

# Gold Coast Fencing Division (GCD)

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## Board Meeting Minutes

- Attendance
  - Rafael Suarez, Chairman
  - Javier Andino, Vice President
  - Eugenio Cano, Secretary
  - Alddy Antolinez (Miami Lakes Fencing Club)
  - Ivan Carballo (Carballo's Fencing Club)
  - Anne-Marie Walters (Masters Fencing Club)
  - Alberto Knoepffler
- Annual Division Report
  - Rafael presented to the board past annual reports with irregularities, which included names of board members that were not official and without the permission of the named persons.
  - Moving forward, the GCD will complete an Annual Division Report. Every Board Officer will be listed.
    - As a side note, Executive Board members must be from clubs that are in current standing with the USA Fencing Association.
- Finances
  - Rafael reports that with the help of USA Fencing Association, he was able to retrieve \$6,000 from the past Chairman.
  - Current board will try to raise funds to invest in equipment, including scoring machines and strips
    - GCD will receive \$3 fee from USA Fencing for every membership in the Division. The GCD has between 200-300 members.

Saturday, September 8, 2018

- Other sources to consider includes a percentage from entry fees of local tournaments in the Division.
- With funds available, GCD will try to purchase up to 4 strips.
- Scheduling of tournaments
  - Under consideration is allow up to 4 sanctioned USA Fencing Association per club.
    - Each club is asked to notify the GCD when it plans to have a tournament.
    - The GCD will email blast with a newsletter which will contain the upcoming local tournaments.
  - Cannot have a local tournament during an official USA Fencing tournament in the Division, for example a divisional qualifier cannot occur during a NAC.
- Training Camps
  - GCD would like to consider hosting camps for fencers across the division
- Things to do:
  - Rafael will circulate the GCD By-Laws for board to review
  - Annual Report needs to be finalized by Sept. 30, 2018
  - Financial Report by Sept. 30, 2018
  - The board will work on an Operating Manual for GCD, which will include scheduling of tournaments in GCD. A draft will be circulated for comments
- Other Matters
  - Javier updated the Board on preparations of upcoming the V Inter Club Championship of the Americas.
    - International tournament to be held Nov. 30 to Dec. 2 in Ft. Lauderdale
    - Nov. 2 deadline to register
    - Foreign participants and coaches must first register before receiving invitation for visa purposes.