

Southern California Chess Federation (SCCF)
Board Meeting Minutes
Site: Academic Chess, Laguna Hills, CA
October 14, 2012

1. Establish Quorum

Attendees: Jim Bullock, Chuck Ensey, Ankit Gupta, Randy Hough, Takashi Iwamoto, Isabelle Minoofar, Steve Morford, Phil Chase, Mike Nagaran

Absent: Dewain Barber, Elliot Landaw, Anthony Ong

2. Approve Minutes of August 26, 2012 and September 2, 2012

Minutes approved without changes.

3. Treasurer's Report (Hough)

- Current money in general account (excludes scholastic reserve): \$2200. Of that, \$2000 is still owed to the American Open.
- Scholastic reserve account is unchanged at \$9292.

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

- 415 regular memberships
- 171 junior memberships
- 34 family memberships
- 9 subscription memberships
- 9 life memberships
- 7 executive board gratis magazines
- 3 subscriber

5. Election of Officers (Morford)

The following officers were elected, all unanimously:

- President: Steve Morford
- Vice President: Isabelle Minoofar
- Secretary: Jim Bullock
- Treasurer: Randy Hough
- Membership Secretary: Randy Hough

6. Scholastic Dues Structure/Superstate Charges (Chase)

- In August, the SCCF board had changed the scholastic dues to: \$3 for one-tournament membership, \$5 for one-year membership without the *Rank and File* (R&F) magazine, and \$18 for one-year membership with the R&F magazine—to be effective January 1, 2013.
- Phil Chase proposed that the scholastic membership dues be set at the recurring expense of publishing the R&F magazine, rounded up to the nearest dollar, which would be \$13/year. Also proposed was eliminating the one-tournament membership but making the one-year membership without the R&F magazine \$3. Phil Chase motioned, Chuck Ensey seconded. The motion passed 8-1 (Minoofar motioned, Gupta seconded, Hough voted against—Hough sought lower fee).
- The Superstates tournament fees for the SCCF will only be for membership (\$3 or \$13) and no longer include \$1.25 per player.

7. SCCF/Metropolitan Chess Tournaments (Gupta)

Ankit Gupta sent the SCCF board members an email before the meeting regarding the tournaments that Metropolitan Chess would conduct on behalf of the SCCF, and then he presented them at the board meeting:

- January 11-13: Century West Open at LAX Radisson
- April 26-28: Western Pacific Open at LAX Radisson
- July 5-7: Pacific Southwest Open at LAX Radisson

Prize fund will be 80% guaranteed. Tournament Life Announcements will be sent to the USCF. There will be self-parking at the events.

Chuck Ensey: the San Diego Chess Club will conduct a “Recession Buster” tournament on February 16-18 at the San Diego Airport Marriott, which will require SCCF membership.

8. 501 (c) (3) (Chase)

- Phil Chase proposed to pursue 501(c)(3) status for only the scholastic part of the SCCF and asked the board’s direction. The thinking is that it would be an easier process than doing so for the whole SCCF organization, and we could enlist the help of Gordon Brooks as well as parent volunteers.
- To amend the SCCF constitution, it takes a 2/3 vote at a membership meeting or a 2/3 mail-in vote.
- No vote was taken. Phil will continue working, pursuing a scholastic 501(c)(3) organization.

9. Accept Resignation of Director (Morford)

Anthony Ong didn’t request to run for the SCCF board in the September 2012 election, but his name was on the ballot, and he won re-election. However, he is not able to participate. The board accepted his resignation (Chase motion, Hough second, unanimously accepted). Board members were encouraged to look for and nominate a replacement.

10. Next Meeting

At the meeting, the place was To-Be-Determined. Afterwards, it became:

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

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2012

Time: 10:00 am