

MINUTES OF MEETING OF DIRECTORS

OF

COLUMBUS OHIO DIVISION, USFA, INC.

November 25, 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 25th day of November, 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> </u> Tim Mills, Secretary
<u> X </u> Fred Hunker, Treasurer	<u> X </u> Joseph T. Streb, 1 st Vice-Chair
<u> </u> Julia Richey, 2d Vice-Chair	<u> </u> Terry Amrine
<u> X </u> Alivia Mourot	<u> </u> Gail Kaye
<u> </u> Charles Simonian	<u> </u> Kristian Boyadzhiev

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of August 5, 2018 were unanimously approved with a correction to the dates for the upcoming fencing season on page 3.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chairman -- Joseph Streb: The Chairman reported that the primary purpose of the meeting is to discuss the upcoming JO Qualifier set for Sunday, December 2, 2018 at Royal Arts, commencing at 9:00 a.m. The Chairman also reported that he filed the required Statement Of Continued Existence for the corporation today with the Ohio Secretary Of State and advanced the \$25.00 filing fee.

Secretary – Tim Mills: Absent.

Treasurer -- Fred Hunker: The Treasurer reported that the Division finances are as follows:

	<u>08.05.18</u>	<u>11.25.18</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Checking	4,103.30	3,404.59	(698.71)
Vanguard Treasury Bond Fund	2,637.29	2,649.31	12.02
Vanguard ST Investment Grade BF	4,299.97	4,305.21	5.24
Streb Trust Funds	000.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	<u>11,040.56</u>	<u>10,359.11</u>	<u>(681.45)</u>

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

2d Vice Chairman – Julia Richey: Absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Referee Committee – Joseph Streb, Chairman of the Referee Committee reported that a referee seminar and practical examination was held at Royal Arts on September 28 and 29 with Sean Shumate, and several persons received referee ratings. Those referees are encouraged to continue to work to improve and to consider volunteering to referee at the 2019 Summer Nationals in Columbus. 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: If they have not already done so, Board members were reminded to renew USA Fencing Memberships and to be Safesport certified. 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 more coaching changes, to the The Ohio State University Varsity Fencing Program. Some discussion ensued. There was also some discussion regarding a persistent rumor that one local club believes it will be a branch of the OSU Fencing Program. It is unknown at this time whether there is any truth to this. It is also unknown whether it would be appropriate for OSU to fund a private fencing club or to participate in any way.

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. Mr. Hunker has volunteered to follow-up.

NEW USA FENCING RULE(S): As mentioned at the August 5th meeting, 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.

FINANCIAL REPORTING: Pursuant to a Memo from Bob Bodor, Director of Member Services for USA Fencing, the organization intends to require “an accurate annual bank statement (along with regular financial report) NEXT AUGUST.” According to Mr. Bodor, this is an effort to better organize all accounting as it relates to Divisions. The matter was discussed in light of the fact that the Columbus Division USFA, Inc. is a chartered non-profit corporation under Ohio law with IRC 501(c)(3) tax exempt status and its own federal EIN. And, much of the Division’s funds have not originated with USA Fencing or its predecessor USFA. No action was taken at this time, but the consensus was to respond at some point with a letter setting forth the nature of the COD and asserting that its bank account information is trade secret and confidential.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2018-2019 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.

(2). JO QUALIFIERS: The Treasurer reported that he has obtained the JO medals, and they have provision for an insert to make them specific to the event. The Treasurer suggested that perhaps Mr. Mills could design an insert, and the Division would pay him for his time at \$50 per hour. With respect to referees, Ms. Mourot, Joseph T. Streb, and Joseph S. Streb agreed to participate, and at least one other rated and CheckEd referee will be hired.

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.

- Dual In The Hills, Ohio Univ. FC
- Blue Box Open, Royal Arts

(2). EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT: Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed the following resolution was passed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer is authorized to reimburse the Chairman for the \$25.00 filing fee for the Statement Of Continued Existence and for the \$100.00 Schmidt's deposit, if he has not already done so, and the Chairman is authorized to reimburse the Treasurer for the \$148.93 cost of the JO medals.

Further, all acts of reimbursement of financial expense by the Treasurer from the date of the last meeting to present are hereby ratified.

MISCELLANEOUS:

(1). The 2018 COD outing at Schmidt's has been re-scheduled to January 19, 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, January 13, 2019 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