

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF DIRECTORS**

**OF**

**COLUMBUS OHIO DIVISION, USFA, INC.**

December 18, 2016

A meeting of the Board of Directors of COLUMBUS OHIO DIVISION, USA FENCING, INC. was held, pursuant to the notice given in accordance with the Code of Regulations, at 7:30 o'clock P.M. at 736 Neil Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43215 on the 18th day of December, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Joseph S. Streb.

**ROLL:** A roll of Directors was taken by the secretary, and pursuant to Article VI(A) of the Amended Bylaws, a quorum did exist. The following Board members and invited guests were present:

<u>X</u> Joseph S. Streb, Chairman	<u>  </u> Charles Simionian
<u>X</u> Tim Mills, Vice Chair	<u>X</u> Terry Amrine
<u>X</u> Fred Hunker, Treasurer	<u>X</u> Gail Kaye
<u>X</u> Doug Bliss, Secretary	<u>  </u> Joseph T. Streb
<u>X</u> Julia Richey	<u>  </u> Tony Goh
<u>X</u> Kristian Boyadzhiev	<u>  </u> Alivia Mourot

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Minutes of the meeting of November 20, 2016 were unanimously approved with a correction that Fred Hunker be marked as "present" at the meeting.

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

**Chairman --** Joseph Streb: The Chairman reported that the primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss the request of USFA for volunteer assistance for the upcoming January NAC in Columbus and the January Dr. Todd Curn Memorial tournament.

**Secretary –** Doug Bliss: Mr. Bliss reported that there exists a new order of events requirement for the Junior Olympic Qualifier. Junior events must fence and finish before the Cadet events in order to permit anyone qualifying for Cadet via the Junior event to drop the Cadet event. Results from the qualifier event were sent to USFA National. Subsequent to the meeting, Mr. Bliss received an email reply from USFA National noting that "auto-qualifier" refers only to those who qualify via national points and not to the local qualifying event path. A fencer who qualifies for Cadet via the Junior event and then fences in the Cadet event simply consumes a qualifying slot from someone else.

**Treasurer --** Fred Hunker: Mr. Hunker reported that the treasury holdings are substantially unchanged since November except for the \$660 deposit made after the Junior Olympic Qualifier. The Division's funds are roughly as follows:

	<u>07/31/16</u>	<u>12/18/16</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Checking	4307.98	5046.35	738.37
Vanguard Treasury Bond Fund	2651.98	2650.42	(1.56)
Vanguard ST Investment Grade BF	4256.57	4260.57	4.00
Streb Trust Funds	115.20	115.20	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>11,331.73</u>	<u>12,072.54</u>	<u>740.81</u>

**Vice Chairman** – Tim Mills: Mr. Mills reminded the Board about the upcoming Arnold Fencing Classic and the associated Referee Clinic.

**2d Vice Chairman** – Julia Richey: No report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Referee Committee** – The Committee Chair, Joseph Streb, reported that there are no current plans for a referee clinic. Mr. Streb reported that the Division was able to cover the December 11<sup>th</sup> JO Qualifiers with the usual referees, Mr. Raúl Arias of Fencing Alliance of Ohio not being able to produce evidence of a USFA Professional Membership. Mr. Mills mentioned that there will be referee training again this year at the Arnold.

**Nominating Committee** – (Streb, Simonian, Hunker, Bliss): No report.

**MATTERS OF DISCUSSION (No Formal Action):**

**2016-2017 TODD CURN MEMORIAL:** There was discussion about what is needed for the January 21, 2017 Todd Curn Memorial at Royal Arts. Mr. Hunker reported that he has already started the process updating the rotating trophies with the names of the last year's winners. Mr. Bliss noted that he will be out of town on that date.

