

General Meeting South Texas Division of US Fencing Minutes

May 4th 2025

Meeting Details

- Date/Time: May 4, 2025, at 4:40 PM CT
- Location: Texas Fencing Academy (following the Division Summer National Qualifiers)
- Presiding: Oscar Barrera, Chair
- Minutes Recorded By: Emmanuelle Jean, Secretary

Attendance

Oscar Barrera, Caden Thrower, Emmanuelle Jean, Peter Kaskan, Mickael Cravey, Ray Parker, Coot, Pat Moran, and Marc Hernandez.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the 2023-2024 Season General Meeting were reviewed. Ray Parker moved to approve, seconded by Emmanuelle Jean. The motion passed.

Officer Reports

- Vice Chair: No report.
- Chair & Secretary: A discussion was held regarding scheduling local events following recent spring conflicts. The Division's role is to facilitate the calendar. For the 2025-2026 season, scheduling remains first-come, first-served. Starting next season, clubs must submit dates by a set deadline at the beginning of the season. The Division will highlight conflicts for clubs to resolve among themselves before publishing the final calendar. Priority is given to the two Division Qualifiers and the Pougardieu.
- Chair Report: The Division has regained its non-profit status and received the Kyle Maysel Estate funds. We have invested \$2,000 toward obtaining public charity status to align with USA Fencing's requirements.
- Treasurer Report: The season began with a balance of \$10,499.09 and concluded with \$61,221.09.
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Old Business

- The Division will continue hosting referee clinics in the fall and spring.
- Based on requests for more saber-specific instruction, the board will contact Gary VanDerWege or Michael Ross to lead future sessions.
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New Business

- Equipment: The Division approved the purchase of two Favero machines to replace aging units and one metallic strip from OFC (bringing the total stock to four).
- New Club Support: Grey Belt Alliance, a new club in the lower South Texas Division, requested equipment donations. The board agreed to provide a long-term loan of the Division's older reels and machines.

Election of Officers

Ray Parker moved to approve the current slate of officers. The motion passed unanimously. The Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary remain in their current roles.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 PM.