

Annual meeting
Hudson Berkshire Division USFA
Patterson Residence – Sunday 6/7/09

Attendees: Bruce Gillman, John O'Mara, Kathy Hattala, Beth Patterson, Paige Rebeor, Hope Konecny, Jeff Schimpf, Anne Dambrowski, Karen Gumpert, Jared Rebeor, Ethan Patterson

1. Reports

- A - Chair – Bruce Gillman
 - Qualifiers went fine, no problems
 - B - Vice-Chair – Beth Patterson
 - Nothing to report, agreed to be VP for another year
 - C - Secretary – John O'Mara
 - Still does not have an exact count of H-B membership
 - Needs to get list from National;
 - Would like to have an email sign-up at Sectionals or State Championships for email list; it would save the Division \$
 - D - Treasurer – Paige Rebeor
 - Has received no funds from USFA
- Reports accepted Motion: John, 2nd - Kathy

2. Old Business

A – Competitions

1. NYS Championship – August 1 and 2, 2009 at Vassar College – 50% profit split with VC fencing

- BG- making flier; needs refs for Saturday (~15) if anyone is interested please spread the word; pay will be ~ \$120 /day. Obtained medals with NYS Champ logo on it.
- Gristmill will run concession (bottled water, food etc)
- Vendors: Absolute Fencing; Jeff will try to sell T-shirts

2. Division Qualifiers – Clarification

- For all individual qualifiers, each fencer must report to the qualifier in person and pay their entry fee to the Division in order to be sent in to the National office as a qualifier.
- For teams, each team must be registered in advance by the deadline posted on the HB Division website and www.askfred.net. Each team must then present itself at the qualifier, ready to fence and pay its their entry fee to the division in order to be sent in to the National office as a qualifier.
- Division qualifier entry fees are currently \$20/individual event, \$60/team event.

B – Elite Athlete Funding Proposal

1. Review of this year

- Funds disbursed= \$4,285 to CDFS, Beaches and Gristmill. Phoenix had tax issues, will apply next year.

2. Approval for next year- YES – clubs will be notified and Putnam Fencing Center will be added to the list

- Will continue to use the Jul 31 date, filing must be by Sept 30 to H-B Div. secretary
- International points should count

C – Division Equipment

- Beaches , CDFS, Hudson Valley Fencing Center (J. Petro) and Gristmill have equipment; JO will verify with clubs that equipment is in working order; need to check if HVFC is still a USFA club.

D - Division website

- Anne Dambrowski reports it costs \$25.00 per year
- Jeff will start a new Facebook group for the Division

3. New Business

A. Election of officers for 2009-2010 season

- 1) Chair – Jeffrey Schimpf
 - 2) Vice-Chair- Beth Patterson
 - 3) Secretary – John O'Mara
 - 4) Treasurer – Paige Rebeor
 - 5) Division Representatives to the USFA Congress: Bruce, Beth, Hope, Ethan, Jared, Michelle, & Rod
 - 6) Bruce Gillman will still be available as an advisor, head of VFC
- Officers approved: Motion: Karen, 2nd Kathy

B. Division scheduling meeting to be at John and Kathy's – Date: 9/12/09 at 3 pm.

- 1) Stab in the Dark (Fishkill Fencers)- 7/17/09
- 2) Grapes of Wrath (FF) - 7/19/09
- 3) Atilla Petschauer Sabre - Vassar College – 9/06/09
- 4) Staatsburgh Epee (FF)- Mills Mansion – 9/13/09
- 5) Phoenix Foil Open – 11/08/09 – Date May be Changed - BG
- 6) RYC or SYC in Schenectady? Not happening?
- 7) North Atlantic Section Champs – Vassar College 4/24 and 4/25/2010 – Date has since changed to 5/8 and 5/9/2010 - BG
 - i. Will combine Jr. and Sr. together
 - ii. Pris de Fer – bout committee
 - iii. HB Div - : feed the refs/ provide the venue receive 25% profit, need help in set-up and tear-down;
 - iv. Gristmill will run concession

4. Good of the order

- A great THANK YOU to Bruce for a job well done! (from all)
- Motion to adjourn: Kathy 2nd Paige