

Southern California Chess Federation (SCCF)
Board Meeting Minutes
Site: Academic Chess, Laguna Hills, CA
February 24, 2013

1. Establish Quorum

Attendees: Dewain Barber, Jim Bullock, Phil Chase, Randy Hough, Takashi Iwamoto, Isabelle Minoofar (phone), Steve Morford, Mike Nagaran. Absent: Chuck Ensey, Ankit Gupta, Elliott Landaw, Alfred Ong.

2. Approve Minutes of January 6, 2013

Minutes unanimously approved without changes (Chase motion, Barber second).

3. Treasurer's Report (Hough)

- Current money in general account (excludes scholastic reserve): \$1206.
- Current money in Paypal: \$20
- Earmarked for state championship: \$1850
- Hoping shortfall will be made up because of 90 memberships need renewing in February.
- Chess Life advertisement for Memorial Day Classic has been paid (\$139.50).
- Referring the \$9200+ scholastic reserve back to the scholastic committee for recommendations.

4. Current Membership Report (Hough)

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| • 422 regular memberships | • 9 club memberships |
| • 127 junior premium memberships | • 9 life memberships |
| • 20 junior discount (\$3) memberships | • 7 executive board gratis magazines |
| • 32 family memberships | • 2 subscriber memberships |

5. Accountant/IRS (Hough)

- Because his name was on the PayPal account that the SCCF has been using for some of its tournaments, Paypal sent Randy Hough a 1099 form that said they paid him \$62,000 last year.
- To straighten this out for last year and to avoid future occurrences, it was motioned (Barber) and seconded (Iwamoto) that the SCCF authorize Randy to hire an accountant. Randy will hire the accountant, and subject to Steve Morford's approval of the expense. Motion passed unanimously except for the abstention of Randy Hough.

6. Invitational State Championship (Morford)

- \$4,000 has been raised plus \$2,000 pledged for the state championship, which is enough funding to have the tournament. (And if there is a surplus, it can be applied to future state championships or for travel for those coming from far away.)
- The Candidates tournament will be held the first weekend of June.
- The State Championship will be held June 20 – 23 if there are 8 players; it will be held June 19 -23 if there are 10 players. (Still to be decided.)

7. FIDE Regulations/Licensing (Hough)

- Federation Internationale Des Escheques (FIDE) requirements are in flux. FIDE will probably drop the requirement for a FIDE picture ID for arbiters.
- FIDE-rated tournaments must be registered two months in advance.
- Licensing fees are increasing on July 1.
- All players must be pre-registered with FIDE before competing.
- The SCCF Memorial Day Classic will not be FIDE-rated; the Open State Championship (San Diego Chess Club) might be.

8. Women's Committee Report (Minoofar)
 - Sasha and Malia, the President's daughters, will be invited to national tournaments for girls.
 - The National Girls Invitational Tournament will be held on the same weekend as the Denker Tournament, July 27-30.
9. Girls State Championship (Minoofar)
 - The Beverly Hills Chess Club will host the first Girls State Championship on March 16-17.
 - Isabelle Minoofar looked to the rest of the board for suggestions in publicizing the event to southern California girls. The suggestions included:
 - Fliers for Superstates
 - A table at Superstates
 - An email list from the U.S. Chess Federation, using age and zip code
10. Salman Azhar Tournament Proposals
 - Salman Azhar (not in attendance) of Bay Area Chess proposed to conduct tournaments in southern California at the following times:
 - End of March or early April
 - June 14-16
 - Early August after the US Open
 - End of October or early November
 - Jan. 3-5, 2014
 - A motion was made (Morford) and seconded (Chase) that based on other SCCF event schedules, to approve the June 14-16 and end of October/early November tournaments, which will both require SCCF memberships. Motion passed unanimously except that Dewain Barber abstained.
11. 2014 Amateur Team Tournament
 - For the February 2013 annual Amateur Team Tournament, Arizona was scheduled to host the West, but then didn't want to, and northern California hosted instead.
 - The SCCF board authorized Steve Morford to begin a search for a place where we might host the tournament next year.
12. Funding for Scholastic Champions to National Events (Barber)

Dewain Barber motioned (seconded by Hough) that the SCCF authorize, from the scholastic reserve, \$300 each to the Southern California representatives for travel to the Denker, Barber, and National Girls Invitational Tournament. Motion passed unanimously.
13. Election Board Appointments (Morford)

Conducting the next SCCF board election (over Labor Day weekend) will be Steve Morford, Jim Bullock, and Mike Nagaran. There will be a call for nominations in the SCCF *Rank & File* magazine.
14. Residency Requirement to Represent California at National Tournaments

A problem occurred in another state that its representative lived near the state border but was actually a resident of another state. Our board discussed how a tournament like Superstates should handle it. No motion was made, but a sense of the board is that our national representatives must be California residents.
15. Next Meeting

Place: Academic Chess
26941 Cabot Road, Suite 110
Laguna Hills, CA

Date: Sunday, May 5, 2013 (date was set by email after the meeting)

Time: 1:00 pm