


ANNUAL MEETING
 CAPITOL DIVISION, USFA
 19 July 2015
 DC Fencers Club
 Silver Spring, MD

Attendance:

2014–2015 Executive Committee		Present	Absent
Officers			
Chair	David Ruskin	X	
Vice-Chair	Arnold Wynn	X	
Secretary	Bettie Graham	X	
Treasurer	Rebecca Chimahusky	X	
Representatives			
Chevy Chase Fencing Club	Gayatri Bhalla-Ladd	X	
DC Fencers Club	Diane Trice	X	
Capital Fencing Academy	Nick Ferrara		X
Rockville Fencing Academy	Malcolm Patterson	X	
Terrapin Fencing Club	Stephanie Turner	X	
Royal Imperial Fencing	Gitty Mohebban		X
National Capital Fencing Club	Todd Bukowski		X
National Fencing Foundation	T. Mark Miller		X
Members at Large			
	Coleen Baldree—Royal FA		X
	Raymond Finkleman—CCFC	X	
	Valerie Asher—DCFC	X	
Capitol Division Members			
Capital Fencing Academy	Patricia Green	X	
Rockville Fencing Academy	K. E. “Maggie” Brasted	X	

David Ruskin, the Chair, Capitol Division, USFA, called the meeting to order at 1:20 pm. The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the 2015–2016 Annual Meeting of the Capitol Division, USFA.

1. **Treasurer’s Report.** The Division finished the year with an approximate \$3,000 surplus; the surplus in past years has varied between \$1,000 and \$2,000. The Cherry Blossom Open did generate more funds than in previous years. Nick was acknowledged for spearheading an efficient spending plan.

The financial report can be found at:  [2014-2015 Capitol Division Financial Report](#).

2. **Grant Programs.** Valerie reported on the two grant programs she shepherded during the year. (1) *International Travel Grants*: Eleven grants were awarded; three of them to a veteran fencers. Three clubs applied for development grants. Valerie reminded members that clubs are eligible to apply for one grant every two years, except the Terrapin Fencing Club who can apply every year in appreciation for their work on the Cherry Blossom Open.
3. **Election of Officers.** The nominating committee, which is composed of one member of each club in the Division, presented the following slate for the 2015–2016 year:

Chairperson: David Ruskin
Vice Chairperson: Arnold Wynn
Treasurer: Rebecca Chimahusky
Secretary: Bettie Graham
Members at Large:

- Ray Finkleman
- Valerie Asher
- Vacant

The slate was unanimously approved. The third Member at Large position had two nominations from the floor. The members recommended that clubs be aware of this vacancy and that nominations be sent to the Secretary of the Division (bettie_graham@nih.gov) by 15 August 2015. The nomination should include a one paragraph description of why the nominee is interested in the position. According to the By-Laws, the Executive Committee will vote at its next meeting which will take place at a later date.

Note to Executive Committee Members. USFA’s Safe Sport policy applies to USA Fencing employees, coaches, contracted staff, volunteers, board members, committee and task force members, division officers and other individuals working with athletes or other sport participants while at a USA Fencing event, whether or not they are employees of USA Fencing (collectively, “constituents”).

Other Items. (a) As a result of the referee clinic, three Capitol Division members received ratings. (b) Coaches should ensure that all Capitol Division members with home addresses in Maryland are registered under the Capitol Division and not the Maryland Division. (c) Coaches should send in the names of their club representative to the Secretary by 15 August 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.