

Southern California Chess Federation (SCCF)
Board Meeting Minutes
Site: Academic Chess Center, Laguna Hills
May 5, 2013

1. Establish Quorum

Attendees: Jim Bullock, Phil Chase, Chuck Ensey, Randy Hough, Takashi Iwamoto, Ankit Gupta, Elliott Landaw, Steve Morford, Mike Nagaran (2 pm), Alfred Ong. Absent: Dewain Barber (who could not be reached by phone), Isabelle Minoofar

2. Approve Minutes of February 24, 2013

Minutes were unanimously approved without two changes: life memberships are 9, not 10 and a misspelling (Chase motion, Ensey second)

3. Treasurer's Report (Hough)

After paying for the state championship, printer, and publisher, the regular account has \$630.

4. Membership Report (Hough)

- 398 regular memberships
- 127 junior premium memberships
- 351 junior discount (\$3) memberships
- 16 family memberships
- 9 club memberships
- 9 life memberships
- 7 executive board gratis magazines
- 3 subscriber memberships

73 regular memberships recently expired and may then soon renew.

5. IRS and Paypal (Hough)

- Per the decision from the last board meeting, Randy consulted an accountant, David Baran, who said that he should file a Schedule C to resolve the issue of Paypal's giving him a 1099s for collecting tournament fees.
- At the next board meeting, we will discuss getting a Federal Employer Identification Number for the SCCF in time for collecting fees for the Southern California Open.

6. National Girls Championship Representative

The tournament that would serve to determine the southern California girls representative did not take place, so the board unanimously decided (Chase motion, Ensey second) to invite the highest-rated southern California girl (Simone Liao) to go to the tournament as our representative. And if the highest rated declines, then the second highest rated (Annie Wang) will be invited.

7. Scholastic Committee

Because some of the scholastic committee duties have not been performed lately, Steve Morford proposed vacating the position and filling it at the next board meeting. Board approved with 7 ayes and 2 abstentions (Bullock, Ensey).

8. USCF Delegates

Going to the annual USCF meeting to represent the SCCF will be Steve Morford, Phil Chase, maybe Isabelle Minoofar, maybe Jay Stallings, and two others who will need to be asked (could even be asked at the site), as Chuck Ensey and Jim Bullock will not be going.

9. 2013 Board Election
Rank and File magazine will include an election insert with candidates' statements for the next SCCF board election.
10. 2014 State Invitational Championship
Jack Peters raised the money for the event this year (about \$5000) and wants the SCCF board to run it next year.
The board voted unanimously (Chase motion, Hough second) to make the commitment to make every effort to replicate IM Jack Peters success in raising money for and organizing a worthy state invitational championship in 2014.
11. Scholastic E-mails
The SCCF has not received the emails yet from the SuperStates tournament. Steve Morford will ask Jay Stallings for the list.
12. Transfer of Domain Name
The SCCF needs the Western Chess domain login to transfer it to the SCCF. Ankit Gupta will follow up on this.
13. Residency Requirement for Students Sent to National Events—item withdrawn
14. Potential 2014 Events
 - Having run three SCCF events this year, Ankit Gupta's Metropolitan Chess made a profit from the last event and presented the SCCF with a check for \$312. (Because Paypal fees were not included, \$60-70 will be taken from the next SCCF tournament that Metropolitan Chess sponsors.)
 - Metropolitan Chess is interested in doing the tournaments again next year but with a different payment structure—proposed was \$1.75/player plus requiring SCCF membership. Board unanimously approved (Gupta motion, Ensey second).
15. SCCF Magazine Cost Structure
Ankit Gupta presented budget data on a spreadsheet that took into account memberships and costs for the past six months and applied the new dues to those models. It showed that comparing magazine cost to dues collected would result in a net annual gain of approximately \$1500 to \$2000. This does not count the discount junior memberships that don't include the *Rank & File* magazine.
16. Potential Redesign of SCCF Website
Ankit Gupta offered to find a user interface designer for the website. This will be addressed at the next board meeting with Chris Roberts, the SCCF webmaster invited.
17. Next Meeting
Place: Academic Chess
26941 Cabot Road, Suite 110
Laguna Hills, CA
Date: Sunday, June 30
Time: 1:00 pm