

MINUTES
ALBERTA FENCING ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE MEETING – January 9, 2005

In Attendance: Norm, Marie, Brad, Barry, Elizabeth, Ian, and Chris
Regrets: Spencer

Norm opened the meeting at 8:09 pm

1. Acceptance of last minutes

Brad moved to accept last minutes, seconded by Barry.

2. Program Directors Report – Marie

We reviewed program Director's report. In response to the AWG meeting with Jerry George we discussed the proposed fill policy changes regarding individual and team events and how it affects us. In short, regarding fills, when a zone does not have enough athletes in it we take from other zones to fill that team so we have a six member team to go into a team event. But, what they (the foundation) are proposing is that no fills are allowed in the team event unless the team is made up entirely of fills from one zone. For example: team events cannot have participants that reside from more than one zone. It was agreed that further clarification was needed on the zone changes and fill-ins. Norm is going to send Jerry a message.

3. Update on Provincial Team rankings – Brad

As of Jan. 1, 2005 the U13/U15 and even Cadet rankings are unstable because last years points are gone and we have had few tournaments. Senior rankings are about normal. Fencers who do not fence regularly but do well at tournaments will be an anomaly. Brad will do a comparison against the revolving twelve month idea to see if there is much of a difference.

Marie mentioned that senior team members Nora O'Malley, Alex Lim, and Andrew Pickup are being considered for athletes funding and team jackets are being ordered for them. Funding allocation will be considered quarterly.

Elizabeth and I (Chris) requested the list of Provincial Team members for our information only.

4. Allocation of further Sabre Funding

The Sabre funding file was not present at meeting so it will be tabled for next meeting.

5. Other Items

We discussed the Redeker request for support to go to France for training. Marie stated that we have \$12,000 left for Athlete Development until Mar 31 of this year. That works out to about \$250/yr/athlete. We discussed an option that if consideration were given to the idea of bringing an out of country coach (or coaches – 3 weapons) here for a few camps, the cost would be beyond the budget. Utilizing our National coaches might be the better route. Therefore, regarding the Redeker request for support to go to France for training, there is unfortunately only about \$250-\$275 available, which would be upon funding request. Therefore a reply letter stating such would be drafted and sent.

Norm stated that Sherraine McKay has commented to him that because of residency requirements she has signed up with OFA but is interested in an AFA membership. Norm explained that there would not be much available for funds. She asked that we consider changing our system to target greater amounts of funds to athletes in her situation.

Barry suggested that the AFA put a link on the website, regarding the Nationals, to EFC.

Barry would like to know if the 2 AFA road banners could be utilized for the Nationals? Marie said we could provide one, as the other banner goes to every tournament however our banners do not state any information regarding the event. A new banner would have to be produced with the Nationals information and at this point the AFA does not feel it is their responsibility to do that.

Marie has made a request to take a workshop/course in Banff. The executive voted unanimously in favor to support this education request.

There were questions as to where we stand financially right now. Marie will update the financials and send a copy to all the executive.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm
Minutes prepared by Chris Seabrook

Next meeting - TBA