

MINUTES OF MEETING OF DIRECTORS

OF

COLUMBUS OHIO DIVISION, USFA, INC.

August 5, 2018

A meeting of the Board of Directors of COLUMBUS OHIO DIVISION, USFA, 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 Ave., Columbus, Ohio on the 5th day of August, 2018.

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> X </u> Tim Mills, Secretary
<u> X </u> Fred Hunker, Treasurer	<u> X </u> Joseph T. Streb, 1 st Vice-Chair
<u> X </u> Julia Richey, 2d Vice-Chair	<u> X </u> Terry Amrine
<u> </u> Alivia Mourot	<u> </u> Gail Kaye
<u> X </u> Charles Simonian	<u> </u> Kristian Boyadzhiev

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of April 29, 2018 were unanimously approved.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chairman -- Joseph Streb: The Chairman reported that the primary purpose of the meeting is to schedule Division events for the 2018-19 fencing season.

Secretary -- Tim Mills: The Secretary reported that the former Secretary, Doug Bliss, has provided him with the log-in information for the Division's website. Further, Mr. Bliss provided armory training to Richard Williams, and the Division equipment is in relatively good working order.

Treasurer -- Fred Hunker:

	<u>04.29.18</u>	<u>08.05.18</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Checking	2,785.19	4,103.30	1318.11
Vanguard Treasury Bond Fund	2,653.39	2,637.29	(16.10)
Vanguard ST Investment Grade BF	4,304.41	4,299.97	(4.44)
Streb Trust Funds	000.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	<u>9,744.39</u>	<u>11,040.56</u>	<u>1296.17</u>

Vice Chairman -- Joseph T. Streb: No report.

2d Vice Chairman – Julia Richey: Ms. Richey reported that four members of Royal Arts have taken and passed the written referee examination, and they would like to take the referee seminar and practical examination. Ms. Richey also reported that the 2019 Arnold will have Div. IA, Div. II, Vet and RJCC ROC status, and it should be the best Arnold ever.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Referee Committee – Joseph Streb, Chairman of the Referee Committee reported that there are no referee seminars currently scheduled; however, due to Ms. Richey’s request, and with Board approval, he will attempt to arrange for a referee seminar the practical examination at Royal Arts on September 28 and 29, 2018. Otherwise, it is expected that there will be referee training available at the 2019 Arnold Fencing Classic.

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

MATTERS OF DISCUSSION (No Formal Action):

MEMBERSHIPS: Board members were reminded to renew USA Fencing Memberships, as it is a new fencing season as of August 1, 2018. Further, as per the resolution passed on April 29, 2018, the Division will reimburse members for the extra cost of obtaining the +Coach or +CheckED (formerly Professional) Membership, upon request.

OSU FENCING: The Chairman reported on the recent changes, especially coaching changes, to the OSU Varsity Fencing Program. Some discussion ensued.

2019 OHIO HIGH SCHOOL FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS: In connection with the coaching changes at OSU and last years’ experience with the OSU Facilities and Compliance Offices, the potential use of the Steelwood facility for the 2018 Ohio High School Championship was discussed. It was determined that we should inquire early regarding the use of the Steelwood facility in order to know in advance whether a different venue will be required. If a different venue is required, the event will be hosted at Royal Arts.

NEW USA FENCING RULE(S): Commencing August 1, 2018, all referees for certified USA Fencing events (meaning events where fencer ratings may be awarded) must be licensed and rated fencing officials.

Further, a new rule with respect to chest protectors is now in effect. Essentially, the new rule requires that chest protection for foil fencers must be covered with soft material. Referees are to check for compliance; however, if a fencer believes this check could be invasive, the fencer may obtain an external marker or card from the bout committee or armorer certifying compliance.

OLD BUSINESS:

(1). OFFICIAL COD EVENT CALANENDAR 2018-2019:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2011-2012 schedule of COD and other notable fencing events will be as follows:

COD JO Qualifiers	December 2, 2018 at Royal Arts
NAC Cincinnati	December 14-17, 2018 (Div I, II, Vet, Open Team)
Todd Curn Memorial	January 26, 2019 at Royal Arts
Junior Olympics	February 15-18, 2019* at Denver
Arnold Fencing/NAC Cleve	March 1-3, 2019*
Ohio High School Championship	March 30, 2019 at TBD
NAC Salt Lake	April 12-15 at Salt Lake City
COD Division II/III Qualifiers	May 5, 2019
Columbus Open	June 8, 2019 * at Royal Arts
Summer Nationals (July Challenge)	June 28-July 7, 2019 at Columbus

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

NEW BUSINESS:

(1). CERTIFICATION OF RESULTS FROM EVENTS: Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed the results of the following event were certified.

- Bautista Memorial, CF&F, 5-20-18
- Columbus Open, Royal Arts, 6-16-18
- Alexander Dumas Memorial, Royal Arts, 7-21-18
- Last Call Open, CF&F, 7-29-18

(2). FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the following resolution was adopted regarding the 2018 Division Financial Statement to USA Fencing:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2018 Financial Statement laid before the meeting by the Treasurer is hereby approved, and he is authorized to do all things necessary and proper with respect thereto.

(3). REFEREE SEMINAR & PRACTICAL EXAMINATION: Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the following resolution was adopted regarding Division sponsored referee training:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Referee Committee is authorized to schedule Division sponsored referee training, being the seminar and practical examination on September 28 and 29, 2018 at Royal Arts in connection with the tournament taking place there that day, and the Treasurer is authorized to expend up to \$1000.00 in connection therewith.

MISCELLANEOUS:

(1). The 2018 COD outing at Schmidt's has been scheduled for October 20, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., and this year the event will honor of Mr. Doug Bliss for his 24 years of service to the Division and the sport of fencing. The guest list for the event will be expanded to include certain non-board members of the fencing community.

(2). The next meeting was set for Sunday, November 25, 2018 at 7:30 P.M. 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/ Tim Mills

Secretary, Tim Mills

/s/ J. S. Streb

Chairman, Joseph S. Streb