

**South Texas Division, USA Fencing
Annual Meeting April 2, 2017**

Meeting Called to Order at 3:20 p.m.

Roll Call of Members Present:

Melissa Zentgraf, Georgina Simont, Cathy Mallet, Eric Mallet, James Basler, Gary L. Murray, Ray Sexton, Ray Parker, Jennifer Wheatley, Luis Largaespada, Michael Gonzales

Proxies:

Oscar Barrera--10

Others---5

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jennifer reports that there is \$3525.86 in the Division's Bank of America Account.

Vice-Chair---nothing to report
Secretary--nothing to report

OFFICER REPORTS :

Officer Elections

Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer were re-elected without opposition.

Don York (San Antonio Phoenix F.C.) began a new job and declined to run for the office of Secretary.

Emmanuelle Jean (Texas Fencing Academy) was to be approached to consider taking the office of SOTXDIV Secretary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Pouj Memorial Tournament:

Poujardieu Memorial Tournament Future-- Jim B.--move date o May at TxState or City of San Marcos facilities. Add Youth Events, Tourney to upgrade ratings prior to Summer Nationals, ROC/RYC/SYC for 2018/2019 maybe ?

AFC/TFA/RRFC could do it as a group for the 1st year. 24-30 strips

TFA?Wang--Pouj is in late Jan. (?)---RJCC/SYC (Ray & Melissa) end of March/end of Jan.--bid packets due.

Get venue FIRST.

Parallel pathways for Pouj 2017-18/2018/2019 would do it. Regional or National

New Topic of Discussion.

"Taxing " Tournaments --sanctioned

- A. Why?--What do the clubs get out of it (Jim)?
- B. Make the division more competitive with more tourneys (Georgina).
- C. TFA and AFC have done the work to build up their reputations (Luis).
- D. SOTXDIV needs to help clubs by building more referees. (Cathy)
- E. Is AFC ready to host referee clinics? (Jim)
- F. The SOTXDIV needs to do more work (Eric).
- G. Fee/tax--income is minimal in reality (Jim & Ray).
- H. Fees/taxes are ok if used for referee development (Cathy).
- I. How much to bring in a referee instructor for a clinic (Melissa)?
- J. SoTxDiv needs bigger clubs, to have more tourneys, needs more referees and more
High School and Junior High programs. AFC has 4 persons ready to take referee test. Approach Gary Van Der Wege; he would be less expensive to bring in than Amgad Badawi who is from Dallas (Eric).
- K. We trust SOTXDIV to do that. We trust that the \$3500 will be used to do clinics (Ray, Luis, Georgina).
- L. Money making ideas: Community donation jars, service the clubs, seek referees
inside the clubs. With other \$\$\$-making projects, split profits with the clubs/discussions. All liked that thinking (Michael).
- M. Fund raising target (Cathy).
- N. Fund referee development (Various)
- O. Develop "youth" refs; bring in kid refs from other divisions, young Under-18's.
- P. Put ref clinics w/tourneys; keep the adults near to guard against intimidation by coaches. (?)
- Q. Offer scholarships to fencers needing them (Jennifer).
- R. Reels/lap tops; do not repair (Various). Reels--yes (Oscar).
- S. Re-focus money efforts. Annual fee (?), Establish budget--from the SOTXDIV.
- T. Enforce present regulations on equipment (Luis & Georgina).

End of discussions. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m.
