



USA FENCING SOUTH TEXAS DIVISION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: 07/12/2020

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: Zoom meeting

1. Call to order at 2:09 pm
2. Participants :
 - a) Officers present: Oscar Barrera (chairperson), Don York (Vice Chairperson), Randall Griffiths (Treasurer), Emmanuelle Jean (Secretary)
 - b) Officers absent: none
 - c) Other division members present : Ben Perkins (AFC), Michael Kim (TSA), Emily Bourdeau (TFA), Tommy Hurme (TFA), Luis Largaespada, Georgina Simmont, Eddy Armenteros Polo (San Antonio Phoenix Fencers' Club), Thomas Hill (AFC) , Paul Schimelman (unattached)
3. 2018-2019 minutes reviewed and approved.
4. Presentation of the two candidates for the treasurer position:
Ben Perkins and Georgina Simont
We proceeded to the vote Georgina had 8 hands and 15 proxis, Ben had 1 hand and 11 proxis. Georgina Simont has been declared elected Treasurer for the South Texas Division.
5. Treasurer Report
The balance in the bank account is \$8435.62.
The Division's financial report is available upon request but you must contact both the Treasurer and the Secretary. Please provide your name and your USA FENCING membership number (you must be a current member in good standing to make the request). Contact info for all of the officers is at the Division's web site and is updated periodically.
6. Unfinished business
 - a) The Poujardieu has been canceled due to the pandemic. Questions about next year as the Longhorn is most attended of the South Texas open tournaments.

- b) Discussion about why number of the Pouj is lower and proposal to increase the number:
- Make Pouj as a ROC.
 - Add a clinic the 2nd day
 - Add some team events
 - Increase the advertisement of the Pouj
 - Refresh the email list of the potential fencers
 - Invite Mexican clubs
 - Michael Kim suggested to organize a saber RYC along the POUJ at Texas State

7. Estate of the late Kyle Maysel
Process is advancing slowly.

8. Referee and Coaching clinics
Everything is on hold due to the pandemic.
Can we do it virtual? Gary is weighting the possibilities of organizing one.
See if we can do a survey about clinic. Need to get addresses of all the div members from the national Office.
At this current time we might have more participants online than virtual.
Referee clinic has to be three weapons clinic.

9. Proposal to Amend the by-laws
The chair suggested to amend the by-laws to reflect the following points :
The annual membership meeting should not be tied to the summer national qualifier, not tied to the spring season but before the end of the fencing season.
Give the possibility the have the meeting on a remote platform such as Zoom.
- Discussions about the calendars ensued. The division prepare it's own calendar in July/August in regard to the national calendars and then invite the club to propose their calendar for local tournaments.
- This amendment will be in the next memberships meeting agenda.

10. Meeting adjourned a 3:19pm