

Minutes for WFencing Meeting (#7)

Friday, February 21, 2020, 1:00 pm Eastern via Zoom

Attendees:

Susan Borgos

Vinnie Bradford

Molly Hill

Susan Jennings

Vickie Miller

Jen Oldham

Cathleen Randall

Dawn Wilson

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

Facilitator: Cathleen Randall

Note-Taker: Cathleen

AGENDA/MINUTES

- I. Call to Order and Check In**
- II. Review of Past Meeting**
- III. Work of the Day:**
 - A. Update from JO's Columbus -**
 1. Summary of Social Meet & Greet (Molly)
 - a) 9 people attended, with a few drop ins..
 - b) Publicizing would help
 - (1) Print a flyer for host to distribute at venue
 - (2) Make a placard and have with host
 - (3) Other signage
 - (4) Logo wear
 - c) Good discussion
 - (1) Reportcard questions/suggestions for inclusion
 - (a) Woman start & continue with the sport
 - (i) Beginners to club or college involvement
 - (ii) Different anecdotes about higher # of females as beginners or in clubs
 - (a) Funding an issue, esp to college clubs
 - (b) Collegiate fencers
 - (c) CFC (collegiate fencing cups -- non-NCAA schools)

Additional discussion:

Re: Reportcard (Vinnie): Gathering this data is very time consuming. Also heavy on low scores -- exceptions on USAFencing Office, Bout Committee, National Team Managers -- which all seem to be caretaker positions (not "glory"). Difference between leadership and participation. Vinnie working on leadership only.

Setting boundaries on what data is gathered for now important.

Asking questions of the leadership about the numbers is key.

Future work -- documenting methods for the future will be important for next person doing the Reportcard. Non-NCAA College clubs are inconsistent in terms of data reporting.

Molly has Non-NCAA College clubs mailing list. She is willing to gather data. We could be a separate article for Newsletter. Molly will do.

Addy (Vinnie's assistant) doing referee #s. Alex Gioella to help. Jen to ping Alex to close loop.

Discussed awards/recognition that WFencing could offer. Possible awardees:

Nikki Franke

Sherry Posthumus

Charlotte Remenyik

Other insights from JO's Meet and Greet:

More mothers bringing daughters recently

Impact of women coaches significant.

ex/ Rochester MN STEM program coach Corlis Hicks i

Zoe Salanda fencer movie coming

2. info page for JOs was useful at JO's meeting

B. Strategic Plan Update (Jen & Donna)

January NAC meeting -- Donna is in process with writing

Need to get on Summer Nationals Board Meeting Agenda -- important!

Need to focus on this and being ready for Summer Nationals.

Will be emails to group asap -- next meeting to discuss and formalize.

C. Logo (Cathleen & Iris)

Group looked at draft logo for WFencing

General discussion: Overall positive

Positive response to the circle, the W, the color

Weapons presence debated

Separate from the W

Useful to distinguish from household fencing

Group now thinking good to include -- just a sword -- rapier maybe?
Make the guard look like the circle of the W?? Maybe too much? (not HEMA). For circle logo -- add sword on far right Circle logo -- bottom right hand corner and "fencing" within the curve of the circle under
Group decided to :

Try additional variations
Need two logos -- Circle & full word
Send back for third (minor) revision for group to see
Keep "curvy" in font

- D. **Newsletter** (Vinnie & Jen) - Finalize plan for how often, content, etc. Need volunteers to help.

Need regular publication. Not too often -- 2-3x year (Spring and Fall).
Monthly updates helpful -- email briefs
Let's do updates for now
Every other month
Jen to drive content -- Vinnie to send
Finalize after March Zoom meeting -- get out in March/April

E. **Summer Nationals Planning Plan**

1. Social planning by Dawn
 - Fundraiser details needed
 - Online invite -- pay online
 - WFencing & site costs
 - Need site costs from Dawn
 - Dawn has site and planning details underway
2. Table/marketing/t-shirts
3. Coaching Clinic
 - Jennie Salmon
 - LFC as host space
 - Vinnie USFCA Professional Development Committee to drive this and coordinate with Dawn
4. Referee Clinics
 - Do we have it?
 - What's the content?
 - Who's running?
5. Speaker Events
6. WFencing Leadership Award - Do we want a current person, or do we remember Charlotte Remenyik? Promote Remenyik for USAFencing Hall of Fame award? Do our own Hall of Fame Award?

Summer Nationals Planning needs to be focus on the March meeting!!

Meeting in two weeks about Summer Nationals would be useful to have
Send email next week
Strategic Plan
Suggestions for Summer Natls
Planning Leaders

March NAC or April NAC -- Meet n Greet or Planning for Nationals as focus of meetings

F. Future Planning Action Items On Deck:

1. Articles of Incorporation
2. Website with ability to take donations
3. Referee and Coaching Clinics associated with USFCA and USA Fencing updates.
4. NCAA WFencing Organizing - Supporting our professional future.

IV. **Next Meeting Dates:** -- *Friday, March 27th, 1pm Eastern*
Friday, April 24,
Friday, May 15

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

Proposed next meetings:

NAC, March 20-23, Detroit

Friday, March 27, 1:00pm Eastern, Zoom Call

NAC, April 17-20, St. Louis

Friday, April 24, 1:00pm Eastern, Zoom Call

Friday, May 15, 1:00pm Eastern, Zoom Call

Friday, June 19, 1:00pm Eastern, Zoom Call

Summer Nationals, June 28-July 7, 2020, Louisville, KY