

Southern California Chess Federation (SCCF)  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Site: Beverly Hills Chess Club  
December 15, 2013

1. Establish Quorum

Attendees: Dewain Barber, Jim Bullock, Phil Chase, Elliott Landaw, Isabelle Minoofar, Steve Morford, Ashok Ramadoss.

Absent: Adam Brody, Chuck Ensey, Ankit Gupta, Mike Nagaran, Alfred Ong.

2. Approve Minutes of November 24, 2013

The minutes were unanimously approved without changes (Chase motion, Landaw second).

3. Treasurer's Report (Ramadoss)

- As of the end of November, the main account has a balance of \$7,177.
- The dispute with Sheraton Hotel over the Memorial Day Classic tournament site has been resolved. No further payment was owed.
- The Scholastic Reserve account has a balance of \$8,394.

3A. SCCF Use of Scholastic Discount Membership Dues (Minoofar)

- A motion was made that the \$3 scholastic dues would go to the Scholastic Reserve fund, starting from the beginning of 2013 (Minoofar motion, Barber second). This would not include the \$1.25/player that the Superstates scholastic tournament is paying for each email address that is not collected and given to the SCCF in the non-championship sections. (Championship sections have the requirement of SCCF junior memberships.)
  - The motion was amended that start date for these dues going to the Scholastic Reserve would be January 1, 2014 (Bullock motion, Barber second). The amendment passed with 5 ayes and 2 abstentions (Barber, Ramadoss).
- The amended motion passed with 6 ayes and 1 abstention (Morford).

4. Membership Report (Minoofar)

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| • 349 regular memberships               | • 9 club memberships                 |
| • 79 junior premium memberships         | • 10 life memberships                |
| • 416 junior discount (\$3) memberships | • 7 executive board gratis magazines |
| • 11 family memberships                 | • 2 subscriber memberships           |

4A Membership Registration

- The SCCF website currently has an option to join with the following information: full name and USCF identification number.
- A motion was made to change that future sign-ups online and hardcopy would have:
  - Full name\*
  - Mailing address (including city, state, and zip code)\*
  - Email address
  - Phone number
  - Date of Birth\*\*

\*Required field  
\*\*Required for junior memberships

Unresolved was whether to include an option to decline email or traditional mail regarding chess events. Passed unanimously (Bullock motion, Barber and Ensey second),

#### 4B. Club Memberships

- There are currently nine club memberships, which give the clubs a free subscription to the *Rank & File* magazines. The question was raised on whether to continue these memberships.
- The sense of the board was to continue the nine club memberships for now but not grant any more club memberships until the SCCF board discusses it further.

#### 5. Options for Renewal Notices and Other Magazine Inserts (Minoofar)

Isabelle is looking into printing companies that can also provide automatic inserts for advertising or membership renewal forms. The board asked that she bring to the board proposals with price quotes that may be compared side-by-side.

#### 6. Requirements for Scholastic Events on SCCF Website

Item not addressed—will be agendized for future meeting.

#### 7. 2014 State Championship

- Per the November board meeting, Ankit Gupta obtained last year's donor list.
- Phil Chase will investigate the option of having the Beverly Hills High School host the championship with the SCCF.
- Dewain Barber suggested that the Superstates high school champion be invited either to the Candidates tournament or to the Championship. No board decision made.

#### 7A Side Discussion on National Girls Invitational Tournament

- The SCCF Qualifying tournament will be held at the Beverly Hills Chess Club on March 29-30.

#### 8. Selling Mailing List (Morford)

The board discussed and decided against selling the SCCF mailing list to e-book sellers and other businesses due to member privacy concerns.

#### 9. Next Meeting

Place: Academic Chess  
26941 Cabot Road, Suite 110  
Laguna Hills, CA  
Date: Sunday, January 26  
Time: 2:00 pm