

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP
CAPITOL DIVISION, USFA
14 JULY 2019
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-Matthew Moore	+	
Club Representative	DC Fencers Club-Katelyn Keegan		+
Club Representative	Capital Fencing Academy-Nick Ferrara	+	
Club Representative	George Washington University FC-Hunter Higgison	+	
Club Representative	Half Shell/U Maryland FC		+
Club Representative	Nazlymov Fencing –Jill Feldman	+	
Club Representative	Invicta Sports		+
Club Representative	National Capital Fencers Club		+
Club Representative	Royal Fencing Academy—Teja Safai	+	
Club Representative	Royal Imperial Fencing Club		+
Cap Div Member	Galen Emanuel	+	
Cap Div Member	Maggie Brasted	+	

The meeting was opened at 1:10 pm.

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 2019-2020 Capitol Division, USFA activities. Since she is vacating the Division Chair, Carole thanked everyone for their support of her and the Division during the 2018-2019 fencing year.

Carole was contacted by Rich Weiss, Chair of the Virginia Division of USFA, inquiring about reviving the Chesapeake Challenge Circuit. The Division may soon receive a request regarding this.

Treasurer's Report:

Totals for the year:

Income	\$20,662.86
Expense	\$22,273.38

Deficit - \$1,160.52

[NOTE: Bank balance as of 15 June was \$26,509.77. The end of year balance will be lower since there are a few outstanding checks for that that have not been deposited as of Mid-July.]

The itemized treasurer's report is included in a separate document.

Several members commented on the continued drop in participation of fencers in the Cherry Blossom Open (CBO). The income in years 2013-2017 was in the range of \$15K to \$18K. Income for 2018 was approximately \$9.5K. With the assistance of Katelyn Keegan and Nick Ferrara, the costs for referees and hotel accommodations continue to be very economical. In addition, the University of Maryland does not charge for the use of the armory.

Of note was that four new Division members earned USFA referee ratings this year.

Election of Officers for the 2019-2020:

The Nomination Committee, made up of Capitol Division club representatives, put forth the following slate for 2019-2020:

Chair: Galen Emanuel
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.

ACTION: The name of club representatives should be sent to Bettie by 2 August 2019.

Capitol Division Grant Programs:

The Capitol Division has two grant programs:

- (1) The International Competition Grants provide eligible fencers \$400.00 per year to defray the cost of competing in international events. Six grants were awarded this year.
- (2) The Club Developmental Grants provide \$300 to allow clubs to enhance the experience of Division fencers; they cannot 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. Six grants were awarded this year.

The success of this program has spread to other Divisions. The Virginia Division now has a similar program. Valerie was applauded for her efforts in strengthening the Capitol Division's fencers and clubs.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm.