

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
 CAPITOL DIVISION, USFA
 15 August 2009
 Rockville Fencing Academy
 Rockville, MD

Attendance

Executive Committee		Voting	Absent
Chair	Kathy Guernsey	X	
Vice-Chair	John Hyslop		X
Secretary	Bettie Graham	X	
Treasurer	Stuart Sacks	X	
USFA Congressional	Robert Del Gaizo	X	
Representatives	Raymond Finkleman	X	
	Marguerite Salvatore		X
CCFC Representative	Lewis Slotter	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	Not yet Named		X

Also present

Wayne McCullough
 Larry Pinkus

1. The minutes of the 18 July Annual Meeting were approved as modified.
2. Treasurer's Financial Report. The report is attached (Appendix I). Most events were self-sustaining, except the Tom Wright veteran's epee event. The Tune Up and the Cherry Blossom Open were profitable. The balance in the bank is approximately \$8,000.00.

The Treasurer made two suggestions:

- (A) The Capitol Division should have a cushion of at least \$10,000 in the Division account before discussing uses of the funds.
- (B) If the Division decides to change banks in the future, banks now require that non-profits either form an association or become a non-profit entity, such as a 501(c)(3) organization. This was not considered an urgent matter, but one that the Executive Committee should be aware of.

During the discussion of the finances, the Executive Committee questioned whether the contribution from the Tom Wright Foundation can be used to subsidize the veteran's events. Apparently the funds were originally designated

to support the fencing activities of children. Larry said that the funds could be used to pay for expenses appropriate for the tournament, such as referee stipends and medals. A vote to request \$230 from the Foundation to pay for the 2008-2009 Tom Wright veteran event was defeated. The Executive Committee requested a report on the balance, which Larry agreed to provide.

Action Item: Larry will report the balance in the Tom Wright Fund to the Executive Committee prior to its next meeting.

3. Capitol Division Hosting of Junior Sectionals. Approximately every eight years, the Capitol Division is scheduled to host this event. Unfortunately this event is in the Spring and is usually scheduled within weeks of the Cherry Blossom Open. Moreover, changing the timing of the event is difficult because there is always a NAC around that time as well. Some suggestions of trying to accommodate this would be to find another venue or ask other Divisions to cooperate with the Capitol Division in this event. It was also noted that by not hosting this event, the Capitol Division fencers are not disadvantaged because the travel distance to any of the Mid-Atlantic Region venues is not very far.

It was decided that the Capitol Division will rotate out of hosting the competition for this round.

Action Item: The Chair and Secretary will contact Beth Bell to inform her of the Capitol Division's decision to rotate out for this round and request that the event be held April 10/11 since the Cherry Blossom Open is tentatively scheduled for April 17/18.

4. Cherry Blossom Open (CBO). The committee approved April 17/18 as the dates of the event, contingent upon approval by the University of Maryland. Since Patrick Elder is no longer with the university and there is not an obvious student to take on this responsibility, the Executive Committee agreed to the formation of a sub-committee to lead this effort--Lewis Slotter (chair); Robert Del Gaizo; and Wayne McCullough. The CBO sub-committee will submit a draft report describing the plans, timelines, budget, etc., to the Executive Committee by September 30th.

Wayne cautioned the members that the use of the U. Maryland facilities has to be considered on a year-by-year basis. There are a lot of requests to use the facility and an outside activity does not always have the highest priority for the university.

Action Item:

CBO Sub committee will submit to the Executive Committee by September 30th a report that details plans, timelines, budget, etc for the CBO.

5. 2009-2010 Season. The draft season schedule is attached (Appendix II).

There were several items discussed about the schedule:

(A) A new fee schedule for registration, events and referee was approved (Appendix III).

(B) Y12 events will not include a saber event unless fencers from DCFC will participate.

(C) Larry volunteered to arrange for a referee clinic which will be held either 17 October or 21 November.

(D) A sanctions sub-committee was formed to develop procedures for posting club events on the Capitol Division website. Members are Jim Adams; Raymond Finkleman; Malcolm Patterson (Chair) and Kathryn Wong. Clubs should not wait until procedures are in place before posting events. The current method will be used until the procedures are adopted by the Executive Committee.

Action Items:

(1) The sanctions sub-committee will submit their report to the Executive Committee by September 30.

