

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
 CAPITOL DIVISION, USFA
 14 August 2011
 Rockville Fencing Academy
 Rockville, MD

Attendance

2011-2012 Executive Committee		Voting	Absent
Chair	Kathy Guernsey	X	
Vice-Chair	Nancy Stephenson	X	
Secretary	Bettie Graham	X	
Treasurer	Stuart Sacks	X	
Member-at-Large	Valerie Asher		X
Member-at-Large	Raymond Finkleman	X	
Member-at-Large	Vacant		
CCFC Representative	Jeff Hayden		X
DCFC Representative	Jim Adams		X
NIH Representative	Don Malnati		X
RFA Representative	Malcolm Patterson	X	
U of M Representative	Kathryn Wong	X	
National Fencing Foundation	Mark Miller	X	

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

1. Approval of the Minutes. The minutes from the annual meeting and the first executive committee meeting of the new fencing year were reviewed. The minutes were approved with several modifications: (1) the bank balance is \$14K instead of \$4K and (2) several clarifications in the minutes were proposed and accepted. The minutes will be modified and sent to members.

2. Schedule of Capitol Division and Related Issues. The schedule is posted [online](#). The two issues that were discussed were:

- Youth Tournaments. DCFC has expressed an interest in sharing this event with RFA. The proposal is for DCFC to host the sabre and epee events and for RFA to host the foil event. Discussions are ongoing. The Executive Committee will be notified when a decision is made. Stu was in favor of this idea because it might provide more opportunities for youth fencers, especially for the foil events.
- Location of NFF's Youth and Cadet Sabre Event. NFF would like to host a tournament October 2nd at a club in the Virginia Division. The Capitol Division did not have a concern with this, as long as the VA division will sanction the event.

The meet managers for the Capitol Division Events are listed in the chart below.

Event	Capitol Division Meet Manager
Tom Wright Memorial Veteran Fencing Tournament	Jim Adams
Junior Olympic Qualifiers*	Malcolm Patterson (assisted by Brian Stephenson)
Summer National Qualifiers*	Malcolm Patterson (assisted by Brian Stephenson)
Tune Up	Bettie Graham
Youth Tournaments	Stu Sacks

*Must have one referee with a 5 rating or better in any weapon. This is a USFA requirement that can be found in the July 2002 USFA Board of Directors Minutes, page 38.

Stipends: The stipends for meet managers and referees were reviewed. A change was made in the stipend for the meet manager. The stipend was increased from \$70 per day to \$100 per day.

Referee "Wrangler." If a meet manager needs assistance in recruiting referees, the Executive Committee agreed to pay the recruiter \$50 per competition. The use of a Referee "Wrangler" will be at the discretion of the meet manager.

3. Confirmation of Capitol Division Clubs. The Secretary was asked to check with USFA to confirm clubs that are in the Capitol Division.

4. Change in By-Laws. In order to fill a vacancy on the new Executive Committee, three-fourths of the members must be present and three-fourths of the members must approve the nomination (Section III, Section 7). This would require the presence of nine to ten members. Most Executive Committee meetings are attended by seven or fewer members. Since the by-laws can only be changed during an annual meeting, this discussion was tabled and will be discussed at the next annual meeting.

5. Ways to Improve the Division. There was a discussion at the August 7 meeting about possible uses of Division funds to improve operations or encourage fencing. Valerie suggested that the Division purchase a computer and a printer and a subscription to Fencing Time for use by meeting managers for Capitol Division events. There was a concern that equipment ages, gets lost, etc. However, it was agreed that the Division would pay for a subscription to Fencing Time for meet managers. It was also decided that the appropriate uses of Division funds should be a larger discussion at a later meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.