

Gold Coast Division Annual Meeting

When: June 29, 2023, 12 Noon- 1 pm

Where: UM Health and Wellness Lobby

In-person: Rafael Suárez, Matthew Simmons, Eugenio Cano, Delainy Quintero

Call to Order:

The Chairperson called to order the Annual Meeting at 12:07 PM on June 29, 2023, after establishing a quorum with all board members present.

Election Results:

The following candidates ran unopposed and were elected by acclamation as officers to the Gold Coast Florida Division of the United States Fencing Association for the 2023-24 Season:

- Rafael Suarez, Chairperson
- Matthew Simmons, Vice-Chairperson
- Eugenio Cano, Secretary
- Delainy Quintero, Treasurer

Ivan Carballo of Carballo's Fencing Club will be withdrawn from the Executive Committee. His USA Fencing membership expired in 2020. The Division is considering the withdrawal of other Executive Committee members given their status with USA Fencing.

Treasurer's Report:

Delaney presented the Financial Statements for the Year. Revenues were \$6,106.33. An additional sanction fee was entered into the account today of the amount of \$125. Extraordinary expenses included the purchase of two strips for \$3,838. Due to this purchase, the Board recorded a deficit for the Year of \$686.23.

Board Updates:

- The Division purchased of two strips with rubber backing.
- The Division membership increased by 65% in the past four years. It should continue to grow as local colleges start club and varsity fencing. Already, Florida Atlantic University has formed a team with 16 fencers. The University of Miami will establish an NCAA club fencing during the 2023-24 academic year. The Division foresees that membership will exceed 500 in the coming Year.

Grievance Letter:

A grievance letter from the Miami Fencing Club, its owner, and her husband was circulated to the Board. It will be further discussed with the legal staff of USA Fencing during the National Championship in Phoenix, Arizona, in the coming days.

New USA Fencing By-laws:

The Division is asked to adopt a standard model by-law by August 1. It should be reviewed by the Board and presented to the membership for adoption. We can ask for an extension and call for an extraordinary meeting for adoption.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50