

MINUTES OF FLORIDA FEDERATION  
ANNUAL MEETING  
July 12, 2014

President Gordon West called the meeting to order at 9:20 p.m. Present: Gordon West, Michele Seal, Jeff Clark, Curtis Rabe, Jody Seal, Dennis Longo, Stan Switzer; Ruth Johnston, Donna Switzer, Charlotte Melchers, Dana Garcia, Stephen Garcia, Art Cozier, Les Todd.

Michele Seal previously distributed the December Minutes by e-mail. Dennis Longo moved to accept the December 2013 Minutes as written, second by Curtis Rabe, minutes approved.

Jeff Clark reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Jody Seal moved to accept the Report, Stan Switzer seconded; Treasurer's Report approved.

Nominations then followed for officers. Stan nominated Gordon West for President, Dennis seconded, approved. Jody Seal, Stan Switzer and Dennis Longo were nominated and seconded for Council members; approved. Dennis nominated Curtis Rabe for Vice-President, Stan Switzer seconded; approved. Stan Switzer nominated Jeff Clark for Treasurer, Dennis Longo seconded; approved. Michele Seal was nominated and seconded for Secretary. If anyone's contact information needs updated for the web (email address etc), please notify Jeff.

The next order of business was elections to the Hall of Fame Committee. The seats are filled on a rotating schedule of nominations. Charlotte Melchers was nominated and seconded to remain as Chair of the Committee. For the two vacancies, Jody Seal nominated Curtis Rate and Michele Seal nominated Dana Garcia. Both nominations were seconded and approved.

Motion was then made by Stan Switzer to clarify the Policy & Procedure Manual. Currently, Florida residents (10+ year residence) that are inducted into the USA-WSF Hall of Fame are automatically inducted into the Florida Hall of Fame, plus up to two additional members. Jody seconded the motion. A discussion followed about other disciplines being included in our Hall of Fame. Les Todd made a motion to stop automatically dragging in the USA-WSF Hall of Fame recipients. Curtis Rabe seconded. Another discussion followed. Comments included: To add up to four inductees per year with consideration given to the USA-WSF inductees; Everyone needs to read the whole document; the Florida Hall of Fame Committee should discuss it; and, does it say anywhere that Florida Federation is 3 event? Charlotte Melchers noted that it would be nice to be recognized by the members of the state of Florida for what you have done in the state of Florida. A Motion was then made by Jody Seal for the Committee to review this and discuss at the December meeting. Stan Switzer seconded; motion to table approved.

A discussion followed about raising dues, as some requests have been turned down to help support teams, and we have also been asked to help fund some scholarships (Jim Grew). This will be discussed again at the December meeting.

The next discussion was a stipend for the council members that attend the Mid-winter Regional meeting. The suggestion was for \$300 per person, \$1200 total. The Southern Region pays \$300 for a National Committee Member to go to a face-to-face meeting. Although no receipts are required, attendance at the meeting is verified. Currently, only the Rules Committee and IAC Committee have these face-to-face meetings. Southern Region Directors get \$300 to go to the National Meetings (winter and summer), and Jeff Clark goes as Southern Region Treasurer without compensation. A discussion and vote followed and passed. Starting January 2015 the council members will receive a stipend of \$300. (The January 2015 meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in January per Jeff Clark.)

Discussion followed about tournament selection. Gordon asked that everyone consider the current process of protected dates to determine if this is working. Discussion comments included: Let's keep the current process, it's good for everyone to get together; The December meeting is important; We are doing the best we can do; Add-on tournaments are always going to be an issue; The IWWF now has a 30-day requirement; Some like the December meeting but don't necessarily like the process.

The next discussion: the Florida State Tournament. Gordon hears every year that it's a money loser for the LOC. Comments included: one round is a money loser but it should be kept at one round; look into the Federation paying the sanction fees; and look into things such as the t-shirt requirement.

Following up from the December 2013 meeting, Gordon reminded all tournament hosts to ensure that correct officials are in place during the entire tournament.

New business: Jody recommends before the December Mid-Winter Meeting that a blurb goes out to all LOC's to please consider class C tournaments in 2015. Young and upcoming officials have no way to meet requirements to get credits without class C.

Discussion followed about the Senior Worlds. There are three team members from Florida, including Curtis; can there be some financial help for team members? Gordon requested that the three members get a proposal together of what they would like and then present it.

No further business coming before the meeting, Curtis made a motion to adjourn, Jody seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Seal, Secretary

Tabled:

- HOF Committee to discuss the automatic dragging of USA-WSF HOF Inductees
- Whether to raise dues
- Ideas to make Florida Federation more cost effective