(2) Kathy and Bettie will inform the Mid-Atlantic Region staff and the surrounding Divisions of the Capitol Division's season schedule.

(3) Larry will inform the Executive Committee when the referee clinic will be held so that it can be posted.

(4) Bettie will check with Brian Stephenson to see if he will be the meet manager for the summer nationals Division II/III/Y14/Y16 Qualifiers.

(5) Meet managers will be responsible for purchasing their own Fencing Times license.

(6) Jim will ask the DCFC sabre coaches to let Stu know if the DCFC fencers will participate in the September and May Y12 events.

6. Deferred Agenda Items:

(A) Consider the CBO as a ROC;

(B) Mike Brown Recipient from UM;

(C) Stipends for JO Qualifiers and Veteran World Competitions; and

(D) Revision of the by-laws to conform to USFA requirements of the definition of a club.

NEXT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: 25 October 2009.

APPENDIX I (Sent as a separate attachment)

2008-2009 FINANCIAL REPORT

APPENDIX II

2009-2010 NAC AND CAPITOL DIVISION SCHEDULE

2009-2010 Dates	Dates	Location	Event Manager (Proposed)
SYC	September 5-7	Houston, TX	
Kickoff Open	September 12-13	Winchester, VA	
Cap Div: Y12 Tournament Youth Mixed Foil 10:00am (RFA) Youth Mixed Epee 12:00pm (RFA) Youth Mixed Sabre 2:00pm (RFA)	Sun, September 27	Rockville, MD	Stu Sacks
Veteran World Championships	September 23-27	Moscow	
ROC:	September 26-27	Shreveport, LA	
Senior World Championships	September 30-October 8	Antalya	
ROC	October 3-4	Wayne, NJ	
NAC A: Division II/Division III/Cadet	October 9-12, 2009 (Fri-Mon)	Des Moines, IA	
Virginia RYC	October 17-18	TBA, VA	
ROC	October 17-18	Evanston, IL	
Tech Open	October 25-26	Blacksburg, VA	
Junior World Cup	October 25	Montreal	
SYC	October 23-25	Rocky Point, NY	
Halloween Open	October 31-November 1	Williamsburg, VA	
NAC B: Junior/Cadet/Youth 14	November 6-9, 2009 (Fri-	Kansas City, MO	

	Mon)		
Veterans Day Open (40+)	November 7	Fredericksburg, VA	
Cap Div: Tom Wright Memorial Veteran Fencing Tournament Vet Mixed Epee Sat 10:00am (DCFC) Vet Mixed Foil Sun 10:00am (RFA) Vet Mixed Sabre Sun 12:00pm (RFA)	Nov 22		Jim Adams
Richmond Alphabet Fracas	November 14-15	Richmond, VA	
Cap Div: JO Qualifiers U20WE Sat 9:00am (DCFC) U20WS Sat 10:00am (DCFC) U20WF Sat 12:00pm (DCFC) U17WE Sat 1:00pm (DCFC) U17WS Sat 1:30pm (DCFC) U17WF Sat 3:00pm (DCFC) U20ME Sun 9:00am (DCFC) U20MS Sun 10:00am (DCFC) U20MF Sun 12:00pm (DCFC) U17ME Sun 1:00pm (DCFC) U17MS Sun 1:30pm (DCFC) U17MF Sun 3:00pm (DCFC)	Nov 14-15		Lewis Slotter
SYC	November 20-22	Rochester, NY	
Cadet Designated WE	November 21-22	Heidenheim	
Junior World Cup	November 28	Tauberbischofsheim	
NAC C: Division I/Veteran	December 4-6, 2009	Pittsburgh, PA	

