

Southern California Chess Federation (SCCF)
Board Meeting Minutes
Site: Beverly Hills Chess Club
November 10, 2012

1. Establish Quorum

Attendees: Dewain Barber, Jim Bullock, Phil Chase, Chuck Ensey, Ankit Gupta, Randy Hough, Elliott Landaw, Isabelle Minoofar, Steve Morford

Absent: Takashi Iwamoto, Mike Nagaran

2. Approve Minutes of October 14, 2012

Minutes approved without changes.

3. Treasurer's Report (Hough)

- SCCF has repaid the \$2000 loan from American Open to SCCF.
- Current money in general account (excludes scholastic reserve): \$1660.
- Scholastic reserve account is unchanged at \$9292.

4. Current Membership Report (Hough)—sent by email after the meeting

- 387 regular memberships
- 167 junior memberships
- 31 family memberships
- 9 club memberships
- 9 life memberships
- 7 executive board gratis magazines
- 3 subscriber

5. Committee Assignments (Morford)

The following committee chairs were filled, each passing unanimously:

- Title Events: Ankit Gupta
- Elections: Steve Morford
- Scholastic: Isabelle Minoofar
- Women: Isabelle Minoofar
- Finance: Phil Chase
- National Events: Randy Hough
- Constitution & Bylaws: Mike Nagaran
- Publications: Randy Hough
- Public Relations: Ankit Gupta

6. 2013 USCF Delegate Appointments

The SCCF may supply up to six delegates for the 2013 USCF Annual Delegates' Meeting to be held the first weekend of August in St. Louis. The board approved (Ensey motion, Barber and Gupta second) of the following delegate nominees:

Phil Chase

Isabelle Minoofar

Steve Morford

Jay Stallings

Chuck Ensey*

Jim Bullock*

*There is a chance that the delegate nominee might not be able to make next year's meeting and would have to be replaced.

7. *Rank and File (R&F)* Support (Hough)

Dave Argall, who has been unable to assemble the *R&F* magazine, will return to his duties with the Feb. 2013 issue.

8. Kashdan Scholastic Championship (Barber)

- Dewain Barber proposed having an annual SCCF scholastic event, beginning in December 2013. It would be unrated, free entry, no USCF membership required.
- Board unanimously passed that Dewain Barber form an exploratory committee (Barber motion, Chase and Hough seconded).

9. State Championship (Morford)

- Jack Peters wrote an article in the latest *Rank & File* disagreeing with the board's decision (June 2012) to have next year's Southern California State Championship event be the Southern California Open instead of a separate state championship event.
- The board decided to invite Jack Peters to the next meeting, which will be in January.

10. E-Mail Blasts (Gupta)

- Currently, Randy Hough periodically emails information about upcoming SCCF tournaments to 1100 southern California chess players. This has been a labor-intensive process.
- Ankit Gupta suggested that the SCCF get an email service, like Constant Contact, which Metropolitan Chess uses.
- The board unanimously passed the following (Bullock motion, Ensey second):
 - Ankit will create a separate SCCF list through Metropolitan Chess's existing Constant Contact account—which would be free to the SCCF.
 - Ankit will be the keeper of the list, which will start with Randy's current list of 1100 emails.
 - An email account (existing or new) belonging to Randy will be given on the email blasts as the "Sent From."
 - Monthly emails will be sent to advertise tournaments that require SCCF membership.

11. SCCF Website Issues—item postponed until next meeting.

12. Revisiting Board Decisions

- There was a concern that an earlier board decision regarding junior membership fees had not been implemented and that board decisions should be implemented immediately.
- Arising from that discussion is that some junior memberships with magazine might be submitted with the 2012 form and rate (\$10/yr. instead of the new \$13/yr.). Randy Hough will accept any forms that are submitted in January and February 2013 at the old rate.

13. Next Meeting

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

Date: Sunday, January 6, 2013

Time: 1:00 pm