

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS FEDERATION
BOARD MINUTES
3-13-22**

1. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Those present in person: Steve, Dewain,

Those present via Zoom: Keith, Jim Harrell, Dylan, Pooja, Abhishek, Sean, Jonathan (1:37)

2. APPROVE 2-9-22 MINUTES

Motion/Second (M/S), Dewain/Keith, to approve...all approved

3. FINANCIAL/MEMBERSHIP REPORT (see separate document for details)

- Financial 'bottom line': \$16,399.56: (M/S), Keith/Dewain, to approve...all approved.
- Total membership: 395: (M/S), Keith/James, to approve as amended by Dylan...all approved.
Thanks to Chuck and James for helping boost membership via their hosting tournaments.

4. SUPERSTATES UPDATE

- Some evolution since our last meeting, see emails from Steve. Hopefully this will be the last online format. Dewain: wording of announcements needs to be accurate before being released to the public and we, as the Board of Directors, need to be vigilant in this task. Steve expressed his various concerns such as getting bids well in advance and planning well in advance of the event.

5. SPECIAL DELEGATES MEETING

- Discussion about the letter from Tennessee concerning moving the USCF headquarters from Tennessee to St. Louis, MO. The focus was on fiduciary concerns and a perceived 'rush' to move.

6. 2023 AMATEUR TEAM WEST

- Salamam Azahr (NoCal) asked if we're OK with them putting in a bid for this event. Discussion ensued. M/S, Steve/Dylan, for Steve to pursue this topic with our friends up north, as long as a venue can be negotiated successfully.

7. 2022 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

- Fundraising to meet the costs is a big issue. Prize monies is a must to draw the event's six to eight players, entrance fees, qualifying events, securing a venue, need to be planned. M/S, Steve/Dylan, we reserve one slot from our qualifying tournaments Memorial Day Classic and SoCal Open. ...all approved. M/S, Dewain/Steve, to seed our champion highest SoCal player from Superstates Championship K-12 Section into this event. ... all approved. M/S, Steve/Dylan, to organize a June candidates' tournament to identify the top two qualifiers for this event with the stipulation that there will be no cash prizes, funds raised will go to the state championship. ... all approved.

8. STIPEND FOR REP(S) TO TOURNAMENT OF SENIOR STATE CHAMPIONS

- Steve has talked to Damon, from the southeast, on this.
- Dewain: there should be no 'byes' which is why the host organization gets to have an alternate entered. An odd number of players at the event means the alternate gets to play in this event. If there is no need for the alternate to play (even number of players), the alternate gets to play in other events at the tournament.
- As hosts for this event, we need to get an alternative player. M/S, Steve/James, to award \$100 stipends to our rep and alternate as long as they show up for this event. ... all approved.

9. RANK & FILE

- Dylan will try to get a draft out for a print version this week along with a budget to get it done.
- Dylan will investigate getting us a free intern, college journalist student, to help him.

10. COLLEGE CHESS

- Abhishek: season four of the collegiate chess league is well under way.

11. OTHER SCHOLASTIC EVENTS

Dewain updated us on happenings in his area.

12. CHESS PRODIGIES

- Dylan announced that Chess Prodigies received a \$10,000 donation. Dylan thanked our Dean for his leadership and mentoring him in the ways of how to be successful in his endeavors.
- Dewain thanked all who have donated time, energy, and funds. He encouraged all of us to share any contacts we may have that would be interested in sponsoring Chess Prodigies, be they individuals or corporate leaders.

13. DETERMINE DATE/TIME FOR NEXT MEETING

- April 10, 1:00 pm at Steve's or via Zoom

Meeting adjourned at: 2:44