth circuit and what form that youth circuit might take.
4. Manuel's visit December 3-6.

Manuel will be coming to Alberta on December 3rd through December 6th. He will be certifying coaches along the new CBET model. Costs will be shared by the AFA and the CFF. Marie will set up at schedule for this, with Manuel traveling from Calgary to Edmonton with a stop in Red Deer in order to certify as many people as needed. Marie will let the clubs know when they have to get their prospective coaches to a venue for this process. He will also be certifying Leslie and Nic Allen so that they can certify other coaches as well.
5. Christmas camp:
 - a) Shane Carritt has agreed to host a Christmas camp in Red Deer this year. The purpose of the camp is twofold: to continue the training of the Alberta provincial team, and to begin preparing the Canada Winter Games team for 2007. The camp will run over two days, and involve 30 to 35 fencers. The camp will be by invitation only. Costs for attendees will be minimal. We'll be looking at inviting fencers born in 1991 or 1992 as they will have the best chance to be on the Canada Winter Games team. We will work through the coaches to identify who gets invited.

- b) We also discussed an overall strategy to build for the next Canada Winter Games. We think we should start to identify the coaches for this team as soon as possible.
6. Program directors report: Marie went over the highlights of her report.
- a) The summer camp at Camrose went well. Marie has some excellent feedback from the fencers.
 - b) There is a chance that a new club will start up in Camrose. Nic Allen has agreed to coach them at least for at least the first few months. They're planning on meeting on Sunday evenings and have 10 prospective fencers already.
 - c) Marie worked with Brian Dixon and the new online registration process is just about ready to go.
 - d) Marie decided that she's going to take some fencing courses to get a better understanding of the sport she administers. Way to go Marie. The AFA will cover the costs of her lessons.
7. Barry said the Banners are ready to go. Marie has received the bill and will pay for them asap.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.