Draft Minutes  
Meeting of the  
USA Fencing Board of Directors  
April 28, 2022

Present: Donald Alperstein, David Arias, Cliff Bayer, Ben Bratton, Peter Burchard, Lauryn DeLuca, Nzingha Prescod, Abdel Salem

Absent: Alan Kidd, Lauren Haynie, Kat Holmes, Lorrie Marcil Holmes

Guests*: Peter Barton, Stephen Hess, Sam Cheris, Jack Gierhart, Kate Reisinger, Russell Ballinger, Glen Hollingsworth, Jill Grotzinger, Bryan Wendell, Cat Bouwkamp

*There were additional guests in attendance on a separate line listening to the call.

I. Call to Order

General Announcements

Remarks & Updates: David Arias – Chair, Jack Gierhart – Interim CEO, Kate Reisinger – Chief of Sports Performance, Glen Hollingsworth – Senior Events Manager, Jill Grotzinger – Director of Development, Bryan Wendell – Director of Communications, Russell Ballinger – Interim CFO

- Searching for Education Manager, Regional Events, Communications Coordinator
- Athlete Safety Audit and Report & Compliance Audit submitted to USOPC
- Updated Mask Policy
  - Athletes have the option to not wear their mask only while fencing
- 15 Medals at Cadet & Junior World Championships & 2 medals at Wheelchair World Cup
- April NAC was largest of the season
- New Podcast – First to 15
- Budget to be presented at June Board Retreat

Conflict of Interest announcement.

II. Consent Agenda Items (Mr. Arias)

1. To approve the minutes from the January 5, 2022 Meeting.

Second Mr. Salem
Motion passed.
III. Old Business

Motion (Mr. Alperstein): To take from the table the FIE Mask Motion
Second Mr. Salem.

Motion passed.

Motion (Mr. Alperstein): To amend the FIE Mask Motion to state:
M25.7.e to be amended to read as follows:

“The bib of the mask must be made of cloth resistant to 350 Newtons.”

M25.7.f to be amended to read as follows:

“For masks with a metallic tongue, the mask must contain a horizontal safety strap at the rear of the mask, with the two ends of the strap firmly attached to the two sides of the mask. This strap may be elastic or of any other material that may be approved by the US SEMI Committee. For masks without a metallic tongue, the proper use of an approved magnetic neck strap is mandatory.”

Implementation for both amendments to be effective as of the start of the 2022 Summer Nationals and July Challenge.

Second Mr. Arias

Motion to amend passed.

Tabled Motion passed.

IV. New Business

Motion (Mr. Arias): To elect Selena Kaing as Vice President of the USA Fencing Board of Directors

Second Ms. Prescod.

Motion passed.

V. Good and Welfare

VI. Recess to Executive Session

Motion (Mr. Arias): to recess to executive session.

Second Mr. Alperstein.
Motion passed.
VII. Executive Session

Present: Donald Alperstein, David Arias, Cliff Bayer, Ben Bratton, Peter Burchard, Sam Cheris Lauryn DeLuca, Selina Kaing, Abdel Salem

Absent: Alan Kidd, Lauren Haynie, Kat Holmes, Lorrie Marcil Holmes, Nzingha Prescod

Guests: Peter Barton, Stephen Hess, Jack Gierhart, Cat Bouwkamp, Suzie Riewald

The board received an update on two audits and five panels.

The board discussed National Office staffing.

VIII. Recess

Motion (Mr. Arias): to adjourn.

Second Mr. Alperstein.

No objection was heard.