

Green Mountain Division Annual Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2015

Present: Viveka Fox, Dan Crockett, Lou Martinez, Norm Brideau, Alex Kite, Justin Brideau, Ray Schuppe, Asher Kite, Deb Hogan, Michelle Wheeler, Karen Cutler

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 a.m. A motion to elect the proposed slate of officers was made and seconded. The following slate of officers was elected unanimously:

President: Dan Crocket
Vice President: Paul Horak
Treasurer: Lou Martinez
Secretary: Kevin Kite

Treasurer's Report: This year, the GMD experienced a negative cash flow of \$773.97, due to the Electrifying Epee Extravaganza and grants. The bank account balance is healthy, though.

Norm asked why the report only indicates \$15.00 for T-Shirts. The Treasurer explained that the GMD sells patches and had sold three patches that year. T-shirts sold at the Middlebury Open are VFA shirts, not division shirts.

Viveka moved to accept the Treasurer's report; Kevin seconded. No discussion. Treasurer's report unanimously approved.

Schedule:

A general discussion regarding scheduling was held. Dan observed that attendance at the summer national qualifiers has dropped steadily. Viveka observed that trying to separate weapons was not noticeably successful, and it brought down attendance at the D events. Dan noted that we have wide discretion on the date the qualifiers must be held; he suggested we might try moving the qualifiers to a more popular date. He also suggested adding team events for summer national qualifier. Viveka noted that they would have to be mixed teams because we don't have enough numbers to make up separate gender teams.

It was suggested we add a Y14 event. Viveka opined that a Y14 event would not add adventure because those kids fence each other all the time. Alex said a team event would be a fun.

The following schedule of events was approved at the meeting:

Date	Host	Events
September 27, 2015	UVM	Fall Foliage—Three-Weapon Open, U Epee and U Foil, by gender
September 26, 2015	UVM	Foil and Epee Clinic
October 24, 2015	CVFC	October Open and Youth. Three-Weapon Open, Y12 Foil and Epee
November 7, 2015	UVM	JO Qualifiers
November 8, 2015	UVM	Team Day
December 12 or 13,	UVFC	Holiday Open— Three-Weapon Open, Y12 Foil and Epee

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January 16, 2016	VFA	Vergennes Mid-Winter Melee: Open Epee and Foil, U Epee and Foil, by gender
February 6, 2016	UVM	Groundhog Open— Three-Weapon Open, Y12 Foil and Epee
March 5, 2016	VFA	Middlebury Open—Open Foil, Vet Foil, Unrated Foil, by gender
March 6, 2016	VFA	Middlebury Open—Open Epee and Saber, Vet Epee, Y12 Epee, Unrated Men’s and Women’s Epee
March 19 or 20, 2016	UVFC	Foil Epee Doubles, E Foil and Epee
April 16-17, 2016	UVM	D meet/ SNQ, one per day
May 7, 2016	CVF	Three weapon Open, U Foil & Epee, Y12 Foil
May 29, 2016	VFA	Ticonderoga Challenge—Open Epee & Y12 Epee

Clinics/Development: Dan was asked when ref training clinics would occur. Dan explained he is waiting for clarification as to his qualifications. This should happen by August. It was suggested that the GMD hold a clinic focused solely on what you need to know to ref in the GMD, rather than the complete rules? It was decided to wait until Dan gets clarification.

Tournament Cancellation Policy: In view of the tournament cancellations that occurred this year, tournament cancellation policy was discussed. It was observed that the bylaws require one tournament per month, and that non-emergency and non-weather related cancellations make it difficult to meet that goal. It was noted that cancellations should not be based on preregistration numbers, because although preregistration is required for qualifiers, it is not required to all events. Some people do not preregister but attend anyway. It was suggested that you shouldn’t cancel a tournament if there are enough preregistrations to create a rated event. It was observed that if you host a tournament, you are hosting the tournament for the entire division, not just for the club. It was asked whether a host club should be able to cancel if it expects to experience a loss; the division can afford a loss, but can the clubs? It was observed that consistency is important, and the division does not want to acquire reputation for being capricious.

After further discussion, the following cancellation policy was proposed:

Tournament cancellations must be approved by a majority of the division’s primary officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary), except as to acts of god, which must be approved by one officer (but if the host club representative is an officer, then the decision must be made in consultation of one other officer).

The policy was moved, seconded, passed.

Other items:

Medal costs: The Treasurer reported that the cost of medals has increased by 25%. It was proposed to raise the club cost to \$2.50 per medal. **So moved, seconded, and passed.**

Preregistration. Late registration amount has not been consistently enforced. To address this issue, the GMD and tournament managers should try to be clearer on the GMD website and on AskFred. Dan volunteered to create standardized language.

Alex was appointed content webmaster for GMD.

Lou was appointed to create GMD Twitter account.

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from last year. **The motion was seconded, and with no discussion, was passed.**

Lou proposed upgrading the GMD computer. A motion was made to look into finding a free laptop, but authorizing Lou to spend up to \$250 on a laptop if a suitable free one could not be found; the goal is to avoid immediate obsolescence. Because the GMD is a 501(c) (3) organization, the laptop should be tax-free. **The motion was seconded and passed.**

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed.