

Southern California Chess Federation (SCCF)
Board Meeting Minutes
Site: Academic Chess, Laguna Hills
April 22, 2012

1. Establish Quorum

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

Absent: Ankit Gupta, Randy Hough, Mike Nagaran, Anthony Ong

2. Approve Minutes of March 18, 2012

One change: the date of the previous minutes was corrected to 2012. Minutes were approved unanimously with the change.

3. Current Membership Report (Hough email)

379 regular memberships.

135 junior memberships.

22 family memberships.

4 subscription memberships.

5 life memberships.

Jim Bullock will graph the history of membership totals beginning next board meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report (Hough email)

Current money in general account (excludes reserve): \$2081.

No May/June/July magazine expenses paid yet.

5. 501(c)(3) (Chase)

Phil Chase took an action from the last board meeting to bring in forms for establishing a 501(c)(3) organization, which would be a non-profit. Discussion included:

- Gordon Brooks is interested in working with Phil to establish the 501(c)(3) organization
- The \$10,000 Chess Set Educational Trust money would become part of the 501(c)(3) organization
- There is a possibility through an anonymous donor that another \$10,000 would be donated if it were tax-exempt.
- SCCF not eligible to become a 501(c)(3) organization as an organization must do so within its first three years of existence. (The SCCF was founded in 1981.)
- From the IRS Instructions on Form 1023:

Who Is Eligible for Section 501(c)(3) Status?

Organizations organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary, or educational purposes, or to foster national or international amateur sports competition, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals are eligible to file Form 1023 to obtain recognition of exemption from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

- Discussion of whether the new organization would be for education or for amateur sports.
- Discussion that *Rank & File* (R&F) magazine is mostly educational.
- There was a proposal and discussion of what it would mean to separate the SCCF into two organizations: the current SCCF and a scholastic SCCF 501(c)(3) organization. Also, there was discussion if the new organization could be educational organization for both scholastic and adults.

- The USCF is now a 501(c)(4) organization, trying to become a 501(c)(3) organization.
- Dewain Barber took the action to check with other states' chess federations and their 501(c)(3) status, and then email Phil Chase and Steve Morford his findings.

No decision was made. After research and proposals on what the new organization(s) might be, this topic will be discussed at the next SCCF board meeting.

6. Upcoming Tournaments (Morford and Hough)

- Memorial Day Classic in Ontario—May 26-28 with a scholastic side event on May 27.
- Pacific Southwest Open in Woodland Hills—June 30 to July 1.
- Orange County Championship in Laguna Hills—July 7-8.

7. Election Board (Morford)

Motion that the board for the next SCCF election will be Chuck Ensey, Randy Hough, and Elliott Landaw (motion from Jim Bullock, seconded by Takashi Iwamoto). Motion was approved unanimously.

8. Denker and Barber Representatives (Barber)

Motion for the board to approve from the scholastic fund \$300 each to the Denker (grades 9-12) and Barber (grades K-8) representatives for southern California to compete nationally (motion from Dewain Barber, seconded by Chuck Ensey). Motion was approved unanimously.

9. Superstates Report (Barber and Minoofar)

Concern of K-1 players raised, that when their games are finished in the future, the organizers should ensure that they are reunited with their parents.

- a. How much money was raised for the SCCF at this event and was this collected (Barber)? Action to Randy Hough to report on the SCCF funds collected from entry fees.

10. Brooklyn Castle Premiere (Barber)

Brooklyn Castle is a documentary about an inner-city junior high school chess club. It premiered in Newport Beach on March 24. It was requested that the SCCF might provide youth players for chess competition before the movie. However, that weekend was also the weekend of the national Junior High School Chess Championship in San Diego.

11. Next Meeting

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

Date: Sunday, May 13

Time: 1:30 pm