

ANNUAL MEETING
 CAPITOL DIVISION, USFA
 13 July 2014
 DC Fencers Club
 Silver Spring, MD

Attendance:

2013-2014 Executive Committee		Present	Absent
Officers			
Chair	Cindy Sirico	X	
Vice-Chair	Melanie Carr		X
Secretary	Bettie Graham	X	
Treasurer	Rebecca Chimahusky		X
Representatives			
Chevy Chase Fencing Club	Josh Scala	X	
DC Fencers Club	Diane Trice	X	
Capital Fencing Academy	Nick Ferrara		X
Rockville Fencing Academy	Malcolm Patterson	X	
Terrapin Fencing Club	Ozymandias Fallick	X	
Royal Fencing Academy	T.J. Safai		X
National Capital Fencing Club	Todd Bukowski		X
National Fencing Foundation	T. Mark Miller		X
Members at Large			
	Coleen Baldree—Royal FA		X
	Raymond Finkleman—CCFC	X	
	Valerie Asher—DCFC	X	
Capitol Division Members			
Chevy Chase Fencing Club	Arnold Wynn	X	
DC Fencers Club	Sally Gifford	X	
	Lewis Slotter	X	
Terrapin Fencing Club	Stephanie Turner	X	
Rockville Fencing Academy	K E "Maggie" Brasted	X	
	Nora Lim	X	

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:12 pm.

1. **Introductions.** The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and briefly describing the Division's accomplishments during the year -- among them: a successful international travel grant program, an auction of equipment to both increase the Division's revenue and to provide equipment to Division clubs, and a meet management seminar. As outgoing chair, she also thanked members for their support during her past two years as Division Chair.

- 2. Summary of the Grant Programs.** Valerie reported on the two grant programs she shepherded during the year. (1) *International Travel Grants*: Eleven grants were awarded; two of them to veteran fencers. Valerie received e-mails from many of the recipients. All were very appreciative of the money, even though it covered a fraction of the expenses, but more importantly, the recipients appreciated the support from the Division. The International Travel Grant awardees were Katharine Holmes, Amanda Sirico, Brooke Sirico; Peter Souders; Marta Lasota; Clinton Rodell; Adam Green; Isaac Shelanski; Rebecca Chimahusky; Kaz Campe and Jim Adams. It was noted that no other Division provides such support for their fencers. (2) *Development Grant*. An award was made to the Capital Fencing Academy. An award to the Terrapin Fencing Club is pending upon submission of their application before July 31.

ACTION: Terrapin Fencing Club will submit an application for a Development Grant before the end of July.

- 3. Election of Officers.** The nominating committee, which is composed of one member from each club in the Division presented the following slate for the 2014-2015 year:

Chairperson: David Ruskin¹
Vice Chairperson: Arnold Wynn
Treasurer: Rebecca Chimahusky
Secretary: Bettie Graham
Members at Large:

- Ray Finkleman
- Valerie Asher
- Colleen Baldree

The slate was approved by 13 of the 14 members in attendance. One member abstained because she was not present for the discussion.

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- 4. Financial Report.** The treasurer had an unexpected conflict and could not attend. She did prepare a report which was distributed to the members. As of July 2014, the Division had a total income of \$28,962.45 and total expenditures of \$26,715.16. She also submitted a proposed budget for the

¹ Cindy Sirico was nominated by the Nominating Committee but withdrew. David Ruskin was a write-in candidate.

2014-2015 year which will be discussed at the first meeting of the 2014-2015 year.

- 5. Acknowledgements.** There were unanimous rounds of applause to thank: (1) Cindy for her stewardship of the Division during her two years as Chair and (2) Lewis Slotter for managing the Division-sponsored competitions.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m.