

KS Fencing Division – 2026 Annual Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 27th, 2026

6-7pm

Central Resource Library

Attendees - Committee Members – Samantha Herdman, Tracie Lewis, Grady Robertson, Steve Wildman
Guest Division Member – Jay Johnson

1) Meeting called to order at 605pm by Grady Robertson

2) Minutes from the May 6th meeting had previously been sent to the committee.

Tracie Lewis made a motion to approve minutes. Seconded by Samantha Herdman. Motion passed.

3) Division – Nomination and Election of Committee Positions

Results of the nominations and voting for the KS Division 2026-2027 Committee positions

Grady Robertson (HFA) – Chair

Samantha Herdman (FRF) – Vice Chair

Tracie Lewis (KCFC) – Secretary

Steve Wildman (KCFC) – Treasurer

Follow-up: Division Officer & Financial Report Form to be filled out and sent to USA Fencing
– Due October 31st – Steve to complete.

4) Old Business

a. Division – Community Event

“Fencing Open House” presented by Jay Johnson at May 6th meeting.

Summary – Jay Johnson proposed to the board that the division support an “open house/ introduction to fencing” for individuals who may be curious about the sport but hesitant or unsure how to proceed.

- i. Division would provide funds to rent the clubs of the division through the “party” aspect as advertised at each club (facility use fee)
- ii. Jay to market event and fencing on Tic-Tok/Instagram
- iii. Individuals who connect with Jay would have access to sign-up at one of the events
- iv. Division requested more information and clearer expectations prior to moving forward. This includes goals/expectations, who will coach/teach, club approval, wavers, equipment, who does what, when

Follow-Up/Discussion

- v. Jay spoke with Kelly Williams (KCFC) who voiced resistance due to no “buy-in” by participants as they would not be financially contributing to the event.

- vi. Jay has communicated with the non-profit Black Boys Fence [Home - Black Boys Fence](#) and gathered direction and information.
- vii. Focus changed to having demonstrations at schools with the end goal being creation of an after-school program. The focus group is underrepresented populations.
- viii. School requirements, liability, equipment and other logistics need discussed and worked through.

Follow-up: Jay will find and work with 3 or 4 schools, gather more information and follow up with the board.

b. Division – Outreach

Grady Robertson nominated Jay Johnson for the KS Fencing Division executive committee as a Vice Chair with a focus on outreach and special programs.

Position approved.

5) Meeting adjourned at 0629pm

6) Reminders

a. [DATE CHANGED] KS Division Meeting Q3 2026, August 12th, 2026 @ 0600-0700pm

Central Resource Library, Central Conference Room 1

b. Upcoming Events

Check AskFRED <https://www.askfred.net/>

c. Division Meetings

KS Division Meeting Q3, August 12th, 2026, Central Resource Library

KS Division Meeting Q4, November 4th, 2026, Central Resource Library

January 2027 North American Cup & Junior Olympics, January 8-11th, 2027, Oklahoma City