

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS FEDERATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD
MINUTES
11-13-11**

Present: Phil Chase, Chuck Ensey, Randy Hough, Elliot Landaw,
Isabelle Minoofar, Steve Morford
Absent: Jim Bullock, Ankit Gupta, Takashi Iwamoto, Mike Nagaran,
Anthony Ong

I. Approval of 10-2-11 Minutes

The Board moved, seconded and approved the minutes of 10-2-2011.

II. Treasurer's Report

Randy Hough reported that at October end there was \$2103 in general fund, \$10,083 in reserves. Pending bills may drop general fund to about \$1000. Rank and File went out on schedule.

III. Membership

Randy Hough reported that SCCF membership continues to creep up. We currently have 127 junior and 368 regular members. In addition to these 495 members, with respect to R&F mailing, there are 4 life, 3 subscribers, 14 family, 5 club mailings, and 7 USCF Executive Board mailings.

IV. Review Denker/Barber Qualifiers and Other Scholastic Activities

Dewain Barber discussed news and issues of relevance to SCCF on national and local scholastic activities. He requested Board help make special notice of the success of Michael Brown as co-champion of 2011 Barber tournament. He reminded the Board that announcements for our upcoming Super States should be clear on which sections qualify as the Denker Qualifier and Barber Qualifier. He will be selling American Chess Equipment Jan 1, 2012 (to Shelby Loman, who will be moving out west from Rochester NY); this will allow Dewain to focus even more on the Denker/Barber Project, including trying to get scholarships. He also encouraged SCCF to get school teachers more involved in scholastic events, to try to anchor the National Youth Action tournament in Southern California (will be held in Irvine), and to be involved in the upcoming National Junior High tournament to be held in San Diego.

V. Review Status of 2011-2012 Budget Development

Steve Morford discussed he has asked Larry Stevens and Anthony Ong to look into reducing costs of publishing and distributing Rank & File.

VI. Selection of USCF Delegates for August 2011 meeting in Portland

Ensey, Morford, Minoofar, and Landaw agreed to be nominated as delegates and Randy Hough will also ask Phil Chase (who had to leave

meeting early). Randy will notify USCF of 5 SCCF delegate nominations as well as our new slate of SCCF officers.

VII. Discussion of Request from Ed Wong (Coalinga)

Ed Wong, representing his family and 32 other children from the Coalinga area, has requested the Board consider Coalinga a part of Southern California so that students from his area are eligible to win titles in SCCF tournaments. The discussion noted that Coalinga is formally (per USCF) a member of Northern California and the Board has no power to move boundaries. We agreed we openly welcome them to play in SCCF scholastic tournaments, but the students will not be able to win SCCF sanctioned titles that are limited to residents of Southern California. We will contact Super States organizers to confirm this understanding.

VIII. Discussion of proposal by Larry Stevens to Revise Publication Dates

Larry Stevens has suggested R&F publication dates be revised to coincide with major tournaments. After discussion it was concluded that the current schedule is OK, and no change was proposed.

IX. Tax Sheltered Option

No progress to report. Will be brought up at future Board meeting.

X. Discussion of Comments from Chris Roberts

Chris had asked if it is OK to put non-rated tournament on the SCCF scholastic web site. He was told this can be OK, but Board agreed the Scholastic Committee will work with Chris on some sort of vetting process to prioritize what goes on web page. Chris also expressed a concern that the Recession Buster Open (Feb 18-20, San Diego) conflicts with the Amateur Team West. After discussion no action was taken by Board.

XI. USCF Women's Committee

Isabelle Minoofar began discussion on the merits of having local all-girls scholastic tournament. The topic will be brought up again at a future meeting for more detailed discussion.

XII. Next Meeting of Board

The next meeting of the Board will be Sunday, January 8th, 2012 at 10:00 AM. The location will be at the home of Dewain Barber (Anaheim).