

**New Jersey Division of the United States Fencing Association, Inc.**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**

Offices of Paragano & Richlan, PC, 5 Seney Drive, Bernardsville  
Monday, February 15, 7:30pm – 9:30pm

**Meeting Minutes**

■ **Attending**                      □ **Not Available**

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| ■ Paul Apostol, Member     | ■ Glenn Pantel, Member                     |
| □ Agota Balot, Member      | ■ Vince Paragano, Chairman                 |
| ■ George Bowden, Treasurer | ■ Tom Tishman, VChairman, Acting Secretary |
| □ Mark Holbrow, Member     | ■ Steve Sobel, Member                      |
| ■ Bill Nunley, Member      | □ Jennifer Yamin, Member                   |
| ■ Gene Packer, Member      |  |

**1. Safety Issue**

Executive Committee received a response from Yakov Danilenko, owner of Medeo FC. According to the letter from Mr. Danilenko, the use of adjacent strips only occurred because a referee changed strips away from the assigned strip. That usage was stopped as soon as Mr. Danilenko became aware of it. The Executive Committee will have a member present at the next open competition run at Medeo FC to make sure there is compliance with the non-adjacent strip policy.

**2. Sectional Championships and Meeting**

The Mid-Atlantic Sectional Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 1, at the venue in York, PA at the venue of the Senior Sectional Championships.

The Junior Sectional Championships will be held in South Jersey in Burlington on May 8 and 9.

**3. National USFA Rebate to Division**

The National USFA states in its *Athlete's Handbook* that they rebate from every new or renewal membership of each fencer \$3 to the Division to which the fencer belongs. The USFA owes the NJ Division at least two years of rebates.

**Motion by Apostol, Seconded by Tishman:** The Executive Committee directs Treasurer George Bowden to generate and mail a bill to the national USFA for the \$3 rebate per membership renewal for the last two seasons. **Motion approved unanimously.**

**4. Unsanctioned Youth Events at Bergen FC**

Bergen FC misrepresented to the Tournament Committee Chair that there were no conflicting events to the youth events they wanted to add in mid-December. The Tournament Committee, in addition, did not check on that assertion. The youth events' sanctioning was, therefore, mistakenly granted. The sanctioning was

rescinded just before the events took place when it was brought to the attention of the Tournament Committee.

**Motion made by Paragano, Seconded by Packer:** Since Bergen FC misrepresented the potential conflict, collect the \$85 sanctioning fee from Bergen FC for the youth events AND donate that to the Barbara Lynch Foundation, which receives the proceeds from the Barbara Lynch Regional Youth Tournament, that was properly sanctioned for that weekend. **Motion approved unanimously.**

#### **5. Audit Committee named by Executive Committee:**

The Executive Committee will ask the following individuals if they will serve on the Audit Committee, which according to the NJ Division's By-Laws must have three members: Darion Mansion, William Visquiera, Debbie Efthimion.

In addition, the Executive Committee thanks Carolyn Gurnowski, Janice Midgely and Mark Midgely, Audit Committee members for the last two seasons, for their hard work at this important function.

#### **6. Nominating Committee**

The NJ Division's By-Laws state the Executive Committee must name a seven(7) member Nominating Committee by January 31 each year to handle nominations and petitions for the following July elections for officers, EC members and USFA Congress members for the following season.

**Motion made by Paragano, Seconded by Tishman:** The following seven(7) members of the NJ Division will be asked to serve on the Nominating Committee for the July 2010 elections for the 2010-2011 season: Paul Apostol, Mark Holbrow, Daniela Maldonado, Gene Packer, Paul Vitale, Patric Wallace and Jennifer Yamin.

#### **7. Possible date Next Executive Committee Meeting**

The Chair would like to hold one more meeting before the next Executive Committee takes over. He expects that to be on Monday, March 8, or Tuesday, March 9.

Respectfully submitted,

**Tom Tishman**

Acting Secretary

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