

Southern California Chess Federation (SCCF)
Board Meeting Minutes
Site: Beverly Hills Chess Club
May 13, 2012

1. Establish Quorum

Attendees: Dewain Barber, Jim Bullock, Chuck Ensey, Randy Hough, Takashi Iwamoto, Elliott Landaw, Isabelle Minoofar, Steve Morford

Absent: Phil Chase, Ankit Gupta, Mike Nagaran, Anthony Ong

2. Approve Minutes of April 22, 2012

Minutes approved with no changes.

3. Oklahoma Scholastic Chess Organization (Unruh)

Dewain Barber set up a conference call with Chuck Unruh, the Oklahoma Chess Association President and Chess Adventure Vice President, regarding the idea of having a separate scholastic 501(c)(3) organization and what they do in Oklahoma.

- Oklahoma has a separate scholastic organization, which is a non-profit and has operated for ten years.
- No transfer of funds between the Oklahoma Chess Association and the scholastic organization.
- They have six scholastic tournaments per year plus a summer camp.
- They provide scholarships for players to go to chess events and for chess lessons.

4. Treasurer's Report (Hough)

- Current money in general account (excludes scholastic reserve): \$1303.
- This includes May/June/July magazine expenses paid.
- It also includes \$1074 paid entries to the Memorial Day Classic. (Side note: MDC still needs more room nights to meet the contractual commitment.)
- From last year, \$700 is left over for the Southern California Chess Championship, but no other donations given this year, leaving the tournament with about a \$1600 shortfall.
- Discussion of whether that tournament should be combined with the American Open, giving a prize (\$700?) and title to the best score among southern Californians.

Proposal for taking last year's Denker and Barber reimbursements of \$400 to be retroactively taken from the scholastic fund (Hough motion, Ensey second): 6 ayes, 2 abstentions (Minoofar and Barber).

5. Current Membership Report (Hough)

- 405 regular memberships
- 145 junior memberships
- 24 family memberships
- 4 subscription memberships
- 5 life memberships
- 7 executive board gratis magazines
- 4 complimentary magazines to chess organizations

6. 501(c)(3) (Chase)

Phil Chase reported to Isabelle Minoofar that the work on developing a 501(c)(3) organization was proceeding.

7. Upcoming Tournaments (Morford and Hough)

Candidates and Finals for Southern California Championship

- Site will be free.
- 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.
- Decision about the tournament is postponed until next meeting.

8. Election Board (Ensey/Hough/Landaw)

- Up for reelection are Morford, Minoofar, Bullock, Barber, Ong, and Nagaran. The first four said that they will stand for reelection.
- Candidate statements (up to 50 words) are due by the end of June.

9. 2013 Tournaments Proposal (Gupta)

- Ankit Gupta could not make the meeting.
- His proposal is to share the profits 50%/50% with the SCCF.
- The board needs to know which tournaments Metropolitan Chess was interested in: Lina Grumette, Pacific Southwest, October tournament, April tournament? (The American Open is a Chess Palace event, so not on the list. Also, the Labor Day tournament is the San Diego Chess Club event.)
- Board members Isabelle Minoofar and Jim Bullock objected to signing anything about non-competition for the weekends of these tournaments.
- A decision on this was deferred to the next SCCF board meeting.

Side discussion (Barber): Success through Chess program has 50 after-school programs, hoping for 123.
Agenda item for June: USCF memberships offered for top players in school programs.

10. Next Meeting

Place: Academic Chess
26941 Cabot Road, #110
Laguna Hills, CA
Date: Sunday, June 10
Time: 2:00 p.m.