

Southern California Chess Federation (SCCF)  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Site: Academic Chess, Laguna Hills  
March 18, 2012

1. Establish Quorum

Attendees: Dewain Barber, Jim Bullock, Phil Chase, Chuck Ensey, Randy Hough, Takashi Iwamoto, Elliott Landaw, Isabelle Minoofar, Steve Morford, Mike Carr (guest and SCCF accountant)

Absent: Ankit Gupta, Mike Nagaran, Anthony Ong

2. Approve Minutes of February 12, 2012

Minutes were approved without changes.

3. Current Membership Report (Hough)

391 regular memberships.

136 junior memberships.

16 family memberships.

4 subscription memberships.

3 life memberships.

4. Treasurer's Report (Hough and Carr)

Feb. 29 reconciled assets: \$642

In reserve (for scholastic): \$10,086

Current money in bank (excluding reserve): \$2258.

Since the beginning of the SCCF fiscal year (Aug. 1), as of Feb. 29, the SCCF has lost \$2256. This compares to \$3875 lost in the same period last year.

a. Discussion and motion regarding *Rank & File* (R&F) publication

- R&F magazine costs are approximately \$1645 per issue, including \$360 for editing, \$928 for publishing, \$100 for handling, and \$250 for mailing.
  - Changing the size of the R&F does not proportionally change the cost for publishing; in fact, it has remained about the same.
  - Discussion on whether to switch to all electronic and whether to go electronic except for once-a-year printed version—neither idea was adopted, though electronic will be kept in mind for the future.
  - Motion (Ensey) and second (Hough)
    - keeping a printed publication
    - changing the publication from six times per year to four times a year (dividing annual content among four issues instead of six)
    - beginning new publication schedule with the next issue, which would cover May/June/July
- Vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

b. Discussion and motion on pending adult dues increase

- At the November 2011 meeting, the SCCF board approved a dues increase for adults from \$18 per year to \$20 per year, beginning in January 2013. However, the costs of publishing and mailing the R&F will decrease with the approved motion #4a above.
  - Motion (Bullock) and second (Hough):
    - Rescind the dues increase. Keep the yearly adult dues at \$18.
- Vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

5. Budget Status (Morford and Carr)

Steve Morford asked Mike Carr to help produce a top-level budget for the rest of this fiscal year and for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. (Fiscal year begins on Aug. 1.)

- 2011-2012 Fiscal Year  
With the reduced expenses of the publication of the R&F and the money currently in the SCCF bank account, no budget was made for the rest of the 2011-2012 fiscal year.
- 2012-2013 Fiscal Year
  - Assuming the membership levels stay the same for next year as they are today, the income from dues would be approximately \$8400.
  - The expense of publishing and mailing four issues of the R&F would be  $\$1645 \times 4 = \$6580$ . Assuming a slight increase for publishing a mailing the R&F, the budgeted expense is \$7000.
  - Stipend expenses are \$600 (\$300 each for membership secretary and accountant).
  - Miscellaneous expenses—such as bank fees and P.O. box rental—\$400.
  - Budget for tournaments: assuming break-even.

6. Pacific Southwest Open (Hough and Morford)

Tournament to be held either the weekend before or the weekend after July 4.

Possible Sites:

- Ontario Airport Hilton, which is the site of the Memorial Day weekend tournament, costs \$2050 (Morford).
- Monterrey Park can hold 70 people and costs \$1600, though non-profit groups can rent it for \$800 (Hough).
- Steve Morford called the Academic Chess program director, Adam Brody, about using their site (where we held this board meeting).
- Steve Morford now has the authority from the board to pick a site or to cancel the event.

a. Discussion on non-profit status for the SCCF

Monterrey Park would have been available to the SCCF for half price if the SCCF had a 501(c)3 non-profit status. For the next meeting, Phil Chase will bring in the needed application forms, filling them out as much as he can beforehand.

7. Southern California Girls' Championship (Minoofar)

Having canvassed other states for when they hold their girls' championship event, Isabelle Minoofar decided that March is the best month. The Beverly Hills Chess Club will host the tournament in March 2013.

8. State Championship (Hough)

The Beverly Hills Chess Club (Minoofar) will consider hosting the Candidates matches on June 23-24 and the State Championship on July 14-15 and 28-29.

9. Ankit Gupta's 2013 Tournament Proposal

Discussion deferred to next SCCF board meeting so that Ankit Gupta may make a presentation to the board in person.

10. Next Meeting

Place: Academic Chess

26941 Cabot Road, #110

Laguna Hills, CA

Date: Sunday, April 22

Time: 1:30 pm