June 9, 2024, 6:30 pm; Colorado Division, web meeting

**NOTES** 

Invitees Executive Committee, members of the Colorado fencing community

Attendees Seth Barondess, Greg, Domashovetz, Andrea Etchell, Rachel Goldman, Greg Domashovetz, Christopher Bartlett, Patrick Li, Paula Smith, Ann Totemier. Guest Jim also joined the meeting for a while.

Youth representative Patrick attended the meeting. Representatives Jade and Fay Van Moorsel did not appear.

Not in attendance: Jeffrey Miller, Brooke Kent

The meeting began after welcoming everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting (April 20, 2024) were reviewed and approved.

## Treasurer's Report:

Andrea Etchell presented the Treasurer's report. The division has a balance of \$32,226.03 in its checking account. Outstanding debts are to the Denver Fencing Center for payment of referee certification fees and to South Denver Fencing Academy for referee observation and referee fees incurred earlier this season. Payment of the fees to SDFA was previously approved.

A motion was presented to approve reimbursement of referee certification fees incurred by Denver Fencing Center. After discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

It is anticipated that the books will be closed by the annual meeting on July 13, 2024.

Also addressed was the pending action item concerning whether the division qualifies for a non-profit discount for Google suite. Item was tabled pending receipt of additional information.

# Colorado and Western Slope Cups:

The Colorado Cup and youth cup standings are being worked on and should be sent out shortly to club owners for verification of the top 4 finishers in each category. Ann T. noted that some veteran awards may not be awarded this year due to an insufficient number of vet fencers participating in the required minimum number of events.

Greg D. is preparing the Western Slope Cup standings. Greg and Chris provided the board with an update on Western Slope fencing.

#### Kudos:

Chris recently attended a clinic at Duke City Fencing and was congratulated for becoming a Prevost with the USFCA.

### Armory:

The Armorer's Report was received from Seth Barondess. The season wound down. He is waiting for the schedule and survey results to plan for next season. He will provide a list of armory resources for inclusion on the division website.

#### Youth Committee:

Patrick Li concluded the committee reports with the Youth Committee report. He and others are looking forward and preparing for Summer Nationals.

### Referee Report:

The Referee Survey results discussed, and Greg D. has posted a link to the summary of the survey and along with a summary of the reported motivations and impediments to refereeing.

The key items identified by the survey were development of new referees; training experiences; making it easier to referee; and the review and adjustment of the referee pay scale. The present reimbursement protocol needs to be publicized so all prospective referees understand the division's subsidy of testing and observation. Additional referee seminars were discussed, along mentoring and publicizing referee opportunities, including those which lead to an increase in referee rating. Referee pay rates in other regions will be researched.

Along with the referee payscale, entry fees were discussed along with the possibility of need-based subsidy for applicable fencers.

#### **New Business:**

The remaining tournaments of the season (Roaring Fork Rumble on June 27; Mandel Charity tournament on June 15 - 16) were discussed. The June Mandel Charity tournament was approved and sanctioned.

The following topics were proposed for the annual meeting and a blast email announcing the annual meeting and proxy form was discussed.

The division would like to recognize graduating seniors. Each club will need to provide that information.

The Division Operating Guide, USFA strategic plan, and the division schedule along with AskFred scheduling were identified as further topics for discussion at the annual meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.