

Q2 2025 KS Division Fencing Meeting

Wednesday, May 7th, 2025

6-7pm

Central Resource Library

Attendees - Committee Members – Samantha Herdman, Tracie Lewis, Grady Robertson, Steve Wildman

1) Meeting called to order at 601pm by Grady R.

2) Financial Report -Steve Wildman

- a. Three deposits since Q1 meeting, February 5th, 2025
 - i. Junior Olympic and Summer Nationals qualifier fees
 - ii. USA Fencing
- b. Refunds will be issued to some Summer National participants – as certain fencers did not need to register/fence in two events.
- c. Ending balance as of 04.30.25 is \$7043.79

3) Old Business

- a. 2025 Referee Clinic

Discussion and decision made to hold after Labor Day. Sam will check with Heartland. Question regarding interest will be included in Division Survey, See Old Business, c.

Follow-up: Clinic Details: Instructor, Date, Time

- b. Division – Fund Usage

No Update – Grady previously contacted USA Fencing regarding types of events and/or items may be covered by division funds. Have not received any feedback. Will continue to reach out for guidance.

- i. Brief discussion regarding Division laptop. Sam to query old board members to see if one is in possession of it. Possible use of funds to replace laptop and procure a registered copy of “Fencing Time”

Follow-up: Grady to follow-up with USA Fencing

- c. Division – Survey

At February’s meeting, question was posed if the division has asked what the priorities are of its members or maintains a roster of members. From this, Sam investigated how to create a survey thru google forms. Discussion regarding what to ask in the survey was decided.

- 1. Interest in a Referee Clinic – Y/N
- 2. Interest in an Armory Clinic – Y/N
- 3. Interest in division/board – Y/N

4. Other/Comments/Interests/Do to improve – Open ended

5. Capture Members Email

Sam will write/create the survey by early next week. Tracie to submit to USA Fencing for distribution by 5/17/25. (1 of 4 blast emails provided by USAF)

<https://forms.gle/1242iBhw4vojyahq6>

Blast submitted to USA Fencing on 5/15/2025.

Follow-up: Compile Results

d. Division – Equipment

Equipment in Grady's guest bedroom. Three full strips with scoring. Fourth strip available without scoring machine. Strips are available to be used by division clubs when needed for a tournament. Contact division via email when requesting.

Follow-up: Grady to continue to work on fourth scoring machine

e. Armory Clinic

Discussion and decision made to hold separate from the Referee Clinic. Date to be determined.

*Al France (?) recommended David Needle as an instructor. David is based in Wisconsin. He provided names of individuals closer to Kansas City, Chris Green or Ron Herman.

Follow-up: Grady to confirm individual and schedule

f. Division – Annual meeting/Elections

Annual meeting and elections are to be held between May 1st and July 31st. Communication to Division members must be received 21 days prior to meeting.

*KS Division Annual meeting will be held Wednesday July 23rd, 6-7pm at the Central Resource Library. Email blast to be sent no later than June 23rd.

Blast to include:

1. Date/Location/Time
2. Current executive committee members names and position
3. Committee and position requirements
4. Contact information if interest

Follow-up: Tracie to draft communication, submit to USAF and reserve room/video option(?), Post meeting - Division officer form to be filled out and sent to USAF

g. Division Event - Community

Standing Item – Programs for the division to support camaraderie across clubs as additional ways to use division funds

4) **New Business**

a. Working Calendar

Proposal made to create a working calendar to include meetings, tournaments and division payments. A living document to include division responsibilities, timelines and due dates.

Follow-up: Grady to mock-up and present at August meeting

b. Upcoming Tournaments in the Division

HFA Summer Challenge, June 8th, Heartland Fencing Academy, KS

[HFA Summer Challenge | Heartland Fencing Academy,INC | Overland Park, KS | AskFRED](#)

5) Reminders

a. Kansas Division ANNUAL meeting Wednesday July 23rdth, 2025, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Central Resource Library

Central Conference Room 20

b. Upcoming Events:

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2025 Summer Nationals, June 28th – July 7th, 2025, Milwaukee, WI

[USA Fencing | Summer Nationals 2025](#)

KS Division Meeting Q3, August 6th, 2025, Central Resource Library

Central Conference Room 01, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

KS Division Meeting Q4, November 5th, 2025, Central Resource Library

6) Meeting adjourned at 0701pm