

Minutes for WFencing Meeting (#8)

Thursday, April 23, 2020, 4:00 pm Eastern via Zoom

Attendees:

**Susan Borgos
Vinnie Bradford
Elizabeth Earls
Ina Harizanova
Molly Hill
Vickie Miller
Jen Oldham
Cathleen Randall
Pixie Roane
Jennie Salmon
Kathy Vail
Dawn Wilson**

Facilitator: Cathleen Randall

Note-Taker: Cathleen

AGENDA

I. Call to Order and Check In -- how are you?

Everyone updates on their own situation (locale, fencing, other).

There is a wide range of experiences -- some locales/clubs having a very difficult time.

Many coaches are finding ways to use online platforms to connect with their club communities.

USA Fencing and insurance now (as of 4/20/20) covers online coaching.

It is helpful to have each other as support.

II. Work of the Day:

A. Framing the Agenda (Jen)

In this new era of COVID-19 that has emerged in the past month and a half, it has been hard. It feels like a restart. Also, it feels like an opportunity to evolve.

WFencing can help.

B. WFencing Report Card (Vinnie)

1.2 GPA USFA

.20 USFCA

Improvement (including more women in fencing) is needed

Should have draft done in a couple of weeks

Provide a copy to all fencing leadership & American Fencing mag -- Canadian coaching & Tucker Center
Summer Nationals Board of Directors mtg -- looking into it
Vinnie and Molly talking about how to include add'l college fencing data

C. Have the needs changed? (Jen)

The group discussed ways to address the current needs. Possible responses include:

Support group meetings for
Club Owners -- Jen
Fencing Mgr -- Vinnie
Processing Grief with Students
Coaching More than Fencing
Trying to Meet Basic Needs
Resource sharing to local support
General connection chat
College coaches

Continue to be a support group for us, too

What do leaders need?

Guidelines on SafeSport for Zoom
https://uscenterforsafesport.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/SS_Digital-Safety-Flyer-041620.pdf
Funding assistance
How to conduct online lessons & classes
Hosting Panels would help -- especially to highlight women coaches
innovating in the crisis
Looking to host a panel next Friday on Zoom with questions submitted in advance

D. Next Steps

Newsletter out next week
Keep sharing resources on FB
Support sessions schedule/announce/host
Create a panel meeting on coaching innovations