

FIRST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING of 2017-2018
 CAPITOL DIVISION, USFA
 30 JULY 2017
 DC Fencers Club
 Silver Spring, MD

2017-2018 Executive Committee

		Present	Absent
Officers			
Chair	Carole Jeandheur	X	
Vice-Chair	Arnold Wynn	X	
Secretary	Bettie Graham	X	
Treasurer	Rebecca Chimahusky	X	
Members-at-Large			
	Aaron Ruby		X
	Raymond Finkleman	X	
	Valerie Asher	X	
Club Representatives			
Chevy Chase Fencing Club	Xavier Jordon		X
DC Fencers Club	Katelyn Keegan	X	
Capital Fencing Academy	Jill Feldman	X	
National Capital Fencing Club	Not a US Fencing member club		
National Fencing Foundation	Not a US Fencing member club		
Rockville Fencing Academy	Not a US Fencing member club		
Royal Fencing Academy	Not Present		
Royal Imperial Fencing Club	Not Present		
Terrapin Fencing Club	Not Present		
Z-Parta	Not a US Fencing member club		

Carole Jeandheur, Chair, Capitol Division, US Fencing, called the meeting to order at 1:20pm.

Carole reported on the meeting that USFA held during Summer Nationals regarding rules. The change that will be implemented during the 2017-2018 fencing season is that all USFA fencing sanctioned tournaments must have at least one rated referee (any rating) to assure that competition rules are followed. The rated referee does not have to referee but can be in an administrative roll (e.g., meet manager). The USFA warned that this requirement is expected to be changed in the future to require more than one rated referee and/or more advanced ratings for the referee(s). USFA also reminded that any division qualifying tournament must have at least one level 5 or higher rated referee. USFA is trying to encourage more individuals to become referees.

Actions:

- 1. Capitol Division Schedule for 2017-2018.** Ray presented a draft schedule with suggested dates. The schedule was approved and is now posted on [askFRED](#) and on the Capitol Division's [website](#).

The exact dates for the Cherry Blossom Open are pending and will be determined in early 2018, after discussions with the University of Maryland. Katelyn will follow up with UM coordinators. Katelyn was acknowledged for her help in making the 2017 CBO a success, especially her efforts to reduce costs and recruiting referees.

- 2. Fees for Referees and Tournament Registrations.** The fees for Division events, with the exception of the Cherry Blossom Open, were reviewed and it was decided to keep the [current fee schedule](#).
- 3. Developmental and International Travel Grants.** The Division will continue to support these grants for the 2017-2018 year. The rates remain the same: \$400.00 for travel grants and \$300.00 for club developmental grants. All clubs are eligible to apply this year for developmental grants. It was decided to expand the International Travel Grants to include additional events which included international participants. Both grant programs are approved on an annual basis and are dependent upon the Division's cash flow.

The Division will also encourage past and future recipients of International Travel Grants to "give back" to the Division by refereeing or participating in Division events. Going forward, this requirement will be a condition of future awards.

Valerie will draft language that expands the types of international events that qualify for International Travel Grants. This language will be subject to review and approval by the Executive Committee.

- 4. Mike Brown Award.** The Division will continue to support the Mike Brown Award which is a US Fencing membership given to a University of Maryland fencer who is selected by the Terrapin Fencing Club.
- 5. Safe Sport Membership for New Referees.** Executive Committee members and coaches must be in compliance with USFA's Safe Sport policy. In order to encourage new referees and rated referees turning age 18 to be eligible to referee tournaments, the Division will reimburse

the cost of their Safe Sport background check and +CheckED upgrade. In return, fencers will have to referee at least two Division events (not club events).

- 6. Referee Clinic.** The Division agreed to sponsor a referee clinic this year; the details will need to be worked out.

Valerie warmly thanked David for his years of service as Chair of the Division. Everyone wholeheartedly agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40pm.