

U.S. Fencing Association, Harrisburg Division
Annual Meeting
2023-July-15

Minutes

Call to Order at 10:19 AM, EST

In attendance:

Division Officers:

- Chairperson: Ron Lease (York Fencing Club)
- ~~Vice Chair: Absentee~~
- Treasurer: Steve Sell (Lancaster Fencing Academy)
- Secretary: Nickolys Hinton (Shippensburg University / West Shore Fencers Club)

Officer quorum? YES

Division USFA Members:

- Kim Bleecker (York Fencing Club)
- Ethan Sell (Lancaster Fencing Academy)
- Kaylee Herndon (Lancaster Fencing Academy)
- R.J. Lesch (Carlisle Fencing Club / Dickinson College)
- Tony Alvarez (Carlisle Fencing Club)

Division Non-USFA Member Attendees:

- Abraham Gayer (Millersville University)
- Bex Shenk (Millersville University)

- 1) Meeting called to order at 10:19 AM EST
 - a) Introductions
 - b) Motion to Accept Previous Minutes
 - i) Motion by Ron Lease, Second by Nickolys Hinton
 - ii) Motion PASSES: 5 Yea, 2 Abstain, 0 Nay
- 2) Elections
 - a) All positions uncontested.
 - b) Chairperson: Ron Lease
 - c) Vice-Chair: Shawn Bertel
 - i) Formal and procedural items.
 - d) Treasurer: Ethan Sell
 - i) Fiduciary responsibilities of the Division.
 - e) Secretary: Nickolys Hinton
 - i) Documents and communications of the Division.
- 3) Treasurer's Report
 - a) Presented by Steve Sell
 - b) Motion to Accept the Treasurer's Report
 - i) Motion by Ron Lease, Second by Nickolys Hinton
 - ii) Motion PASSES: 3 Yay, 0 Abstain, 0 Nay
- 4) Armorer's Report
 - a) Presented by Ron Lease
 - b) Key note is that there is a reel needing repaired/replaced, hence the approval in the Treasurer's Report of the purchase of reels and boxes.
 - c) Division Equipment is for loaning and usage by Division clubs!
 - d) No motion needed.
- 5) Division Club Updates
 - a) West Shore Fencers Club
 - i) Beginner and Intermediate Classes are going fantastic!
 - ii) Running out of room!
 - b) Shippensburg University
 - i) Spring semester: Tournament with other colleges!
 - ii) Planning on another tournament in the fall and working on sending out invites!
 - c) Salle Hinton
 - i) Building out a new location in Lemoyne!
 - ii) Absorbing some of the classes from the WSFC.
 - iii) Looking to run collegiate student-coach training specific meetings.
 - d) Gettysburg College
 - i) Has a really positively involved Athletic Director, attempting to bring in a coaching staff for the club sports teams!
 - e) Dickinson College
 - i) Recovering from issues in 2022-23 where the President was

unable to participate. Have a dozen or more fencers at about 50/50 saber and epee. Email rjlofiowa@gmail.com for more information!

- f) Millersville University
 - i) Have new flooring in the Rec and acquired more fencing gear when their equipment closet was migrated. Dues are being raised to gain funds for replacing equipment. Interest in a Tournament but fighting their Rec Center admin. Kay is volunteering to help out with tournaments!
- g) Carlisle Fencing Club
 - i) The Carlisle Fencing Club had a nice growth between the main club in Stuart center and the two satellite clubs of Harrisburg Academy and Saint Patricks. Total membership is at 60+ Right now for July we have 18 registered. We had our first event in April with another event scheduled in November.
- h) Lancaster Fencing Academy
 - i) Past season: Nicole P. won the Pan-American Women's Vet Epee. Moving to a new location. Won 5 national medals and have new fencers rated in all 3-weapons. Hosting a 2-day camp on August 26-27.
- i) York Fencing Club
 - i) Having frustrations with the YMCA including errors on the admissions dates of the class. The YMCA keeps opening the classes for enrollment, even when they are not in session. Ron had gotten a nice tournament cadence going, however the YMCA has pushed back against them using the gym too much.
- 6) Updated Bylaws and Procedures
 - a) By-Laws
 - i) Motion to Approve tentatively by posting on the Div Website with automatic acceptance by August-1 in the event of no voice complaints.
 - (1) Motion by Ron Lease, Second by Steven Sell
 - (2) Motion PASSES: 3 Yay, 0 Abstain, 0 Nay
 - b) Procedure Manual Updates
 - i) Updated division tournament fee structure
 - ii) Discord server; established to facilitate Division communication
- 7) Keystone State Games - Fencing Event
 - a) 79 currently registered fencers, hoping to maybe last second reach 100!
 - b) Charles Greene is the Head Referee for the event. Needs to follow-up with interested Division referees; Ron to check-in.
- 8) Open Forum

- a) Referee clinic - possibility but would need 20+ students for a clinic to occur.
 - b) Nick is starting a system of subscribing/loaning equipment to Shippensburg to get more people in gear without necessitating that Shippensburg buy any more.
 - c) Salle Hinton will be running an Armoury clinic
- 9) Action items
- a) -
- 10) Adjourn
- a) Motion to adjourn at 11:59am EST
 - i) Motion by Steve Sell, Second by Nickolys Hinton
 - ii) Motion PASSES: 3 Yay, 0 Abstain, 0 Nay