

Q2 2026 KS Division Fencing Meeting

Wednesday, May 6th, 2026

6-7pm

Central Resource Library

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

Guest Division Member – Jay Johnson

Absent – Steve Wildman

1) Meeting called to order at 603pm by Grady Robertson

2) Financial Report -Tracie Lewis (provided by Steve Wildman)

- a. Balance on 01/31/2026 **\$6,769.44**
- b. Transactions
 - i. 3/25/26 USFA \$15.00
 - ii. 4/6/26 Stripe (**\$100.00**)
- c. Ending balance on 04/30/2026 **\$6,684.44**
- d. Referee Clinic Expenses
 - i. Airfare: \$357
 - ii. Hotel: \$322
 - iii. Photocopying: \$149
 - iv. Seminar Fee – 20 attendees @ \$75 = \$1500
 - v. Mr. Badavi arranged airfare. Sam Herdman provided a check for \$1857 to Mr. Badavi to cover airfare and seminar fees
 - vi. Check for **\$2328** issued to Samantha Herdman
- e. Balance after Referee Clinic Expenses **\$4356.44**
- f. Refunds for division events dispersed. Grady to provide details to Steve regarding the qualifier deposits and refunds.
FOLLOW-UP: Grady to send transaction details to Steve
- g. Motion made by Tracie Lewis to approve treasurer report. Motion approved.

3) Old Business

- a. Division – Equipment
Tracie inquired if the division has a grounded strip. No, scoring machines only.
- b. 2025 Armor Clinic

Per previous discussion – If arrange again have more equipment to fix for examples and hands-on experience. Begin moving forward for a Division Hosted Weapon night. Members will discuss with club coaches and follow-up via email.

FOLLOW-UP: Email board with results of discussion

c. 2026 Referee Clinic

- i. Event Discussion – Event was well attended, 20 attendees, many younger athletes. Mr. Badavi was an engaged observer, providing advice and interacting as individuals refereed.
- ii. Suggestions – Charge a small fee to those attending to increase investment and engagement in process. Division could send a “congratulations” when an individual completes their certification.

Follow-up: Sam to monitor USA Fencing and send a congratulatory email when certification is complete.

d. Division Calendar

Link provided to board members. Members encouraged to add items, reminders and events. Working calendar: Include meetings, tournaments, division payments, division responsibilities, timelines and due dates.

Division Calendar:  [KS Division Planning Calendar.docx](#)

e. Summer Nationals – Held Weekend of April 25th. No Events Fenced. Qualifiers submitted.

4) **New Business**

a. “Fencing Open House” – Jay Johnson presented to board

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: Jay will gather more information and follow-up with the board.

Follow-up: Sam to discuss with Mark, Five Rings, as to its feasibility to hold one.

b. Annual Meeting

Set for Monday July 27th from 6-7pm for the Annual Division meeting and board elections

Follow-up: Tracie to reserve room at Central Resource library and send email 1 month prior with a follow-up reminder approximately 2 weeks before.

5) Standing Business

a. Division – Fund Usage

i. See Armor and Referee Clinic

ii. Discussion – Could the division provide a stipend or funds, in some manner, to a club to supplement bringing in a coach for a camp or workshop or training/education for coaches. Event would have to be open for all of the Division, posted on ASKFRED.

STIPEND – DISCUSSION CONTINUATION regarding possibility of the division to support clubs and costs associated with summer camps – Would need to ask/research. Verbiage from USA fencing implies that division would need to be the host of the camp/clinic. Should division investigate hosting such an event?

b. Division – Community Event

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

*See New Business, Jay Johnson Proposal

c. Division – Communications

i. Update at USA Fencing – the division now has a “portal.” Each board officer can send up to two emails a month.

ii. Discussion regarding the division creating a list serve of member emails – How would it be managed? By whom? Are/Do individuals check junk mail? Are members aware that emails come from the division? Decision to continue to email through USA Fencing and monitor new process/portal.

iii. 2025 Division Member Survey – No responses. Will resend with new season.

iv. See Division Calendar

6) Motion made to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 0654pm

7) Reminders

a. Kansas Division ANNUAL meeting Monday, July 27th, 2026 @ 0600-0700pm

Central Resource Library, Central Conference Room 20

b. KS Division Meeting Q3 2026, August 5th, 2026 @ 0600-0700pm

Central Resource Library, Central Conference Room 1

c. Upcoming Events

Nights of Summer – Foil & Epee Youth, May 17th, Heartland Fencing Academy, KS

[The Knights of Summer-\(Foil & Epee Youth\) | Heartland Fencing Academy,INC | Overland Park, KS | AskFRED](#)

HFA Summer Challenge, June 6th, Heartland Fencing Academy, KS

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

KCFC Fencing Summer Games, June 20th, Kansas City Fencing Center

[KC Fencing Summer Games | Kansas City Fencing Center | Lenexa, KS | AskFRED](#)

Heartland Fencing Summer National Camp, June 22-26th, Heartland Fencing Academy, KS

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

2026 Summer Nationals, June 27 – July 6th, Portland Oregon

[2026 Summer Nationals & July Challenge | USA Fencing](#)

d. Division Meetings

Kansas Division ANNUAL meeting Monday, July 27th, 2026, Central Resource Library

KS Division Meeting Q3, August 5th, 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