

FIRST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
 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		

Schedule of Division Fencing Events: Ray drafted a schedule of Capitol Division USFA events for the 2018-2019 season. The Division sponsors six events. Only one change was made to the proposed schedule and that was to switch the CBO to an earlier date. The approved Capitol Division's schedule is:

Tom Wright Memorial Veteran Fencing Tournament	September 16, 2018
Jr. Olympic Qualifiers	November 3 and 4, 2018
Youth 12 and Under Tournament	December 2, 2018
Cherry Blossom Open (dependent on UM calendar)	March 30 and 31, 2019
Summer National Qualifiers	April 27 and 28, 2019
Tune-Up Open	June 22 and 23, 2019

Clubs that wish to have their events sanctioned should contact Ray.

Teja, Coach of the Royal Fencing Academy, offered to sponsor a referee clinic. He was provided with information about the requirements for USFA sanctioned referee clinic.

Continuation of Grants Programs: It was agreed unanimously to: (1) continue the International Competition Grants and the Development Grants and (2) allow all university clubs to apply for a Development Grant each year.

Ethical Conduct: Given the amount of press about ethical conduct, violence, sexual harassment and bullying associated with sports activities, the Committee recommended that the Division develop a code of conduct that should be prominently posted in all Capitol Division clubs. Valerie had agreed to draft some language.

Post meeting, Ray informed the committee that he had contacted Lorrie Holmes, member of the US Fencing Board of Directors, to request that US Fencing Association develop and publish a SafeSport poster that can be displayed at all USFA clubs. She agreed to bring it up at an emergency meeting of the Board, scheduled for July 23. The results of this discussion have not been disclosed.

Management of Capitol Division Fencing Competitions: The Capitol Division would like to have individuals from more clubs participate in running the Division's tournaments. Katelyn Keegan has volunteered to be the referee wrangler. There is a need for more referees and bout committee managers. Several names were recommended and members agreed to follow up with them.

Stipends: The Committee had a brief discussion about stipends for referees, referee wranglers and bout committee managers. No changes in the level of stipends were recommended.

The meeting started at 1:40 pm and adjourned at 2:15 pm