

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
 CAPITOL DIVISION, USFA
 8 August 2021
 Virtual Meeting

Meeting Attendees:

Position	Name	Present	Absent
Chairperson	Nick Ferrara	+	
Vice-Chairperson	Arnold Wynn		+
Treasurer	Fen Tamulonis	+	
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-Byron Neslund	+	
Club Representative	George Washington University FC-Hunter Higgison		+
Club Representative	Half Shell/University of 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	Maggie Brasted-Rockville Fencing Academy	+	
Cap Div Member	Elliott Clinton (Capital Fencing Academy)	+	
Cap Div Member	Philip Keefer (Capital Fencing Academy)	+	
Cap Div Member	Malcolm Patterson (Rockville Fencing Academy)	+	

The meeting was opened at 2:37 P.M.

Nick welcomed members to the first meeting of the 2021-2022 Fencing Year.

Schedule of Division Fencing Events:

Ray drafted a tentative schedule of Capitol Division USFA events for the 2020-2021 season (see attachment). The schedule is contingent on USFA's 2021-2022 schedule which has not been finalized. The Cherry Blossom Open (CBO) will be a ROC this season. Nick will work with UMD Fencing Club to ensure that this event gets on the University's calendar to lock in the dates.

Clubs that wish to have their events sanctioned for 2021-2022 events should contact Ray. Given the current situation with COVID, Valerie, as the Division's COVID Officer, will be asked again to keep the Division abreast of the pandemic situation and ensure that all events are held in compliance with COVID regulations.

ACTION: (1) As a backup, Nick will explore alternate sites to hold the CBO and (2) Valerie will be asked to keep the Division in compliance with COVID regulations.

Review Fees for Registration Fees and Stipends for Capitol Division Event Officials:

By unanimous vote it was agreed that:

(1) all Division sponsored events will require fencers to register via AskFRED. Registration fees will remain at \$10.00. Entry fees will be increased to \$30.00 per event entered if preregistered on AskFRED. Late entry fee, including walk-ins, will be \$60.00 per event entered.

(2) the referee fee schedule will change as listed below:

Referee Rating	Stipend/Day (\$)
1	200
2	190
3	180
4	150
5	130
6-7	110
8-10	80
Unrated	50

Meet Manager \$150/day

Referee "Wrangler" \$50 per competition

Meet Managers who referee and manage the event will be paid only for managing the meet.

The fee schedule for the Cherry Blossom Open is set by the event managers.

See attachment for details about the Division's fees.

International Competition and Club Development Programs:

It was unanimously agreed that the Division should continue its development grants to clubs and international travel grants to Capitol Division international competitors.

All clubs are eligible to apply for club development awards in fencing year 2021-2022.

Mike Brown Award

By unanimous consent, the Mike Brown Award (one-year USFA collegiate competitive membership) will be given again this year to a promising University of Maryland fencer.

Host Server for Capitol Division Web Site

ACTION: Ray will research options for hosting the Division's website.

Other Issues

Annual Disclosure to USFA: Fen will send the information to USFA.

Risk Mitigation: To ensure that the key positions (Treasurer, Secretary, and Website Manager) in the operations of the Capitol Division are not at risk of losing critical information, Nick asked that individuals in these three positions develop Standard Operating Procedures that would be hosted on the Division's internal site.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 P.M..