



CFF Letters – 2009:1

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Introduction

First, let me apologize for the significant time since the last of these letters. The intent was for a frequent update so you were familiar with our ongoing activities. I have been very busy with CFF activities as many significant projects are underway. Also, real life intrudes now and then and I have to commit some additional time to work projects. As such, the information herein will be brief for each update.

CFF AGM 2009

The 2009 AGM will be held in Winnipeg. Workshops will be hosted on Saturday June 13th and the AGM business meeting will be held on Sunday June 14th. The CFF Board will convene on Friday the 12th and immediately following the AGM.

Two Director positions become vacant. The incumbents currently are Sean Brilliant and John Makela.

LTAD

The LTAD steering committee met within the last 10 days and we shall have a final published document by the end of the financial year, echoing the end of phase 1 of this project. As soon as the final published materials are available, they will be distributed to the membership.

2009-2010 CFF Budget

At its Board meeting of January 17th, the Board reviewed the preliminary CFF budget for the next fiscal year. We have received confirmation from Sport Canada of a slight increase in funding, but we are awaiting confirmation of our other funding partners at this time.

New Initiatives 2009-2010

With the change in the CFF Bylaws at the 2008 AGM, the CFF has moved to a policy driven organization, yet

Staffing

we have few rules and policies to guide our decisions. It is clear from experience, that the current staff capacity is insufficient to allow policy development and Board members do not have the time as well.

A portion of the increased funds will be used to hire a term employee, probably a student, in the summer of 2009 to seek out policies from other NSO's and adapt them for the CFF and additionally suggest any other policies needed.

World Cups

Our HP Assistant, Marie-Helene is undertaking the task to develop promotional materials, sponsorship and improve presentation of the international events hosted in Canada. To facilitate this, the Board resolved that the senior events will be hosted in Montreal for the next four years.

CFF Domestic Competitions

Competition registration has been modified effective immediately. The current single and triple fees system will remain in place, however, there will be an additional opportunity for registration up until the close of registration for the first event an athlete competes in. This registration will be payable in cash at the registration desk and will be triple fees plus an additional \$200 administration fee.

Effective for September 2009, there will no longer be any qualification and selection for the cadet events held at CSC's and Canadian Nationals. Cadet events only will be an open registration.

Effective September 2009, Canada will be split into three regions for the hosting of CFF competitions. West – BC, AB and SK; Central – MB and ON; East QU and Atlantic provinces. The competition allocation will be for September 2009 West; December 2009 – Central and June 2010 East. Should a region not bid on their allocated event, bidding will become open to bids from other regions.

There will be an annual cycling of the events: west to central; central to east and east to west.

LTAD and Strategic Planning

The CFF will be hiring a consultant with LTAD experience to assist the CFF in developing a strategic

	<p>plan that is guided by LTAD implementation requirements and timelines.</p>
New NCCP development	<p>The Fencing Coaches of Canada Division has assumed responsibility for the development of the materials for the various levels of the new NCCP that fencing requires.</p> <p>We anticipate final approval for the aide moniteur level this fiscal year.</p> <p>The NCCP coaching programmes are being linked to the LTAD programme.</p>
Canadian Anti-Doping Policy	<p>The CFF Board of Directors has affirmed that the CFF its members and licence holders will comply with the newly revised Canadian Anti-Doping policy.</p>
2008-2009 Budget Re-Profiling	<p>The Board met with staff and the current years budget was re-profiled. We are projecting a \$30k deficit this fiscal year due to in excess of \$50k legal expenses.</p> <p>Currently revenues from licencing and competition sanctions are well down from projected levels and we hope to see an increase in these streams prior to fiscal year end.</p>
SFAF	<p>The SFAF funding documentation to Sport Canada for 2009-2010 will be submitted before the mid-February 2009 deadline.</p>
RTE	<p>The majority of the Board and staffs time since the AGM 2008 has been focused on discussions with Podium Canada and the development of a Quadrennial high level plan facilitating excellence from our athletes. A copy of the submission, which was made to Podium in December 2008 has been placed on sharefile for your information.</p> <p>We do not know what the funding levels or the conditions of funding from RTE will be at the time of writing, although we have been told that the plan prepared by the CFF was one of the best submitted. We understand that although favourable, funding will not be at the requested levels or for all the requested activities.</p>

FIE Elective Congress	<p>As noted on the website, the FIE has a new President, Mr. Alisha Usmanov. His elective platform included support for athletes from all countries to participate in the world championships, along with several other financial initiatives, including a multi-million dollar sponsorship plan.</p> <p>Three Canadian were elected to FIE commissions: Yann Bernard – Legal; Manuel Belmonte – Rules; John Makela – Promotions and Publicity.</p>
AGM 2008	<p>As noted earlier, significant changes to the ByLaws of the CFF were adopted at the 2008 AGM. In essence, the CFF has moved to a Board without elected portfolio and the Board is responsible for management through rules and policy. It will take some time and effort to fully complete this transition.</p>
Coaches	<p>If you have questions of the CFF, please ask your board representative (Victor Gantsevitch) or the chair of the coaching division (Barbara Daniel).</p> <p>coachesrep@fencing.ca</p>
Athletes	<p>If you have question of the CFF, please ask your athletes representatives, Mark Peros or Sandra Sassine.</p> <p>athletesrep@fencing.ca</p>



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