

The AFA executive meeting, Sunday, October 17, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 8 PM.

Present: Barry, Marie, Norm, Spencer, Elizabeth, and Chris

Regrets: Ian, Brad

1. Minutes of the Aug 29 '04 executive meeting were reviewed. Clarified spelling of Siarhei and Manuel names. Barry moved to accept these minutes and Spencer seconded. Carried.

## 2. UPGRADES TO SCORING BOXES

- To comply to FIE rules our score boxes will be upgraded. Marie will look into possible grant funding for this conversion.

Barry motioned that we purchase one new chip for each scoring box. I (Chris) seconded.

## 3. PROVINCIAL TEAM - ATHLETE PROFILE INFORMATION

- Athlete's weight information to be an optional detail. Spencer will send the profile document to Marie and she will add the release information authorizing the AFA to publicize the athlete profile and picture.

## 4. PROGRAM DIRECTORS REPORT: Marie went over the highlights of her report.

a) In the future would like to have all members register online and pay by credit card. Marie reported on the charges that will be incurred with Moneris to process credit card transactions. This effects membership revenue.

b) A membership fee increase should be given further discussion and presented at the next AGM.

## 5. PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REVIEW.

a) Marie appreciates what is being done for her and would like some consideration given to the possibility of a 4-day workweek for her in the future.

She wanted clarification on the point in "Areas for Improvement" which states that "Marie should strive to better understand the workings of the CFF". This was in reference to the CFF Team Handbook however discussion ensued that this is really the responsibility of the club coaches. Marie also mentioned that Senior Team athletes have not been chosen yet. It is Brad's responsibility as VP Elite to look after the Senior Athletes funding for this season.

## 6. OTHER ITEMS

a) A generic poster is being printed for AFA and club use (quantity of about 500)

- Poster size is 11 x 15. There are no details on the poster, only a picture of a fencer (black and white) and lots of white space for printing information on. Marie will have some printed with the circuit and other AFA events included on them.

- About 10 posters to each club for this year with left over for the future (some with schedule printed on and some blank).

- Spencer to look into additional marketing/displaying of posters.

b) Newsletter

Elizabeth expressed her frustration on getting information for the newsletter. She is still waiting for information from Catherine. She wanted to know if she had freedom to develop articles and information. Norm said that she could do what she wanted with the newsletter. It was discussed to go to clubs directly for information to be printed. Marie can give Elizabeth contact information for each club.

c) Mixed Events

- As long as sufficient numbers of fencers, events should be kept separate.

d) Sabre Grant

- Timeline for completion of our recent sabre grant is September of 2005. Clubs who have been given funding for this grant will have to complete their application and send in a full report of the effect it has had on their club by the September deadline.

e) Spencer – Spoke of a minimum sponsorship for an athlete portfolio to be \$500.

Meeting adjourned at 9PM.

Minutes prepared by Chris Seabrook and edited by Marie Hiebert

Next Meeting December 5, 2004