

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

1. Establish Quorum

Attendees: Dewain Barber, Adam Brody, Jim Bullock, Phil Chase, Chuck Ensey, Ankit Gupta, Elliott Landaw, Isabelle Minoofar, Steve Morford, Mike Nagaran, Ashok Ramadoss.  
Absent: Alfred Ong.

2. Approve Minutes of October 16, 2013

The minutes were approved.

3. Treasurer's Report (Ramadoss)

- The main account has a balance of \$8084.67
- \$172 in the account is for the 2014 State Invitational Championship.
- The Scholastic Reserve account has a balance of \$8394.

4. Paypal (Ramadoss)

- Paypal needs a social security number or a tax ID. As discussed at other board meetings, Randy Hough's was used for the SCCF. Paypal then would send him a 1099 form (any account over \$20,000 gets a form), then Randy would have to justify it in his tax returns.
- To prevent this from happening in the future, the SCCF would have to get a tax ID, either becoming a charitable organization under 501(c)(3) or an association under 507(c). Currently, 35 state federations are 501(c)(3) and 10 are 507(c).
- Motion made that Ashok pursue the SCCF becoming a 507(c) organization with a tax ID and establish a Paypal account with that tax ID as soon as feasible (Chase motion, Ensey second)—passed unanimously.

5. Membership Report (Minoofar)

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| • 399 regular memberships               | • 9 club memberships                 |
| • 101 junior premium memberships        | • 10 life memberships                |
| • 415 junior discount (\$3) memberships | • 7 executive board gratis magazines |
| • 15 family memberships                 | • 3 subscriber memberships           |

6. Life, Family, and Club Memberships (Minoofar)

Only the Family Membership came to a motion: to remove it as an option (Barber motion, Gupta second)—passed 6 to 1.

7. Rank & File Mailing

- The printer may be able to do the membership renewal forms.
- Isabelle and Phil will find out our current costs and bring a quote to the next meeting.

8. 2014 Superstates (Morford)

- Jay Stallings has the 2014 no-bid contract to do Superstates. Last year, he collected SCCF membership fees from all participants, but he also thought other SCCF events did the same. (This is subsequently addressed by the board in item #9 below.)
- A motion was put forward to only require SCCF memberships on the championship sections. That motion was defeated 3 ayes, 6 noes, and 2 abstentions.

- A second motion (Gupta motion, Barber second) was put forward for all championship sections to require SCCF memberships, and the tournament would provide emails for the participants in the other sections or pay the SCCF \$1.25 for each participant whose email they could not provide. The motion passed with 11 ayes and 1 abstention.

9. Requirements for Scholastic Events on SCCF Website (Barber)

- The board decided that USCF-sanctioned scholastic events may be advertised on the SCCF website. (10 ayes, 1 abstention)
- The board decided that scholastic events that do not charge an entry fee may be advertised on the website. (10 ayes, 1 abstention)
- The policy continues that scholastic events that require SCCF memberships may be advertised on the website.
- The board decided that the historically mostly-free-entry Staser and Morrison events may be advertised on the website. (11 ayes)
- Events advertised on the website will also get included in monthly email blasts, which currently has about 600 youth and 1600 adults.
- The board decided that other tournaments that want to be a part of the email blasts can do so for 3¢/email addressee. (10 ayes, 1 no)

10. 2014 State Championship (Gupta)

Ankit Gupta will ask for the 2013 donations list from Randy Hough. Ankit and Phil will bring back this item to the board.

11. SCCF Delegates Assembly for 2014 USCF Meeting (Morford)

Board members representing the SCCF at the 2014 USCF meeting in St. Louis will be Dewain Barber, Isabelle Minoofar, Phil Chase, and possibly Chuck Ensey.

12. Added Item: House of Staunton Offer

- The House of Staunton offered the SCCF 10% commission on any sales that come from buyers who click on their advertising banner that would be placed on the SCCF website.
- The board approved that if the banner could be under a “Chess Equipment” link instead of on the front page, the SCCF website would carry the House of Staunton banner and the banner of any other chess equipment business who would offer at least 10%. (Barber motion, Brody second—10 ayes, 1 no)

13. Next Meeting

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

Date: Sunday, December 15

Time: 2:00 pm (was 1:30 but subsequently changed to 2:00 pm)