

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP
 CAPITOL DIVISION, USFA
 22 JULY 2018
 DC Fencers Club, Silver Spring, MD

Meeting Attendees:

Position	Name	Present	Absent
Chairperson	Carole Jeandheur	+	
Vice-Chairperson	Arnold Wynn	+	
Treasurer	Rebecca Chimahusky	+	
Secretary	Bettie Graham	+	
Member-at-Large	Valerie Asher	+	
Member-at-Large	Raymond Finkleman	+	
Member-at-Large	Aaron Ruby		+
Club Representative	Chevy Chase Fencing Club-Xavier Jordon		+
Club Representative	DC Fencers Club—Katelyn Keegan		+
Club Representative	Capital Fencing Academy-Jill Feldman		+
Club Representative	George Washington University FC-Hunter Higgison	+	
Club Representative	Half Shell/U Maryland FC		+
Club Representative	Invicta Sports		+
Club Representative	National Capital Fencers Club		
Club Representative	Rockville Fencing Academy		+
Club Representative	Royal Fencing Academy—Teja Safai	+	
Club Representative	Royal Imperial Fencing Club		+
Cap Div Member	DC Fencers Club-Laura Johnson		

Opening of the Meeting: Carole opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for taking the time to participate in the annual meeting in order to provide input to the 2018-2019 Capitol Division, USFA activities. She reiterated the importance of having more people involved with the Division’s efforts throughout the year.

Treasurer’s Report:

Totals for the year:

Income	\$22,879.67
Expense	\$22,577.96
Profit	\$301.71

Bank balance as of 31 July: \$28,637

Total profits for tournaments for the season was \$21,493, and total costs was \$14,833. Total USFA rebate for the year was \$1,386.

Other costs: 11 international travel grants (\$4,400 total); 2 club grants (\$600 total); Annual Mike Brown Award (\$75); bi-annual website costs (\$153.12); stamps (\$10); and a stop payment (\$36) on a check that was lost in the mail (one of the grant checks); rent this year was increased from \$1,600 per year to \$2,200 a year.

Rebecca noted that the proceeds from the Cherry Blossom Open (CBO) were much less than in past years, primarily due to the fewer number of participants. The total profit from the CBO was \$1,341.00 which was split evenly between the Half Shell/UM Fencing Club and the Division. The low turnout was due to competing USFA regional competitions, NCAA championships in April, the April NAC, the USFA Super Youth Circuit and the lateness of the CBO. The Division still has about \$20,000.00 in the bank.

It was noted that since George Washington University Fencing Club is now a division member, it might be possible for them to provide some personnel to assist UM club with the CBO. Hunter Higgison will follow up with the UM fencing club.

Capitol Division Grant Programs: The Capitol Division has two grant programs:

- (1) The International Competition Grant provides eligible fencers \$400.00 per year to defray the cost of competing in international events. In the past, the eligible events were limited to FIE competitions, but was expanded this year to include international competitions that may be sponsored by countries. This year twelve awards were made.
- (2) Developmental Grants in the amount of \$300 are offered to clubs to enhance the experience of Division fencers; they are not to be used for routine club expenses. Clubs, except university clubs, are eligible for grants every two years; university clubs are eligible for grants every year. Two grants were awarded this year.

Election of Officers for the 2018-2019: The Nomination Committee which is made up of Capitol Division club representatives, put forth the following slate for 2018-2019.

Chair: Carole Jeandheur
Vice Chair: Arnold Wynn
Secretary: Bettie Graham
Treasurer: Rebecca Chimahusky
At Large Member: Valerie Asher
At Large Member: Raymond Finkleman
At Large Member: Aaron Ruby

The vote to accept the nomination slate was unanimous.

The meeting started at 1:10 pm and adjourned at 1:40 pm.