



Manitoba Fencing Association

Annual General Meeting - Minutes

UNAPPROVED

15 June 2017

Irish Club – Winnipeg – Manitoba

Present: - Sarah Bacchus, Maia Bacchus, Haleena Callaghan, Katherine Callaghan, Christian Collins, Matthieu Cortino, Nick Diacos, Jordan Diacos, Brian Gilchrist, Lucas Hamlin, Hope Johnson, Anna Legault, Khloé Lessard, Alan McCracken, Shae McFadden, Brock McFadden, Carter Owens, Xavier Slocombe, Danae Smelsky-Remillard, Misha Sweet, Hayden Thiessen, Emily Thorklakson, Barry Thorlakson, Isaac Turcotte, Sasha Morton-Salmon, Kathy Ringland, Chris Whitmore.

1. Called to Order at 19h15
2. Appointment of Timekeeper
 - RESOLVED, that Brian Gilchrist be appointed timekeeper, Daniel Simeone be appointed secretary for elections, and Maire Prokopowich be appointed scrutineer for elections.
Carried.
3. Approval of Agenda

THAT the agenda be approved

Darcy / Linda

Carried.

Of note, the agenda erroneously identified the term length of the PVP-Athlete position. It is a two-year term.

4. Approval of Minutes THAT the 2017 Annual General Meeting minutes be approved. Chris Whitmore / Maia Bacchus
Carried.
5. Reports of Officers
 - a. President
[See report.] Brian Gilchrist asked a question about the strategic plan. The ED responded that the strategic plan is addressed in the IFF submission. He

also asked about reporting of employees. The President responded that the ED and the Provincial Coach report to the board, while assistant coaches report to the Provincial Coach (noting that the ED is also an assistant coach, and thus has two reports).

- b. Vice-President Nothing to report.
 - c. Treasurer
[See audit.] The general account has 74,959 of which roughly 14k is unrestricted. The GIC has roughly 13k, earmarked for a facility.
This has been a refocusing year. We are back in the black, with an 8k surplus. Adjustments have been made to the budget to make this possible. These including the provincial team fees, which now better reflect what other sports require. This has allowed to hire more assistant coaches.
The board has lowered the MFA fee to \$95 per member. The fencing centre rent has been more expensive than budgeted for. Responding to a question from Brian G., the treasurer noted that this decrease reflects the very strong opinion of the clubs. In response to another question, the treasurer noted that the change in the athlete development expense is due to less stellar results this fiscal year – rewards have decreased.
 - d. Corporate Secretary
[See report.]
 - e. VP-Athlete Development
It has been a successful year, with very participation of youth in local tournaments. This looks good for upcoming years. Two new youth national team members, a referee course was hosted, with many athletes taking part. Volunteer hour records will be collected soon. This month, there will be a session for coaches on running summer camps, demos, etc.
 - f. Member-at-Large
Nothing to report.
 - g. Athlete Representative
Provincial team clothing samples are here if anyone would like to try them on.
6. Staff Reports
- a. Provincial Coach / Technical Director
[See report.]
In addition, four medals at nationals, and two on national team, Misha and Cameron.
Compared with previous years, excellent results. Coaching in the past eight years has suffered from certification processes at the CFF level. With new staff there, things are really turning around. After recent certifications, coaches may now be evaluated in Manitoba, which will seriously speed up the process.
There are a number of issues with officiating supply. Due to external decisions, the May tournament was moved.

Brian G. inquired as to why non-provincial team results in national/international competitions were not included, notably a ninth place for Rob Hornford at CANAM. The Provincial Coach noted that he was not aware of it. He needs to be informed of non-provincial team attendance at tournaments. This is a communication issue. The ED noted that this sort of communication issue was discussed at the club meetings, and that improvement is needed.

Darcy C. noted that there were some names missing from the referee list.

b. Executive Director

The tournament rescheduling is a symptom of referee shortage. Club relationships are improving with the club meetings. These should be continued. We are almost confirmed to be hosting the Canada Cup West next year, and we are in the running to host a Canada Cup National in 2019.

Maia B. inquired about plans for the training facility. The ED replied that their expression of interest in being an anchor tenant has been not receive, and that some training nights at SportMB have been lost. They'll have to be at Romeo-Dallaire, or another facility.

THAT the reports be accepted
Chris / Catherine
Carried.

7. Review of Audit

The Treasurer noted that she had already reviewed the audit in her report.

Brian G. required about RFPs for audits. Maire noted that no, there is no policy, but that the price we pay for the audit is a good one.

THAT the 2017-18 audit be accepted.
Chris W. / Al M. Carried, without opposition.

8. Appoint of Auditor

THAT the Fort Group be retained as auditor for 2018-19.
Maire / Brian.
Carried, without opposition.

9. Budget for 2018-19

There was some confusion as to why this line was in the agenda. It was noted that the budget passed the board as part of the IFF submission, and that it has gone to SportMB. The budget is largely similar to that of the previous year.

10. Election of Officers

Daniel Simeone, as secretary of the election, took over chairing. As no nominations had been received in advance, all nominations were from the floor.

a. President

Nominations were received for Kyle Turcotte(Chris Whitmore) and Danielle Simard (Danae S.-R.). Kyle T. accepted the nomination and D. Simard declined. Kyle T. was acclaimed as President.

b. Corporate Secretary

Nominations were received for Daniel Simeone(Maire P.) and Danielle Simard (Guy P.). Daniel S. declined and Danielle S. accepted. Danielle S. was acclaimed as Corporate Secretary.

c. VP-Technical

Nominations were received for Chris Whitmore(Kyle T.) and Linda Thorlakson (Daria J. P.). Both accepted the nomination. After discussion of the job description and brief speeches from the candidates, balloting commenced, and Chris Whitmore was elected as VP-Technical.

d. VP-Athlete

Nominations were received for Misha Sweet (Maia B.) and Daria Jorquera Palmer (Darcy C.). Both accepted the nomination. After brief speeches, balloting commenced, and Misha Sweet was elected VP-Athlete.

e. Member-at-Large

Nominations were received for Daniel Simeone (Frank B.), Julie Lessard (Guy P.), Linda Thorlakson (Daria J. P.), Dominique (Danielle S.), and Bethany Goddard (Misha S.). Daniel Simeone declined, while the rest accepted the nominations.

- THAT two members-at-large be elected, rather than one.

Darcy C. / Wanda

On the motion, the President resumed chairing the meeting.

Brian G. spoke against, noting that this would be the second year in a row that we went against the bylaw on board composition. Darcy C. spoke in favour, noting that with four people interested, it is important to allow for participation. Chris W. noted that he agreed with both of the speakers, and was not sure what to do with that.

The motion went to a vote, and was carried by a close margin.

- On a point of order, Chris Whitmore asked the President to rule that the motion was out of order as it violated the constitution.

The President ruled the motion out of order.

Daniel S. resumed chairing the election. Julie L. withdrew from the election.

After the candidates' speeches, balloting commenced, and Beth Goddard was elected Member-at-Large.

- THAT the ballots be destroyed
Chris W. / Beth G
Carried.

11. Adjournment at 20:30