

Minutes for WFencing Meeting (#5)

**December 13, 2019, 1:00 pm Eastern via Zoom**

**Attendees:**

**Susan Borgos  
Molly Hill  
Jen Oldham  
Cathleen Randall  
Jennie Salmon  
Kathy Vail  
Iris Zimmermann**

Method: Zoom call, hosted by Jen's zoom account, facilitated by Cathleen.

AGENDA

**I. Call to Order and Check In**

Shout outs

**II. Review of Past Meeting**

**III. Work of the Day:**

**A. Update from Nov & Dec NAC**

1. Summary of group meeting at Nov NAC and ideas generated (Kathy Vail)  
Publicity would help. Up against other meetings. Earlier meetings better. General support for WFencing is there -- folks want to know what to do.
2. Summary of group meeting at Dec NAC and ideas generated (Jen & Cathleen)  
About 10 people were present. General conversation about how to support each other and fencing in general.  
Referee meeting for January NAC was popular idea.

**B. Jan NAC Meeting -- Jen**

1. Thursday Jan 2nd evenings objectives planning meeting before Charlotte NAC.  
Meeting schedule has changed [?] -- Jen  
Email re: agenda to follow -- Jen

2. Referee meeting happens at the beginning of each NAC -- suggested maybe stop in to cadre meeting to announce.

Sub group to work with refs -- Susan & Alex G. & Molly & Jen work together to coordinate . Susan wants to schedule a meeting just for women referees. Jen present to help bridge the groups. Sub group will work together -- work together next work Monday or Tuesday.

Generating discussion has been the most powerful  
Jennie to participate.

Jen will head up meeting finalization.

Meeting will be Sunday Jan 5 morning -- fine tuning of objectives based on previous days discussions -- open to all.

3. Additional Meetings

- All members on this call invited
- Open invites on WFencing FB Group
- Donna able to run weekend meetings, Jen Thursday night meeting, need confirmation on planning space, need format and times

Proposed meeting schedule -- **Charlotte NAC**

**Thursday, January 2, evening (7:00-8:00pm?) -- WFencing organization**

**Friday, January 3, morning -- At Meeting with Referees at NAC announce  
Friday evening or Saturday morning meeting for women refs**

**Sunday, January 5, morning (9am-- )**

**C. JO's get together -- Jen & Iris**

Main item for Jan Zoom call.

**D. Newsletter -- Vinnie**

1. Response
2. Email list

Quarterly newsletter is the current thinking. Then make more formal.

Sara Kass has volunteered to help

Vinnie will still be the main sender

Come spring may shift tempo and nature of delivery and content

Newsletter will be connected to website development -- once website is in place, then can shift content and delivery of newsletter. Membership structure types will determine communication content.

Can eventually start MailChimp  
Want to have people write feedback. Have for content.

**E. Future Planning Updates:**

1. Articles of Incorporation (Jen and Susan)  
Being worked on

2. Logo (Christy and Jen)  
No logo as yet  
Molly may know someone  
Cathleen -- maybe [Jenna Woginrich](#)?

Logo requirements discussion:  
Colors -- variety suggested  
Shape -- circle recommended -- shape that fits in social media is goal

Want one sooner than later  
Some funds would be available

Christine has USAFencing person who may be able to do -- been waiting for response -- Jen will have by end of this next week idea.

Then logo review by group -- let's have goal of having something in mind by Jan call

3. Website with ability to take donations (Jen)

Molly reach out to help with need designated planner/organizer  
JO's get together for help with website (they help with USACFC)

4. JO's  
January call will discuss

5. Additional Discussion

US Association of Collegiate Fencing Clubs -- Molly  
Beginning of April tournament for non-NCAA collegiate clubs  
Possible outreach opportunity. Mostly student-run clubs, a few professional coaches <http://www.usacfc.org/> They hire about 40 referees -- includes significant number of women. Resources to help support these

clubs would be good. They want to grow womens' fencing. Mutually beneficial to connect and support

Display of WFencing and connections at NCAA events -- Jennie  
Also great way to connect.

IV. **Plan of Work Review** -- *Meeting Finalization in Charlotte, Logo process finalization*

V. **Wrap Up** -- Set next meeting, method, and facilitator:

Next meetings:

**Charlotte NAC -- times still to be determined**

**Thursday, January 2, evening (7:00-8:00pm?)**

**Friday, January 3, evening (6:00-8:00pm)**

**Sunday, January 5, morning (9am-- )**

**Friday, January 10, 1:00pm Eastern, Zoom Call**