

INFORMAL MEETING
2013-2014 CAPITOL DIVISION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
DC Fencers Club
Silver Spring, MD
13 JULY 2014

Members Present: Valerie Asher; K E “Maggie” Brasted; Ozzie Fallick; Raymond Finkleman; Sally Gifford; Bettie Graham; Lewis Slotter; Malcolm Patterson; Josh Scala; Cindy Sirico; Diane Trice; Stephanie Turner; and Arnold Wynn.

- 1. Informal Discussion of the 2014-2015 Schedule.** Ray drafted a proposed schedule of Division competitions and distributed the list of recurring club events. Because the schedule for ROCs has not been confirmed, a working draft schedule could not be discussed. Some of the issues/information regarding the fencing year are:
 - 1) The proposed date for the Tom Wright Veteran event is October 5. Normally this event is scheduled around Veteran’s Day, but this year the World Veteran International Competition is scheduled for October 21-26, making it too close to Veteran’s Day.
 - 2) The University of Maryland has agreed to give Terrapin Fencing Club priority over use of the UM venue previously used for the Cherry Blossom Open. Stephanie Turner will be organizing the event. Nick Ferrara has agreed, for a second year, to assist in the planning. Cindy also indicated that members of the Division can be called upon to volunteer, if needed. The proposed dates for the Cherry Blossom Open are March 28-29, 2015.
 - 3) One Division sponsored Youth-10/12 event will be scheduled for the 2014-2015 fencing season. It is proposed that this event be a three weapon event and that clubs wishing to host this event should submit a bid to the Executive Committee.
- 2. Fees for Division Events and Officials.** The 2013-2014 fee schedule was distributed. There was a discussion about encouraging participants to register (but not pay) through ASKFRED as a way to gauge the number of referees needed and to let other fencers get an indication of the strength of the event. To encourage pre-registration, it was proposed that walk-ons pay an additional five dollars (\$5.00) entry fee.
- 3. Proposed Clinics.** There was discussion of having a meet management clinic and a referee clinic this season. There was general enthusiasm for both. Some of the details to be worked out are: (1) timing for both clinics; (2) identifying referee instructors within close geographical distance to

reduce costs; and (3) identifying the appropriate fencing event for the practicum for those pursuing a referee rating. Should a referee clinic be approved, Ray will check with the Chevy Chase Community Center for space, which will be free of charge.

4. **Mike Brown Award.** Nick Heath has been selected for this award. He should send a picture and bio to Ray for the Capitol Division Website.
5. **Next Meeting.** A Doodle poll will be sent out to determine the date of the first meeting of the 2014-2015 fencing year.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.