

MINUTES OF MEETING OF DIRECTORS
OF
COLUMBUS OHIO DIVISION, USFA, INC.
 April 29, 2018

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 29th day of April, 2018.

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:

X	Joseph S. Streb, Chairman		Charles Simionian
X	Tim Mills, Vice Chair		Terry Amrine
	Fred Hunker, Treasurer		Gail Kaye
X	Doug Bliss, Secretary		Joseph T. Streb
X	Julia Richey, 2 nd Vice Chair	X	Kristian Boyadzhiev
			Alivia Mourot

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting of November 26, 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 Y14 and Div II/III Qualifier currently set for Saturday, May 5, 2018 at Royal Arts.

Secretary – Doug Bliss: The Secretary reported that he received notice from CF&F that it had bid on two future RJCC / RYC events October 6 & 7, 2018 and April 6 & 7, 2019.

Treasurer -- Fred Hunker: The Treasurer was absent. The most recent prior accounting of the Division's funds was 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
TOTAL	<u>9,744.39</u>	<u>10,040.28</u>	<u>(295.89)</u>

Vice Chairman – Tim Mills: No report.

2d Vice Chairman – Julia Richey: Ms. Richey reported that the 15th Anniversary Arnold Fencing Classic held in early March was the best of all time, and next year's will be even better.

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 did take place at the 15th Arnold Fencing Classic. Mr. Mills reported that about 10-12 people attended the referee clinic at the 2018 Arnold, and Trevor Pederson became rated.

Nominating Committee – (J. S. Streb, Simonian, Hunker, Bliss): Due the pending retirement of Mr. Bliss, the Committee is searching for a candidate for the Secretary position, and the Committee will issue a suitable ballot in the relative near future for elections to be held at the Columbus Open on June 28, 2018 at Royal Arts.

MATTERS OF DISCUSSION (No Formal Action):

SAFESPORT MEMBERSHIPS & SAFE SPORT TRAINING: The Chairman reminded Board Members that they need to have SafeSport Memberships to US Fencing and complete the on-line SafeSport Seminar.

OHIO HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP: The Chairman reported that he and Mr. Hunker had considerable difficulties with the OSU Facilities Department over the failed attempt to hold the 2018 Ohio High School Championship at Steelwood, and the short notice cancellation by the Facilities Department, using dubious reasoning.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY FENCING: Head varsity fencing coach, Vladimir Nazlymov, has retired after 15 years in charge and two NCAA Championships. The Ohio State University Athletic Department has put Carey Sagen, former head women's gymnastics coach, in charge of finding a new coach. The Chairman reported speaking with her regarding the search efforts.

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 5, 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). COD DIVISION QUALIFIER: The event was originally set for Sunday, May 6, 2018; however, by Executive Committee action, it was moved to Saturday, May 5, 2018. Otherwise, the structure of the event was discussed with respect to qualification standards. 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:

- Fence Fest at OU, April 14, 2018
- Arnold Fencing Classic, March 3, 2018

(2). REIMBURSEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS: The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, pursuant to COD Minutes of 08-18-13, the COD Board instituted a policy to reimbursement its Officers for the cost of what was then called a Professional Membership, and;

Whereas, US Fencing recently updated its SafeSport Policy (02-12-18) which at Section VII(A)(1) specifies who must obtain the Coach or +CheckEd membership which states:

"All members of the USA Fencing Board of Directors, each member of a USA Fencing committee/task force and **division officers** shall be screened through the Coach (formerly Professional), +Coach UPgrade or +CheckEd (formerly +Professional) Member programs upon their election or appointment to the position and then shall be re-screened every two (2) years.

All USA Fencing employees shall be screened as a condition of their employment and then shall be re-screened every two (2) years.

All coaches, instructors and other staff for any USA Fencing National Team event shall be screened as a condition of being selected for such position or shall have been screened by USA Fencing within the past two (2) years.

All individuals who are acting as coaches or instructors of athletes or participants at USA Fencing clubs, their events or activities, or at USA Fencing sanctioned events or activities, shall be screened through the Coach (formerly Professional) Member, or +Coach Upgrade, Member programs.

All **persons acting as officials or administrative personnel at USA Fencing sanctioned events** shall be screened through the Coach (formerly Professional), +Coach or +CheckEd (formerly +Professional) Member o

All volunteers at USA Fencing sanctioned events who will have frequent contact with athletes and participants shall be screened through the Coach (formerly Professional), +Coach or +CheckEd (formerly +Professional) Member programs program." [emphasis added].

Whereas, it was pointed out that the portion of the Rule requiring "all persons acting as officials or administrative personnel at USA Fencing sanctioned events" to obtain the enhanced membership would apply to all Board Members, since Board Members are expected to help administrate Division sponsored events.

NOW THEREFORE, all COD Board members who so request shall be reimbursed by the Treasurer for the difference between cost of competitive or other memberships and the required +Coach or +CheckEd memberships.

(3). REIMBURSEMENT FOR COD EVENTS HOSTED BY OUTSIDE CLUBS: Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and passed, the following resolution was adopted regarding reimbursement of clubs who by permission of the Board host COD events, but in this instance limited to the 2018 Ohio High School Championships:

The host club shall receive 50% of the net proceeds of the 2018 Ohio High School Championships.

MISCELLANEOUS:

(1). RETIREMENT OF SECRETARY BLISS: Mr. Bliss has announced that he will be retiring from his position as Secretary of the Division effective July 31, 2018. Mr. Bliss' tireless service to the fencing community will be sorely missed. In honor of Mr. Bliss' 24 years of service, the COD outing at Schmidt's next fall will be in honor of Mr. Bliss, and he will be the guest of honor.

(2). NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Sunday, August 5th, 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

Secretary

/s/ J. S. Streb

Chairman