

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF DIRECTORS**  
**OF**  
**COLUMBUS OHIO DIVISION, USFA, INC.**  
November 26, 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 26th day of November, 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:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joseph S. Streb, Chairman <input type="checkbox"/> Tim Mills, Vice Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fred Hunker, Treasurer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Bliss, Secretary <input type="checkbox"/> Julia Richey	<input type="checkbox"/> Charles Simionian <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terry Amrine <input type="checkbox"/> Gail Kaye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joseph T. Streb <input type="checkbox"/> Kristian Boyadzhiev <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alivia Mourot
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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Minutes of the meeting of August 6, 2017 were unanimously approved.

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

**Chairman --** Joseph S. Streb: The Chairman reported that the primary purpose of the meeting will be to consider the upcoming JO Qualifier currently set for Sunday, December 17, 2017 at Royal Arts.

**Secretary –** Doug Bliss: The Secretary reported that

**Treasurer --** Fred Hunker: The Division's funds are as follows:

	<u>11/26/2017</u>	<u>08/06/2017</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Checking	2,785.19	3,082.48	(297.29)
Vanguard Treasury Bond Fund	2,653.39	2,646.04	(7.35)
Vanguard ST Investment Grade BF	4,304.41	4,313.16	8.75
Streb Trust Funds	000.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	9,744.39	10,040.28	(295.89)

**Vice Chairman –** Tim Mills: Absent. No report.

**2d Vice Chairman –** Julia Richey: Absent. The Chairman gave her report, "The 15<sup>th</sup> Arnold Fencing Classic is coming. It will be the best."

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Referee Committee** – The Committee Chair, Joseph S. Streb, reported that there are no current plans for a referee clinic. There has been no real demand of late; however, a referee clinic is planned for the 15<sup>th</sup> Arnold Fencing Classic.

**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.

**OHIO HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP:** The Chairman reported the event will almost definitely be at Steelwood this season, as the conclusion has been made there is no NCAA issue.

**EQUIPMENT ISSUES:** With the arrival of the rubber strip that has been deployed and found in good working order, there are no pending equipment issues. Mr. Bliss reported that he has in his immediate possession some spare parts that he ordered pursuant to a prior authorization, and Mr. Amrine agreed to take possession and deliver the parts to Royal Arts this coming week.

## OLD BUSINESS:

### (1). OFFICIAL COD EVENT CALANENDAR 2017-2018, etc.:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2017-2018 schedule of COD and other notable fencing events will be as follows:

COD JO Qualifiers	December 17, 2017# @ Royal Arts
Todd Curn Memorial	January 27, 2017 @ Royal Arts
Junior Olympics USFA	February 16-19, 2018* Memphis
Arnold Fencing Classic	March 2-4, 2018* @ Cols Convention Center
Ohio High School Fencing Champ	April 7, 2018 @ Royal Arts
COD Division II/III Qualifiers	May 6, 2018# @ Royal Arts
Great Lakes Championship/ Columbus Open	June 16, 2018* @ Royal Arts
2017 USFA Summer Nationals	June 28 to July 7, 2018* @ St. Louis, MO

(2). **JO QUALIFIER:** The event was discussed, and it was determined that the structure of the event complies with U.S. Fencing standards in that the Division runs the Cadet events before the Junior events in order to avoid uncertainty as to whether any particular Cadet fencer needs to fence both events. As in the past, the event is being held on a Sunday to avoid potential conflict with college board testing on the preceding Saturday. Since the event is not large, the Board saw no reason to hire outside referees; the usual local rated referees should be adequate. It was determined there is no need for any special equipment purchases for this event.

\*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:

- Rose & Gold, Oct. 1, 2017
- Dual In The Hills, Nov. 12, 2017
- Blue Box Open, Nov. 19, 2017

(2). EQUIPMENT ISSUES: None.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

(1). **NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on Sunday, January 14, 2018 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

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Secretary

/s/ J. S. Streb

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Chairman