

**ALBERTA FENCING ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE MEETING – March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
AGENDA**

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

Norm opened meeting at 8pm

**1. Acceptance of last minutes:**

Brad moved to accept the last meeting's minutes, seconded by Barry.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Program Directors Report - Marie**

The contact for the proposed club in St. Albert has not returned communication to Marie.  
Marie has another contact in mind from the garrison that she will follow up on.

Online registration still needs some ironing out. With increasing familiarization of Moneris and the options available, it will improve. So far, we have spent about \$1000 on startup related fees that were not initially accounted for in budget, but to be expected upon startup. Norm said that would mean essentially all of our fees would go up to include these costs. Marie said the board would have to look at it and review.

Big relief: Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission approved all of our spending and we are doing well.

Regarding Casino and Calgary volunteers July 26, 27: Ian, Brad and Marie are currently working on it. Executive members are hoping to put in at least one shift and solicitation of the duly responsible provincial team members should provide at least one team member for casino. Calgary athletes will be mostly called upon. It is usually quite lucrative for those who participate.

Jesse Cattle is our rep in Jasper for AWG - very keen and has things under control. Small glitch at the venue regarding the dance on that Saturday night – the pistes must be taken down to accommodate the dance and then put back up afterward to finish fencing.

As far as the decision of what's happening with our team events and the scoring of those events we are still awaiting response.

Marie is now serving on the National committee as official results poster and equipment organizing with Norm. As equipment comes back it will be inspected and determined what needs updating and replacing.

Marie will make report of items that can be liquidated at the Nationals. She said she could have a table there and would try to generate some \$ for the AFA since she would be there anyway.

Marie is registered for Leadership Seminar at end March.

Marie has met with Barry to discuss a few matters but will go over financials as end of fiscal approaches. Marie would also like to meet with Brad to discuss spending on senior athletes.

**3. Budget concerns - Marie**

By the end of season it was intended to spend money on the seniors. Barry inquired whether the letter was sent yet to kids regarding access to funding? Marie said a letter was sent to Alex Lim, Nora O'Malley and Andrew Pickup. She has not heard back from Alex Lim. Marie said letters would also be sent to the provincial junior and senior team members to notify of this option to request funding. Receipts of fencing

related expenses will likely be required in order to consider request (ie. tournament fees, equipment, travel, accommodation, coaching fees).

Commencing April 2005, Norm would like to uphold his intention to spend \$10000/yr on equip until equip is at a proficient level. We currently have 8 new scoring boxes (value \$1000ea), 9 new reels (value \$1000set), and 25 pistes in decent shape. Barry commented on an extra large piste in need of trim in order to make it more suitable. A thorough assessment of all equipment will take place at the Nationals.

#### **4. Tournament ranking issues - Norman**

Letter from CFF stipulates we must request for sanctioning at least 15 days prior and non-CFF members are not permitted to compete in the open events. Failure to comply will result in non-sanctioned events and our results will not be considered nationally. If CFF does not sanction our tournaments then out of province entries will decline (ie Saskatchewan uses CFF national ranking for their provincial team selection (such as Jujie Luan Open and Calgary open)). Ontario, Quebec and Maritimes have ranking system outside of CFF considered to be somewhat of a recreational circuit.

No arbitration has taken place on this matter. A request for an official CFF ruling needs to be on the agenda for the next AGM.

Meanwhile the inexpensive solution may be simply to pay the CFF the difference of \$300-\$400 (?) to upgrade those out-of-line fencers to a National passport and notify them that if they intend to compete at an open or national event then to upgrade. Marie will check into quantity of fencers out of line to see if this solution is feasible. It was agreed that all our opens from now on would contain only CFF members. Norm proposed to guarantee the CFF that all fencers will fall into line and that we will meet the criteria.

At the last AGM there was discussion, for the following year, to reduce the fee to \$20 or \$10 for a CFF membership. That means every fencer would become a CFF member – this issue also needs to get on the AGM agenda.

Perhaps consideration should be given to revision of our membership structure for next year.

#### **5. Other items -**

- a) Tournament results: Centennial results are in. Gladiator results are in but in wrong format (re: policy manual). Brad will provide Gladiator results to Marie.
- b) The Red Deer Open registration deadline has been extended.
- c) Discussed efficient shipping of AFA equipment between Calgary, Red Deer and Edmonton.

Barry moved to adjourn meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm  
Minutes prepared by Chris Seabrook

Next meeting - TBA