

Southern California Chess Federation (SCCF)
Board Meeting Minutes
Site: Academic Chess, Laguna Hills, CA
June 10, 2012

1. Establish Quorum

Attendees: Dewain Barber, Jim Bullock, Chuck Ensey, Randy Hough, Takashi Iwamoto, Steve Morford, Phil Chase, Mike Nagaran

Absent: Elliot Landaw, Ankit Gupta, Isabelle Minoofar, Anthony Ong

2. Approve Minutes of May 13, 2012

- Minutes approved with one change: to Section 3, add, “They provide scholarships for players to go to chess events and for chess lessons.”

3. Treasurer’s Report (Hough)

- Current money in general account (excludes scholastic reserve): just over \$2600, which does not yet include the \$400 authorized transfer for last year’s scholastic Barber and Denker player funds for travel to the national tournaments.
- Memorial Day Classic made over \$1300 with 111 MDC players (about the same as last year) and 54 scholastic players.
- It appears that the Pacific Southwest tournament and the State Championship will lose money. It is anticipated that the Orange County Championship at Academic Chess will make money.

4. Current Membership Report (Hough)

- 418 regular memberships.
- 151 junior memberships.
- 26 family memberships.
- 4 subscription memberships.
- 5 life memberships
- 7 executive board gratis magazines
- 4 complimentary magazines to chess organizations

5. Barber Representative Request (Barber/Hough)

- Although Simone Liao qualified as the Southern California representative for the Barber tournament, she is scheduled to attend the World Junior Chess Championship in Greece. Her father requested that the money be applied to the latter tournament.
- Motion: Phil Chase, Isabelle Minoofar, and Dewain Barber to recommend to board a course of action and inform the Liao family by the end of June. Motion by Randy Hough, seconded by Phil Chase, passed unanimously.

6 &7. Upcoming Tournaments and Future of State Championship (Hough)

- Orange County Championship in Laguna Hills on July 7-8: expecting a good turnout, six have signed up thus far.
- Pacific Southwest tournament in Woodland Hills on June 30 – July 1: expecting a low turnout, one has signed up thus far. Tournament might lose \$1300.
- State Championship in Monterey Park—candidates' matches on June 23-24 and finals on July 14-15 and July 28-29.
 - Roman Yankovsky is expected to come to defend his championship.
 - Prizes and ratings fee will be \$2300 to \$2500, but donations from last year are \$700 and no donations from this year, leaving a shortfall of at least \$1600.
 - Motion for 2013 Southern California Championship to be part of 2013 Southern California Open. Winner of the championship trophy would be the highest scoring Southern Californian with SCCF membership. Motion by Dewain Barber, seconded by Jim Bullock, passed unanimously.

8. Tournament Proposal (Azhar)

- Dr. Salman Azhar has expressed interest in hosting a Veteran's Day weekend tournament for the SCCF.
- Steve Morford will ask him to send details. SCCF board may vote on his proposal by email.

9. Tournament Proposal (Gupta)

- Ankit Gupta has proposed taking over several SCCF tournaments for next year.
- Motion to table the proposal until Ankit can present it at the next meeting. Motion by Dewain Barber, seconded by Mike Nagaran, passed unanimously.

10. Election Board Update (Ensey.Hough/Landaw)

- Candidate statements should be sent to Randy Hough.
- Randy will include a solicitation for SCCF board candidates in the Pacific Southwest tournament email.

11. 501(c)(3) Update (Chase)

- Phil Chase related his discussion with Gordon Brooks: a Scholastic SCCF would be separate from the SCCF but could overlap board members. The Los Angeles-based California Community Foundation could handle the Scholastic SCCF funds.
- Phil will try to find out what other state affiliates are 501(c)(3) organizations.
- Steve Morford would like to explore the whole SCCF becoming a 501(c)(3) organization.

12. Next Meeting

Place: Beverly Hills Chess Club
8950 W. Olympic Blvd., Suite 210
Beverly Hills, CA

Date: Sunday, August 26

Time: 2:00 pm