

INFORMAL MEETING
2015-2016 CAPITOL DIVISION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
DC Fencers Club
Silver Spring, MD
19 JULY 2015

Members Present:

Executive Committee: Valerie Asher, Gayatri Bhalla-Ladd, Rebecca Chimahusky, Raymond Finkleman, Bettie Graham, Malcolm Patterson, David Ruskin, Diane Trice, Stephanie Turner, and Arnold Wynn.

Capitol Division Members: K. E. "Maggie" Brasted and Patricia Green.

The meeting started at 1:45 p.m.

1. **Informal Discussion of the 2015–2016 Schedule.** Ray presented a proposed schedule of Division-sponsored competitions. The proposed dates for Division sponsored events were: (a) Tom Wright Veteran Event—October 4; (b) Junior Olympic Qualifiers—November 21/22; (c) Youth 10–12 —December 13; (c) Cherry Blossom Open—April 16/17; and (5) Summer Nationals Qualifiers—undecided. Ray and David will work together to come up with possible dates for the committee's consideration.
2. **Proposed 2015–2016 Fee Schedule for Division Events and Officials.** The 2014–2015 fee schedule was distributed. The members discussed keeping the current fee schedule:
<http://capdiv.usfencing.org/forms/Fee%20Schedule%202014-2015.pdf>.
3. **Proposed Use of Credit Cards to Pay for Division Events.** Arnold presented a proposal by e-mail to allow participants to pay for Division events with credit cards. Whereas this would be very convenient for many participants and their parents, there were many downsides to the proposal, the primary one being that officials like to be paid in cash. The logistics of the Treasurer being present at each meet to provide either cash or a check would not be feasible.
4. **Deployment of Division Funds for 2015–2016.**
 - a. **Club Development and International Travel Awards.** There was a proposal to continue these awards. There was also a discussion of supplementing the International Travel Awards, pending the health of the 2015–2016 budget, at the end of the Division's fiscal year.
 - b. **Mike Brown Award.** Committee members discussed continuing this award. In addition, there was a suggestion that the Division

might consider waiving the cost of this individual participating in one Division-sponsored event. Once a recipient was selected, Terrapin Fencing would be expected to provide a picture and bio to Ray for posting on the Capitol Division's Website.

- c. **Proposed Purchase of AED.** There was a discussion of the Division purchasing an AED. Because the device would be placed at DCFC, it was suggested that DCFC might help defray the cost of the device by providing funding for installing the device, purchasing pads, and maintaining the device. The funds for this purchase would be from the recent distribution of Mid-Atlantic Sectional funds to the division.
 - d. **Funds to Support Hosting of the Capitol Division Website.** David Sapery's server is used to host the Division's web. The Division reimburses him every two years for this service. A bill was submitted. Rebecca and Arnold will review the charges and make recommendations to the Division about the reasonableness of the cost.
 - e. **Distribution of Mid-Atlantic Section Funds.** With the roll out of the new qualification path, the sections have been disbanded. The sections had funds that had to be distributed amongst the Divisions. After much negotiations, it was decided to split the funds based on size of the division (70%) and the number of divisions (30%). This resulted in the Capitol Division receiving \$1,650.
5. **Next Meeting.** A doodle poll will be sent out to determine the date of the first meeting of the 2015–2016 fencing year.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.