	(Fri-Sun)		
SYC	December 11-13	Louisville, KY	
Cadet Designated WE	December 12	Grenoble	
Nightmare Before Christmas	December 19-20	Charlottesville, VA	
ROC	January 8-10	Las Vegas, NV	
NAC D: Division I/Junior/Wheelchair	January 15-18, 2010(Fri-Mon)	San Jose, CA	
SYC	January 29-31	Annandale, VA	
ROC	January 29-31	Seattle, WA	
Cadet Designated/Junior World Cup WE	January 30-31	Goteborg	
CCFC Epee Tournament	January 30, 2008	CCFC	
ROC	February 6-7	Houston, TX	
Junior Olympic Championships Junior/Cadet	February 12-15, 2010 (Fri-Mon)	Memphis, TN	
SYC	February 26-28	Jersey City, NJ	
SYC	March 20-21	San Jose, CA	
SYC (boys)	March 20-21	Wellesley, MA	
NAC E: Division II/Division III/Veteran/Wheelchair	March 26-29, 2010 (Fri-Mon)	Dallas, TX	
Capitol Division Sum Nat Qualifiers Sat: U16ME 9:00am D2/3 ME 10:30am U16MS 11:00am D2/3 MS 12:00pm Y14ME 1:00pm Y14MS 1:30pm U16MF 2:00pm D2/3 MF 3:30pm Y14MF 4:30pm U19MET, SMET, U19MST, SMST, U19MFT, SMFT all	March 13-14		????

TBA (prereg required) Sun: U16WE 9:00am D2/3 WE 10:30am U16WS 11:00am D2/3 WS 12:00pm Y14WE 1:00pm Y14WS 1:30pm U16WF 2:00pm D2/3 WF 3:30pm Y14WF 4:30pm U19WET, SWET, U19WST, SWST, U19WFT, SWFT all TBA (prereg required)			
Cap Div: Cherry Blossom			
Junior & Cadet World Championships	April 3-12	Baku	
SYC (girls)	April 10-11	Wellesley, MA	
ROC	April 10-11	Rocky Point, NY	
Mid Atlantic Jr. Sectionals	April 10/11 or 17/18	???	
NAC F: Division I/Youth 14/12/10	April 23-26, 2010 (Fri- Mon)	Virginia Beach, VA	
Cap Div: Nominating Committee submits candidates for office to Ex. Cmt	May 1		
Cap Div: Y12 Tournament Youth Mixed Foil 10:00am (RFA) Youth Mixed Epee 12:00pm (RFA) Youth Mixed Sabre 2:00pm (RFA)	May 2		Stu Sacks
Mid Atlantic Sr. Sectionals	May 2-3	Md. Division	
ROC	May 15-16	Maplewood, NJ	
Cap Div: Tune-Up Open Sat: Open Mixed Epee 10:00am (DCFC) Sun: Open Mixed Foil 10:00am (DCFC)	June 26-27	Cap Division Referee Clinic (??)	Bettie Graham

Open Mixed Sabre 1:30pm (DCFC)			
Cap Div: Annual Meeting	June 21		
Summer National Championships:	July 4-14, 2010 (Fri- Sun)	Atlanta, GA	
Capitol Division Referee Clinic			Larry Pinkus

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 GREEN CAP DIV MEETINGS
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APPENDIX III

CAPITOL DIVISION 2009-2010 FEE SCHEDULE

NOTES:

(1) THIS FEE SCHEDULE DOES NOT APPLY TO THE CHERRY BLOSSOM OPEN.

(2) THE CAPITOL DIVISION DOES NOT REGULATE REGISTRATION OR REFEREE FEES OF CLUB EVENTS. THE FEES LISTED HERE PRETAIN ONLY TO TOURNAMENTS SPONSORED BY THE CAPITOL DIVISION.

1. REGISTRATION AND EVENT FEES.

- ? Registration fees will be \$5.00.
- ? Event fees will be \$25.00.
- ? Fencers who participate in more than one event will not pay a registration fee, but must pay the event fee.
- ? Any qualifying event (such as the Junior Olympics and the Summer Nationals) where the fencer shows up and the event is not competed, only the registration fee will be waived.
- ? Registration fees will be waived for undergraduate fencers who present valid college identification.

2. REFEREE AND MEET MANAGER STIPENDS

Referees will be paid at the rates listed below:.

Rating	Stipend/day
1	\$100
2	\$95
3	\$90
4	\$85
5	\$80
6-7	\$70
8-9	\$65
10	\$60
Unrated	\$40

Meet Manager \$70

Meet Managers who referee and manage the event will be paid full fees for refereeing and one/half of the regular Meet Manager fee.

Referees who officiate for at least a full event will be paid a full day's stipend.

Referees who officiate for a partial event will be paid a partial to full day's stipend at the discretion of the Meet Manager.

No Referee will receive more than a full day's pay per day.

Fencers who referee may be compensated at the discretion of the Meet Manager.