

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS FEDERATION
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2021**

PRESENT: Dewain Barber, Chuck Ensey, Brian Glover, Jim Harrell, Abhishek Kylasa, Ashley Li, Jonney Machtig, Sean Manross, Keith Martin, Jim Mennella, Steve Morford, Dylan Quercia, Alan Kantor (also present), Jay Stallings (also present)

AGENDA: Sean Manross moved, Jim Harrell seconded, and the Board approved the agenda.

PRIOR MINUTES: Sean Manross moved, Jim Harrell seconded, and the Board approved the 3-7-21 minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sean Manross moved, Chuck Ensey and Jim Harrell seconded, and the Board voted to accept the treasurer's report.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Sean Manross moved, Chuck Ensey and Jim Harrell seconded, and the Board voted to accept the membership report.

SUPERSTATES REPORT: Jay Stallings reported to the Board regarding the recent SuperStates tournament. No Board action was taken.

STIPENDS: Sean Manross moved, Dewain Barber, Chuck Ensey, Jim Harrell, Jonney Machtig, Keith Martin, and Steve Morford seconded, and the Board approved stipends of \$100 for each of the Southern California reps participating in the scholastic and senior competitions held in conjunction with the US Open.

COLLEGE CHESS: Abhishek Kylasa reported on the upcoming California Intercollegiate Chess League tournament which will be held on line May 1 at Chess.Com. No board action was taken.

UNIFIED DUES STRUCTURE: Sean Manross moved, Brian Glover, Keith Martin, and Jim Mennella seconded, and the Board approved in concept the submission of an ADM for the Delegates Meeting which would lead to the creation of a unified dues structure for US Chess and the State Affiliates. Sean will draft the ADM and distribute it for review by the board prior to the deadline for ADM submission to US Chess.

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT OF STATE CHAMPIONS OF THE DISABLED: Sean Manross moved, Dewain Barber, Steve Morford, Dylan Quercia, Brian Glover, and Jim Mennella seconded, and the Board approved the following ADM for the Delegates Meeting:

Resolved: The US Chess Federation (US Chess) shall sanction and organize an annual National Tournament of Champions of the Disabled, which offers an online option.

Rationale: The administration and technical orchestration of the event shall follow similar guidelines of other national invitational championships and be governed by the National State Invitationals Committee and the Executive Board, with expert direction from the Programs Committee's Accessibility and Special Circumstances Subcommittee and support from US Chess staff. With the governance apparatus already in place, such an event would provide maximum empowerment through chess to US Chess members, while placing a minimum burden upon the administrative and legislative mechanisms of US Chess. (NOTE: In addition to those who moved and seconded this motion, Alan Kantor also agreed to serve as a sponsor.)

NEW TOURNAMENTS: Sean Manross moved, Jim Harrell and Keith Martin seconded, and the Board approved in concept two tournaments: the Jacqueline Rothschild Piatigorsky Southern California Girls Classic and the Dr. Steve Morford Southern California Regional Classic.

FIDE SEMINAR FOR AUTISM IN CHESS: Keith Martin reported on the on-line FIDE seminar for autism in chess, which he attended. No action was taken by the Board.

DISABLED AND ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE: Sean Manross moved, all board members seconded, and the Board approved the appointment of Keith Martin as chair of the new SCCF Disabled and Accessibility Committee.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held Sunday, May 2, at 2 PM. The location will be Steve Morford's home: 4892 Silver Spur Lane, Yorba Linda. Members will have the option of either participating in-person or on-line.