

Board of Director's Meeting – Friday, June 5, 2009

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at the Poway Outback Steakhouse at 4:18 pm.

Present:

Directors present were Andrew Rumberger, Jim Buccellato, and Craig Bowles by Proxy.

Old Business:

LdF Bylaws

Discussion was made about the restated bylaws and the changes that were made by the attorney. Discussion was also made about the approval procedure of the bylaws, as well as member approval of the restated bylaws being required because of the changes made to voting procedures. Trophy chase being included in the bylaws was also discussed.

Motion: Remove the specifics of the Trophy Chase from the bylaws and restate that portion of Article III to give the board the power to set trophy chase rules prior to the beginning of the Trophy Chase year. Motion passes.

The cost of the attorney was also discussed, and the overall financial impact of having the bylaws reviewed is still unknown. It was determined that the treasurer should provide the board with the overall cost of attorney's fees regarding this matter as soon as it becomes available.

Nationals Slots, Section Coordinator, and Dave Bridgman

Discussion was made about the LdF attorney's findings regarding Trophy Chase and the nationals slots. Dave Bridgman's expulsion was also discussed, and Jeff Gross' letter was read and shall be included in the meeting minutes. It was decided that a motion should be presented to make the repeal of Dave's expulsion official.

Motion: Given the legal opinion of the corporation's attorney, any disciplinary action against Dave Bridgman shall hereby be dropped, his status as a member in good standing shall be fully reinstated, and the board shall issue a written apology to Dave Bridgman. Motion passes.

Director Andrew Rumberger was tasked with drafting the apology letter to Dave, which will be sent through US postage.

It was also determined that official communication with the membership should be established regarding this issue in light of some email's sent out by members. A draft letter was submitted by Craig Bowles before the meeting as a suggestion of such a letter. The members present liked this draft as a starting point, but determined it may need further editing and input.

Motion: An official communication regarding the nationals slots and Dave Bridgman, based on Craig Bowles' draft, should be issued to the membership. Motion passes.

According to Chris Endersby, the club's area director, a section coordinator does not need to be appointed because Dave Bridgman is still section coordinator. Chris points to section 12.2 of USPSA bylaws, which state that a section coordinator's term, while no longer than two years, does not end until the event of a resignation or election. The two board members present agreed that this does in fact mean Dave Bridgman continues to be section coordinator, pending an election of the members.

New Business:

LdF's Future Outlook

Discussion was made about the resignation of Craig Evans from the club as well as Dan Nickel's email to the membership. The club's relationship with USPSA as well as the effects of the issue of nationals slots was also discussed. It was determined that the board should respond to these emails with their reasoning behind their actions (see the above motion regarding communication with the membership). Chris Endersby has stated his willingness to attend a meeting of the members or a board meeting to discuss club issues and to begin mending the relationship the club has with USPSA.

Providing refunds to members who wish to resign from the club was also discussed. While the bylaws state that the club is only required to issue a refund if a member is expelled from the club, the possibility of providing a prorated refund (based on matches shot so far) to members who wish to resign from their membership was explored, provided their dues are paid in full, and that late fees not be included in this refund. This action was tabled pending a financial impact report from the club's treasurer.

Membership Agreement

It was determined that a prorated version of the membership agreement should be explored, and the opinion was expressed that the current membership agreement discourages new members from joining mid-year, as the work and cost is the same as a member who joins at the very beginning of the year. Several possibilities for proration were discussed, including proration based on matches shot as well as proration based on quarter. This action would hopefully increase membership and decrease the work required of all members. Action was tabled pending a financial impact report by the treasurer.

Club's Website

The USPSA link on the San Diego Shooter's website is absent. It was determined that Andrew Rumberger should contact Paul Freitas to determine the reason for this and to get the problem corrected.

Membership Meeting

A petition for a membership meeting was presented by the following members present: Jim Buccellato, Jason Rogers, Ken Rogers, Andrew Rumberger, and Paul Rumberger. The final agenda is still pending, and the current date of the meeting is July 11th, 2009 at the Pala Range after the pistol match. As required by the bylaws, 35 days notice will be given.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved at 5:48 pm (1748).

Respectfully submitted by Andrew Rumberger.

Attached Documents:

The following documents are to be included with the meeting minutes.

- Jeff Gross' letter to the membership
- Draft of proposed official communication to the membership regarding Dave Bridgman
- Portion of USPSA bylaws, section 12.2

All proxies will be filed with the secretary in accordance with Linea De Fuego bylaws.

Letter from Jeff Gross to the LdF membership, dated June 4, 2009, at 6:54 pm

Members,

The LDF Board of Directors no longer has a majority vote to go forward with disciplinary action against Dave B. Dave's membership status to LDF has been reinstated.

Jeff G.

Proposed draft of the letter to be distributed to the membership (drafted by Craig Bowles).

Members,

Since the most recent email that has circulated to the membership about the distribution of slots to the national matches it is necessary to better inform the members about this issue.

It turns out the interpretation of the Trophy Chase from the perspective of Overall Champion needing a competitor in class and division was incorrect.

The attorney examined the Trophy Chase rules and made the following statement.

Although it would be reasonable to assume a competitor would have to win a class (and therefore satisfy the foregoing competitor criteria) to be the Overall Club Champion, it does not appear that is the case.

The rules provide "the Overall Club Champion is the shooter with the highest match average." This rule does not specify that the Overall Club Champion must also be a class winner or division winner and does not appear to require a competitor in the shooter's class or division who has shot a minimum number of matches. Based on the language in the rules, I would assume any shooter who has shot the minimum number of matches would be eligible for the award, and whoever has maintained the highest match average would be the Overall Club Champion, regardless of the competition they faced and whether they won a class (and thus satisfied the competitor requirement) or a division. To determine the Overall Club Champion, you would simply determine the highest match average maintained by all shooters participating in the Trophy Chase.

It follows then that this is the same interpretation that was made by the section coordinator and also the same from the USPSA President and Area Coordinator.

Thus any disciplinary action against Dave Bridgman was ill conceived and any disparaging comments about his taking something that he was not entitled to receive is incorrect.

It is unfortunate that this course of action was even begun, because with the foregoing collaborative information the disciplinary action would not even have begun. Since this topic has now been more widely published the members are needful to know more complete information.

Section 12.2 of the current USPSA bylaws, retrieved from the USPSA website 06/06/2009.

12.2 Section Coordinators:

The Section Coordinator shall be elected by the member clubs within his assigned Section, on the basis of one vote per member, or member club, as determined by the Section bylaws.

The Section Coordinator's term of office shall be determined by the Section bylaws, but in no event may the Section Coordinator's term exceed two years. It is the responsibility of the Section Coordinator and the member clubs to organize and conduct an election each regular election cycle for their respective Section.

The Section Coordinator shall serve until he resigns, relinquishes his office, or an election is held.

The Area Director may remove a Section Coordinator for cause. The Area Director's decision may be appealed to the Board of Directors by the individual Section Coordinator or by any club within the Section. The Board shall review the appeal and make a final determination at its next Regular Meeting.

Should a Section Coordinator's office become vacant, the Area Director has the authority to appoint a Section Coordinator until such time as an election for that Section is held. A section shall hold elections as specified by their bylaws, or any time a majority of the club presidents in that Section call for a special election for Section Coordinator

The Section Coordinator must maintain at least annual membership to hold office and must hold a Range Officer (Level I) or higher NROI certification.