



# South Carolina Division United States Fencing Association

Rick Thompson, Acting Chair

Mike Kelly, Secretary/Treasurer

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## Minutes of the 2006/2007 Annual Meeting

Held April 28, 2007 at Polo Road Recreation Center, Columbia, SC

Division Acting Chair Rick Thompson opened the meeting at 4:00 pm. There were 22 voting members present. All Executive Committee members were present and were introduced to the membership - those being Rick Thompson, Mike Kelly, Jane Littmann, Michael Green, Mike Strickland, Mitchell Lane, and Ashley Walker.

### Chairmans Report:

Rick Thompson (Acting Chair) reported the following:

- ▶ The Tournament Sanctioning Policy has been working well. He recommended that it should continue to be used in the future to help ensure USFA requirements are met at division sanctioned tournaments.
- ▶ The division has four complete sets of equipment. One machine needs repair. This year the division purchased a tape machine to mark body cords and a mask punch. Rick will post an equipment inventory to the division web site.
- ▶ Mark Scott, who was elected 2006/2007 Chairman, resigned before the season began. Rick Thompson (Vice-Chair) has been functioning as Acting Chair.
- ▶ Blake Hopkins resigned from the Executive Committee earlier this year.
- ▶ C.J. Palmer resigned as Treasurer earlier this year and Mike Kelly was elected Secretary / Treasurer.

### Secretary's report:

Mike Kelly gave the secretary's report as follows:

- ▶ As of April 17, 2007 the division had 241 members (236 competitive and 5 non-competitive).
- ▶ As of July 31, 2006 the division had 203 members, which entitles us to elect three (3) representatives to USFA Congress.

### Treasurer's report:

Mike Kelly gave the treasurer's report:

- ▶ The division bank account has \$4,727.14 as of April 20, 2007.

### Old Business:

- ▶ Mark Scott reported that the USFA is still considering Myrtle Beach for a national tournament but nothing is imminent.
- ▶ Rick Thompson informed the membership that Clemson had rented division equipment for their Tiger Open tournament and Palmetto Fencers Club had rented equipment for their Autumn Open tournaments. These fees have not yet been paid to the division.

### New business:

- ▶ The Southeast Sectional Championships will be held in South Carolina next year (May, 2008). Clemson and Easley were mentioned as possible venues. The division will establish a committee to find a site.
- ▶ Karen Blakeborough suggested the division conduct a referee clinic to help prepare referee candidates for an official USFA referee clinic and subsequent tests. Karen volunteered to teach this clinic.

### Elections:

The following officers were elected:

Chair	<b>Mike Strickland</b>	(Columbia Fencers' Club)
Vice Chair	<b>Mitchell Lane</b>	(Columbia Fencers' Club)
Secretary	<b>Mike Kelly</b>	(Augusta Fencers Club)
Treasurer	<b>Vincent Dicarlo</b>	(Greenville Fencing Academy)

The following Executive Committee members were elected:

<b>Matt Parmer</b>	(Knights of Siena)
<b>Jane Littmann</b>	(Columbia Fencers' Club)
<b>Max Virkus</b>	(Columbia Fencers' Club)
<b>Michael Green</b>	(Columbia Fencers' Club / Clemson Fencers)
<b>Rick Thompson</b>	(Palmetto Fencers Club)
<b>Ashley Walker</b>	(Fencing Club at USC)

The following were elected as USFA Congress Representatives:

**Jane Littmann, Michael Green, Mitchell Lane**

The following were elected as alternate USFA Congress Representatives:

**Mike Strickland, Susan Hazel** (Columbia Fencers' Club), **Rick Thompson, Ted Howard** (Columbia Fencers Club)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at about 5:30 pm.