

ANNUAL MEETING
CAPITOL DIVISION, USFA
7 August 2011
Rockville Fencing Academy
Rockville, MD

Attendance

2010-2011 Executive Committee

Chair	Kathy Guernsey
Vice-Chair	John Hyslop*
Secretary	Bettie Graham
Treasurer	Stuart Sacks *
Member-At-Large	Robert Del Gaizo*
Member-At-Large	Raymond Finkleman
Member-At-Large	Valerie Asher
CCFC Representative	Jeff Hayden
DCFC Representative	Jim Adams
NIH Representative	Don Malnati*
RFA Representative	Malcolm Patterson
U of M Representative	Kathryn Wong *
National Fencing Foundation	George King*

Club Members Present

K.E. "Maggie" Brasted (RFA); Wayne McCullough (UM); Castilla McNamara (RFA); Marsha Reichman (RFA); Bill Schroeder (RFA); Nancy Stephenson (DCFC); Diane Trice (DCFC).

* Absent

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:13 pm.

- 1. Introductions.** The Chair opened the meeting by commending the group for a successful year and thanking several members for their contributions: (1) Ray for updating the website and keeping everyone abreast of the Division members' results in local and national events; (2) The UM group for organizing another successful Cherry Blossom Open (CBO); (3) Stu for keeping tabs on the Division's finances; and (4) Bettie for her various secretarial duties. The Chair noted that all the Division-sponsored events went well. The Capitol Division members also thanked the Chair for her leadership during the year.

Ray noted that a new club is located in the division: Royal Fencing Academy in Damascus, MD. The coach is Teja Safai.

2. Election of Officers. The nominating committee, which is composed of the club representatives and chaired by Jeff Hayden, presented the following slate for the 2011-2012 year:

Chairperson: Katherine Guernsey
Vice Chairperson: Nancy Stephenson
Treasurer: Stuart Sacks
Secretary: Bettie Graham
Members at Large:
1) Ray Finkleman
2) Valerie Asher
3) Vacant

The slate was approved unanimously by all members present.

The At-Large vacancy can be filled by the Executive Committee. Three-fourths of the Executive Committee members must be present for the vote and three-fourths of the members must approve the nomination.

Action Item: The Secretary will ask Club Coaches to send in the name of their club's representative by August 31, 2011.

3. Financial Report. The treasurer was not able to attend the meeting, but the Chair provided a brief summary. The Capitol Division began the 2010-2011 year with approximately \$10,000. The balance at the end of the season was approximately \$14,000; \$3,000 was profit from the CBO and \$1,000 was profit from the other Capitol Division events. It was suggested that with such a cushion, it would be appropriate to consider useful ways to spend some of the funds. Suggestions included, referee clinic, first aid training, support of economically challenged youth fencers, organize a Capitol Division Youth Circuit, purchase a laptop and printer for the division events and a subscription to fencing time, etc. No decisions were made at this meeting.

4. Schedule of Events for the 2011-2012 Fencing Year. Ray distributed a draft schedule that included possible dates for Capitol Division events, NAC event, SAT test dates and religious holidays. It was noted that the Tom Wright Memorial Veteran Fencing Tournament was tentatively scheduled for October 9 which is a week from the closing of the World Veterans Tournament. An alternative date under consideration is October 16.

5. Other Items. Some issues briefly discussed were the following:
(1) The Division needs more rated referees and meet managers.
(2) The DCFC facility will be available on Saturdays after 1:30 for hosting Capitol Division events; the facility will be available all day Sunday.
(3) Lewis Slotter will not be available to manage the Capitol Division events this year.

(4) Each club should take responsibility for organizing at least one of the Capitol Division events.

(5) The fee schedule should be reviewed and special attention should be paid to the stipend for the meet manager.

(6) Participants in Cap Div events should be required to pre-register for events.

(7) The Capitol Division needs to recruit more individuals to become referees. Valerie will send out a request via DCFC's bulletin board.

Action Item: Bettie will ask club heads to send in their proposed scheduled fencing events to Ray for sanctioning prior to the next meeting when the schedule will be finalized.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.