**2016-2017 OHIO HIGH SCHOOL FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS:** The Chairman reported that he had asked Coach Nazlymov about the event again this year and the Coach said that he wanted the event at Steelwood. Due to the reliance of the Division upon the volunteer refereeing of the OSU varsity fencers, the Chairman suggested that the Division proceed as it last year and hope for the best. Mr. Hunker pointed out that the event will need to be unrated like last year if OSU fencers function as volunteer referees because few of them hold Professional Memberships from US Fencing. Mr. Hunker also noted that we will need to procure insurance for the facility.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP & SAFE SPORT TRAINING:** The Chairman reminded the Board Members that they need to be Professional Members of USA Fencing. Mr. Hunker reminded Board Members that they must take the mandatory Safe Sport Training by January 2017, and that he had done so, and it takes about two hours. The Chairman reported that he had done so, and that he found the seminar to be too long and lacking in balance in some respects. Other Board Members reported that they had also completed the course.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- (1). OFFICIAL COD EVENT CALANENDAR 2016-2017, etc.:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the remaining 2016-2017 schedule of COD and other notable fencing events will be as follows:

COD JO Qualifiers	December 11, 2016# @ Royal Arts
Todd Curn Memorial	January 21, 2017 @ Royal Arts
Junior Olympics USFA	February 17-20, 2017* Kansas City
Arnold Fencing Classic	March 3-5, 2017* @ Cols Convention Center
Ohio High School Fencing Champ	April 1, 2017 @ Steelwood Fencing Center
COD Division II/III Qualifiers	April 30, 2017# @ Royal Arts
Great Lakes Championship/ Columbus Open	June 24, 2017* @ Royal Arts
2014 USFA Summer Nationals	July 1-July 10, 2017* @ Salt Lake City

\*Non-COD event, being put on schedule for reference purposes.

#Participants must sign-up electronically by at least the date specified on the website to compete.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

(1). CERTIFICATION OF RESULTS FROM EVENTS: The results of the following events were certified:

04-Nov-2016	Earn Your E	Columbus Fencing and Fitness
05-Nov-2016	Dual in the Hills	Ohio University
19-Nov-2016	Blue Box Open	Royal Arts Fencing Academy
26-Nov-2016	Ron Weaver Memorial	Columbus Fencing and Fitness
10-Dec-2016	Winter Warlock RYC	Royal Arts Fencing Academy

(2). EQUIPMENT ISSUES: There was discussion of equipment issues, but no motions.

(3). USE OF DIVISION METAL FENCING STRIPS AT THE ARNOLD: Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the following was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Royal Arts Fencing Academy is permitted to use the Division metal fencing strips at the Arnold Fencing Classic with the usual provisions that Division equipment is to be transported to and from by the borrower and returned in condition like to that when it was borrowed.

(4). APPOINTMENT OF VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR FOR NAC: Volunteer help has been requested by USFA National for the operation of a Lost and Found (as in past years) and also for setup and teardown of the Wheelchair Fencing area. Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the following was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Tim Mills is appointed as the Volunteer Coordinator for the January NAC to be held in Columbus, Ohio.

There was some disagreement at the last Columbus, Ohio national event about the apportionment of Lost and Found equipment held beyond the requisite 90 day period. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously passed, the following was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Volunteer Coordinator shall be given the authority to set and enforce rules for the apportionment of any Lost and Found equipment held beyond the requisite 90 day period.

(5). FACILITY EXPENSES AT JUNIOR OLYMPICS QUALIFIER: The hosting organization of a COD tournament is generally given a fee (a percentage of the gate take) to compensate for the use of the venue. On the date of the last event, the Junior Olympics Qualifier, the temperature was very low, the turnout rather small and the approximately \$72 fee would not begin to cover the cost of heating for the day. Mr. Mills admitted that he did not have an estimate of the heating cost for the event but promised to determine same. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously passed, the following was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Officers shall consider compensation of reasonable expenses for the heating bill for the December 11 Junior Olympic Qualifier event.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

(1). The next meeting was set for Sunday, March 19, 2017 at 7:30pm at the law office of Joseph Streb, 736 Neil Ave., Columbus, Ohio, 614-224-0200.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously passed.

/s/ Doug Bliss

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Secretary

/s/ J. S. Streb

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Chairman