

FCC minutes Nov 29

In attendance: Jim Stevens, David Howes, Lynn Seguin

Issues discussed were as follows:

- Proposed meeting dates for 2010-11

Dates of meeting - as phone meetings, all SK time & all are Monday's

Nov 29 8 am

Dec 20 8 am

Jan 24 8 am

Jan 28-30 in-person if we are all at the CSC in Richmond

Feb 21 8 am

Mar 21 8 am

April 18 8 am

May 16 8 am

May 20-22 in-person at Nationals (somewhere!)

- Transfer of coaches from Old NCCP to New NCCP – work on this over the next few weeks and then discuss at next meeting. This was determined to be a priority for the FCC given that we have the opportunity to provide input and can demonstrate value to other Canadian coaches
- We have looked at the CFF strategy plan and have the Foreign Coach Equivalencies near completion.
 - *Making Ethical Decisions* module has to be passed at level 3 /4 without fail
 - Credit will be given for courses already stated on their transcripts, provided that a translated transcript is provided from a reliable source.
 - When *MED* and the transcript are accepted by the CFF, the foreign coach is designated “Trained” as per the new NCCP naming conventions
 - A *Presentation of Skills* to a group of Canadian fencing masters maybe asked for after documents have been approved to achieve/be awarded “Certified” status.
- Comp Dev is presenting some difficulties. It does not seem to be uniformly taught or applied across the country at present. Fencing has not made progress in development of this part of New NCCP, but needs to hear about issues & concerns. One concern is that coaches are automatically receiving credit for the Theory component of their NCCP certification just because they attend Competition Development sessions. The NCCP model requires that the NSOs are testing the theory knowledge of their coaches but the current practical examination does not address these areas. More time needs to be devoted to questions and answers before or after the practical exam. It was suggested the FCC develops a bank of question, based on the materials of the Comp Dev modules.
 - When a coach files a request to be examined for the Level 3 or Level 4 practical examination, they are sent a package of questions from the test bank.

- The coach is required to provide written responses to the question which will be sent to the CFF/FCC.
- The CFF/FCC provides the coach's answers to the panel of masters that are evaluating the practical exam. The panel will discuss the answers that the coach has provided and the coach's responses will be a factor in the evaluation of the examination. The process should be conducted similarly to defending a thesis, where there is allowance for difference of opinion but a reasonable argument must be made that is accepted by the panel. **David and Jim to come up with sample questions for this "bank" of FCC questions as examples.**

CFF Board meeting notes:

- CFF board heard & saw the OTP presentation. This was presented by Gerard (HPD).
- This was followed by national coaches and their report from world championships
- RFP's done for new hosting of memberships & web site
- Could not do the financial part as coding was not done to be able to see where things were coming in and going out
- Athletes have issues about tournament format, some like it others do not. National coaches did not inform athletes about the changes.
- CGs information has to be out soon. This will have to be sent to the Games council soon, there is an up-coming meeting with them; however, the provinces are to vote on a format and have a few choices. This has not been done yet.
- The LTAD doc has not been posted – hopefully it will soon
- Flow Chart of communications done

FCC will now be able to post information on the FCC page directly.

In communication to our membership, notes from CFF Board meetings will be shared with FCC members, on the FCC page and sent by email to all coaches inviting comments from them.