

**AGNEDA/MINUTES OF MEETING OF DIRECTORS**

**OF**

**COLUMBUS OHIO DIVISION, USFA, INC.**

March 10, 2019

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 13th day of January, 2019.

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 <sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair
<u>  X  </u> Julia Richey, 2d Vice-Chair	<u>  X  </u> Terry Amrine
_____ Alivia Mourot	_____ Gail Kaye
_____ Charles Simonian	_____ Kristian Boyadzhiev

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting of January 13, 2019 were unanimously approved.

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

**Chairman** -- Joseph Streb: The Chairman reported that the primary purpose of the meeting is to discuss the upcoming 2019 Ohio High School Championships currently set for Saturday, March 30, 2019 at Royal Arts and any other matters to come before the meeting.

**Secretary** – Tim Mills: Mr.

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

	<u>1.13.19</u>	<u>03.10.19</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Checking	3,346.20	3,820.66	474.46
Vanguard Treasury Bond Fund	2,677.70	2,690.48	12.78
Vanguard ST Investment Grade BF	4,347.23	4,404.96	57.73
Streb Trust Funds	000.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>10,371.13</u>	<u>10,961.10</u>	<u>589.97</u>

The Treasurer also recounted briefly the history of USA Fencing's various inconsistent interests in Division finances over the years.

**Vice Chairman** -- Joseph T. Streb: Absent.

**2d Vice Chairman** – Julia Richey: The Arnold is coming.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Referee Committee** – Joseph Streb, Chairman of the Referee Committee reported that no referee seminar and practical examination was held at 2019 Arnold Fencing Classic; however, at that event Tirena Oxenrider received an increased referee rating to 6 in epee. Further, the Chairman suggested that all new area referees attempt to do some officiating at the 2019 Summer Nationals in Columbus.

**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.

**UAHS FENCING:** There was some limited discussion of the drama resulting from the demise of the former UAHS FC and the conditional equipment grant (loan) made in 2003.

**2019 OHIO HIGH SCHOOL FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS:** The OSU Facilities and Compliance Offices, were notified of the COD's desire to hold the 2019 Ohio High School Championships at Steelwood, but the request was denied. Nothing was heard in response to the request to the Compliance Office for student referees, and the Chairman will follow-up. Upon last inquiry, the head Coach was not against the request.

**NEW FIE/USA FENCING RULE(S):** As mentioned at the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, commencing August 1, 2018, all referees for certified USA Fencing events (meaning events where fencer ratings may be awarded) must be licensed, rated fencing officials with +Coach or +CheckED status.

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.

Further, FIE has adopted a major change to the non-combativity rule, although US Fencing has yet to adopt the new rule for domestic competitions due to difficulty in complying with the rule. Essentially, there is no longer any shorting of fencing time in individual bouts due to

passivity. Instead, there is a return to issuing penalty cards to fencers for passivity, meaning no touch scored or hit made for one minute. The first time there is passivity, if the score is tied, both fencers receive a yellow card, but if not, the fencer who is behind receives the yellow card. Then, should there be a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> instance of passivity, and the score is tied, both fencers receive a red card, but if not, the fencer who is behind receives the red card. Then, if there is a 4<sup>th</sup> instance of passivity, and the score is tied, both fencers receive a black card (and the fencer with the highest rating wins the bout), but if not, the fencer who is behind receives the black card. Of course, receiving a black card requires a referee report to the bout committee in the U.S., and the effect of a black card is as though the fencer were not present at the competition; hence, any placement points earned to that point in the tournament are forfeited.

**FINANCIAL REPORTING:** Pursuant to a Memo from Director of Member Services for USA Fencing, Bob Bodor, USA Fencing 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. A draft letter was laid before the meeting, but no action taken at this time.

**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:

Ohio High School Championship	March 30, 2019 at Royal Arts
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). TODD CURN MEMORIAL:** The Chairman reported that the the Curn medals have been ordered, and they have a revised sticker on the back. With respect to referees, the usual people 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.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

(1). The 2018 COD outing at Schmidt's on January 19, 2018 honoring former Secretary, Mr. Doug Bliss for his 24 years of service to the Division and the sport of fencing, was a big success, despite the ice and snow that started falling about the end of the event.

(2). The next meeting was set for Sunday, April 28, 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