

Annual meeting minutes

Hudson Berkshire Division USFA

Bluejeans Virtual Platform –Sunday 3/29/2020 – 3PM

1. Reports

A – Chair: Bruce Gillman welcomed everyone to the new format. Quite the unique circumstance to move to a virtual format due to the coronavirus “shelter in place” mode we are all in.. attempted to assist those trying to log on

B – Vice-Chair: Dennis Kolakowski. Updated folks on the conference calls US Fencing has been holding for Division and club owners. We have moved past the first deadline and are now looking at holding US Fencing sanctioned events until at least May 4th. By the look of things, it may be longer. Clubs who have US Fencing insurance will not be covered until given a go-ahead by National. Dennis will be participating in upcoming conference calls and keep members posted.

C - Secretary: John O’Mara Not much to report on but would like to request all clubs use the latest version of Fencing Time when running future tournaments.

D – Treasurer: Kathy Hattala Reports are attached below. We are following US Fencing competition years for the reports – Aug 1 to July 31. The division made \$1,113.02 for the 2018-2019 year. A partial report for 2019- 2020 shows a gain of \$849.23. Current bank balance is \$3,983.56.

- We need to get our own Non-profit number attached for the division bank account (Dennis will send Kathy info on this)
- All reports (Officer and treasurer reports) were sent to National in early March 2020. Dennis indicated there may be a third form we need to fill out for Safe Sport compliance. The division needs a safe sport compliance officer (see New Business)

2.. Old Business

A – Competitions

- Qualifiers JO at Phoenix – No issues
- SN Quals – Close of registration was 3/29 – events with less that 3 entries all qualify. If more entries, events to be fenced at a later date TBD if SN is not canceled in entirety. All depends on the course of the pandemic.
- Gumpert – Vassar – was scheduled for Sunday 5/10/2020. Likely will be canceled. OR could be rescheduled at a later date. Vassar is currently closed to all events until maybe June.
- Petschauer – Vassar – scheduled for Sunday 8/16/2020. Stay tuned to ASKFRED for details.
- Club sponsored competitions: All are suspended through May.

B – All Division information can be found at the Divisions Website; information is usually cross-posted to Facebook by Thanh N. Events are usually updated on AskFred.org.

4. New Business

A. Election of officers for 2020-2021 season: All current officers, listed above, agreed to continue for the next year

B- Competitions

- Qualifiers

- o JOs - A Sunday in September 2020 – Phoenix Center
- o SN – A Sunday in March 2021 - Phoenix Center
- o Annual Division Meeting (After SN Qualifiers)
- o Gumpport Foil– Saturday 5/8/2021 – Vassar College
- o Petschauer Sabre – Sunday 8/15/2021. Hopefully will run as scheduled Dennis will run tournament and line up referees.

C- International Fencer Grant Proposal – Dennis Kolakowski

Division Funds will be used to help fund international travel for elite fencers. Details are as follows:

Creation of International Fencer Supporter Grant.

- a. To be awarded to the Fencing Club / Coach for travel fees incurred.
- b. Fencing Club must be a USA Fencing Member club registered to the Hudson - Berkshire Division.
- c. The coach must have a USA Fencing Coach Membership with Valid Safesport clearance and represent the Hudson-Berkshire Division.
- d. Maximum of \$2000 Granted for the program.
- e. If more receipts than the \$2000 allotment are presented then money will be granted on a percentage basis.
- f. In support for Fencers who represent The United States and The Hudson Berkshire Division.
- g. In support for Fencers who have fenced in Hudson Berkshire qualifiers in the past, or a member of The Hudson Berkshire for Two Competitive seasons.
- h. For only US-designated Cadet, Junior, Senior, Veteran, and Para-Fencing World Cups, Grand Prix, European Cadet Circuit and Championships only. Satellites do not count, nor do Pan-American events.
- i. Maximum Once Per Season \$250 per supported Fencer.
- j. Receipts must be provided.
- k. Receipts for airfare, hotel etc. can be greater than \$250.00, but only a maximum of \$250.00 will be reimbursed.
- l. Only eligible once the event has been fenced.
- m. All receipts must be presented by June 15th
- n. The dollar amount of the program is to be re-evaluated annually at the Division Meeting.

