

MINUTES OF MEETING OF DIRECTORS
OF
COLUMBUS OHIO DIVISION, USFA, INC.
 March 19, 2017

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 the law offices of Joseph S. Streb, 736 Neil Avenue, Columbus, Ohio on the 19th day of March, 2017.

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

ROLL: A roll of Directors was taken by the Chairman who also acted as secretary in the absence of 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>X</u> Tim Mills, Vice Chair <u>X</u> Fred Hunker, Treasurer <u>X</u> Doug Bliss, Secretary _____ Julia Richey <u>X</u> Kristian Boyadzhiev	_____ Charles Simionian <u>X</u> Terry Amrine <u>X</u> Gail Kaye <u>X</u> Joseph T. Streb _____ Tony Goh <u>X</u> Alivia Mourot_
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting of December 18, 2016 were unanimously approved.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chairman -- Joseph S. Streb: The Chairman reported that the primary purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the upcoming 2017 Ohio High School Fencing Championships currently set for April 1, 2017 at Steelwood Fencing Facility. Mr. Streb also reported that on-guard lines for saber have now been moved back to the four meter distance that was the rule prior to August 1, 2016.

Secretary – Doug Bliss: Mr. Bliss reported that he will be out of the country for the upcoming 2017 Ohio High School Fencing Championships, and he has arranged for Gail Kaye and John Hampton to download Fencing Time to their respective laptops, install the printer driver, and undergo some training in order to operate Fencing Time at the Ohio High School Fencing Championships. Mr. Bliss also mentioned that parent of a fencer in a CF&F event called, “Earn Your D” complained about her rating not being updated, but this was due to the organizer’s waiting for yet another fencer’s prior rating to register; hence, there was nothing Mr. Bliss could do at the time or currently.

Treasurer -- Fred Hunker: Mr. Hunker reported that there was a slight increase in total Division funds due to a payment of the Division’s share of membership dues from USA Fencing. The Division’s funds are as follows:

	<u>12/18/16</u>	<u>3/19/17</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Checking	5046.35	5648.47	602.12
Vanguard Treasury Bond Fund	2650.42	2635.58	(14.84)
Vanguard ST Investment Grade BF	4260.57	4241.57	(19.00)
Streb Trust Funds	115.20	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	12,072.54	12,640.82	568.28

Vice Chairman – Tim Mills: The Vice Chairman reported there was a problem with complaints about the timing of some scoring machines supplied by Blue Gauntlet at the Arnold Fencing Classic, more specifically complaints about the timing being pre-2016 timing, despite the machines having stickers indicating 2016 timing. A few fencers dropped-out of the tournament in protest, but all others continued to participate. According to Blue Gauntlet, the timing had in fact been changed. Various protests have been lodged.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Referee Committee – The Committee Chair, Joseph S. Streb, reported that there are no current plans for a referee clinic. Mr. Mills reported that the referee training this year at the Arnold Fencing Classic did not happen due to flight delays for the Referee Examiner.

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

MATTERS OF DISCUSSION (No Formal Action):

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & SAFE SPORT TRAINING: The Chairman reminded Board Members that they need to be Professional Members of USA Fencing and complete the on-line Safe Sport Seminar.

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:

Ohio High School Fencing Champ	April 1, 2017 @ Steelwood
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.

- (2). 2017 OHIO HIGH SCHOOL FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS: The Chairman stated that he has spoken to Coach Nazlymov about hosting the event again this year, and the Coach definitely wants the event at the Steelwood facility. The Chairman further reported that he sent a reminder e-mail to Coach Nazlymov this date inquiring whether there were any issues to be dealt with prior to April 1st, but no response has yet to be received. Mr. Hunker reported that he has obtained an insurance certificate naming The Ohio State University And Its Board Of Trustees, as typically required by OSU. Mr. Bliss reiterated that he will not be present, but he has delivered all the usual Division equipment, such as, weights, shims, and clipboards to Ms. Kaye, and he has trained Ms. Kaye and Mr. Hampton on Fencing Time, and he has explained the scoring system for the team championship, so he expects the event will proceed reasonably well.

NEW BUSINESS:

(1). **CERTIFICATION OF RESULTS FROM EVENTS:** The results of the following events were certified: No formal motions were made.

-- Todd Curn Memorial

(2). **EQUIPMENT ISSUES:** Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and passed, the foregoing action was taken regarding the Division's equipment:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secretary is authorized to purchase four new reel cords and two replacement Favaro 5 remote controllers due to deterioration of existing equipment.

MISCELLANEOUS:

(1). **RECENT NOTABLE RESULTS BY DIVISION FENCERS:** The Board wishes to congratulate Tierna Oxenreider for winning gold in Y12WE at the at the recent Cleveland NAC; and Will Waters for winning bronze in DivIIMF; and Laine Massic for placing 8th in Y12WF; and Chloe Gouhin for placing 7th in Y14 Women's Saber.

(2). **NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on Sunday, April 9, 2017 at 7:30pm at the law office of Joseph S. Streb, 736 Neil Ave., Columbus, Ohio, 43215, 614-224-0200.

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

/s/ Doug Bliss

Secretary

/s/ J. S. Streb

Chairman