- Some discussion and editing occurred prior to acceptance of the above proposal by a vote of 7 for and 1 against.
- Dennis will draft a “best practices” document for the proposal process and include developing an application form to be submitted by a fencer.
- Once the Division’s tax-free non-profit status number is obtained, the division may be able to accept individual donations to support the program
- Into the future, to support this fund the Division at it annual meeting will discuss entry fees, etc to help maintain a positive balance for this fund.

Safe Sport Division Compliance Officer: Bruce Gillman said he would take on this duty.

5. Good of the order.

Attendees:

Name	USA Fencing Member #	USAF Member Club	Official Rep (Y or N)
Bruce Gillman	100003879	Division Chair	Y
Eric Soyka	100002699	The Phoenix Center	Y
Jeff Spahn	100004005	The Phoenix Center	N
Dennis Kolakowski	1000004082	Vice Chair	Y
John O'Mara	1000074028	Secretary	Y
Kathy Hattala		Treasurer	Y
Mark Dolata	100003567	CDFS	Y
Hope Konecny		Gristmill	Y
Rod Meagher		RPI	Y

Hudson- Berkshire Division annual treasurer's report: August 1, 2018 - July 31, 2019
 prepared by K. Hattala HB Division treasurer

Division Tournaments		balance
<i>Expenses</i>	<i>description</i>	
Beginning balance		\$ 1,921.22
A. Petschauer Saber Tournament 8/19/2018		
\$ (1,592.37)	referees	
\$ (350.00)	venue: Vassar - Walker Field House	
\$ (372.00)	medals food etc	
\$ (170.00)	armorer	
\$ (13.50)	credit card fee (Square)	
\$ (2,497.87)	Total OUT	
\$ 2,500.00	Total IN	
\$ 2.13	Net balance	\$ 1,923.35
\$ (60.46)	ink cartridge	\$ 1,862.89
\$ 3.49	bank interest to 8/31	\$ 1,866.38
JO Qualifier 9/30/2018		
\$ -	venue: The Phoenix Center	
\$ (200.00)	referees	
\$ (1.55)	credit card fee (Square)	
\$ (201.55)	Total OUT	
\$ 680.00	Total IN	
\$ 478.45	Net balance	\$ 2,344.83
\$ 20.45	bank interest 9/1/2018 to 2/28/2019	\$ 2,365.28
Summer National Qualifier 3/24/2019		
\$ -	venue: The Phoenix Center	
\$ (150.00)	referees	
\$ (150.00)	Total OUT	
\$ 749.00	Total IN	
\$ 599.00	Net balance	\$ 2,964.28
\$ 3.51	bank interest to 3/31/2019	\$ 2,967.79
Karen Gumport Foil Tournament 5/13/2018		
\$ (790.00)	referees	
\$ (350.00)	Vassar - Walker Field House	
\$ (80.00)	plaques	
\$ (78.92)	food for refs	
\$ (8.80)	credit card fee (Square)	
\$ (1,307.72)	Total OUT	
\$ 1,360.00	Total IN	
\$ 52.28	Net balance	\$ 3,020.07
\$ 14.17	bank interest to 7/31/2019	\$ 3,034.24
end-beginning balance		\$ 1,113.02

Hudson- Berkshire Division annual treasurer's report
 August 1 2019 - July 31 2020 **PARTIAL YEAR TO 3/9/2020**
 prepared by K. Hattala HB Division treasurer

Division Tournaments		balance
<i>Expenses</i>	<i>description</i>	
Beginning balance		\$ 3,034.24
A. Petschauer Saber Tournament 8/18/2019		
\$ (875.00)	referees	
\$ (350.00)	venue: Vassar - Walker Field House	
\$ (280.00)	medals food etc	
\$ (16.00)	Square service chg	
\$ (1,521.00)	Total OUT	
\$ 1,690.00	Total IN	
\$ 169.00	Net balance	\$ 3,203.24
\$ 3.62	bank interest 8/1 to 8/31	\$ 3,206.86
JO Qualifier 9/30/2018		
\$ -	venue: The Phoenix Center	
\$ (525.00)	referees	
\$ (525.00)	Total OUT	
\$ 1,280.00	Total IN	
\$ 755.00	Net balance	\$ 3,961.86
\$ 3.52	bank interest 9/1 to 9/30/2019	\$ 3,965.38
\$ 18.18	bank interest 10/1/2019 to 2/28/2020	\$ 3,983.56