

Southern California Chess Federation (SCCF)
Board Meeting Minutes
Site: Beverly Hills Chess Club
August 25, 2013

1. Establish Quorum

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

2. Approve Minutes of June 30, 2013

Minutes were unanimously approved with a correction to Item 6 to change the year from “2103” to “2013.” (Chase motion, Gupta second)

3. Treasurer’s Report (Hough)

- The main account has an unencumbered balance of \$903 with an encumbered balance of \$2893 because of a billing dispute with the host hotel for the Memorial Day Classic.
- There is an additional \$172 in the account for the 2014 State Invitational Championship.
- The Scholastic Reserve account has about \$8,394 after paying \$300 to each player representing southern California in the Denker, Barber, and National Girls Invitational Championship tournaments.

4. Membership Report (Hough)

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| • 396 regular memberships | • 9 club memberships |
| • 105 junior premium memberships | • 9 life memberships |
| • 404 junior discount (\$3) memberships | • 7 executive board gratis magazines |
| • 14 family memberships | • 3 subscriber memberships |

5. 2013 Board Election (Morford)

Mike Nagaran volunteered to supervise the election tabulation at the Southern California Open. Polls to close at 3 pm on August 31.

6. Annual Membership Meeting (Morford)

- Attending the August 31 annual membership meeting from the SCCF board will be Phil Chase, Chuck Ensey, Steve Morford, Isabelle Minoofar, and Mike Nagaran.
- Agenda: upcoming events, membership numbers, possibly the annual financial statement (or highlights of) from Mike Carr—Randy will call Mike.

7. 2014 Invitational State Championship (Morford and Hough)

- Jack Peters gave a list of possible donors to Randy to give to Steve.
- An announcement/advertisement will go into the next issue of *Rank & File* to solicit donations.
- \$172 is left over from the 2013 Invitational State Championship.
- All SCCF events are qualifying events.
- Scheduling to finish the event by the end of June worked well last time.
- Will probably use the same facility next year.
- This item will be on the agenda again for the October board meeting.

8. Redesign of SCCF Website/Rules for Advertising Using SCCF Email List (Gupta)
 - Ankit showed the website as it is being redesigned with the help of Steve, Randy, and experts from Metropolitan Chess.
 - Board recommended that email blasts for tournaments will happen if the event has a Tournament Life Announcement (TLA), requires SCCF membership, and gives a lead time of 20 days before the event. However, for a free event, no SCCF membership is required.
 - Board also recommended that the website be capable of adding advertising banners.
 - Ankit will continue his work on the website by the next board meeting.
9. Webmaster Compensation (Morford)

The board unanimously authorized that Chris Roberts be offered \$300 per year for SCCF website duties. (Chase motion, Minoofar second)
10. Update on Metropolitan Chess Weekend Swiss Plans for 2014 (Gupta)
 - Ankit plans to book the hotels by the end of September to get the best rates for next year.
 - The dates—some approximate—of the tournaments that Metropolitan Chess will host on behalf of the SCCF are:
 - January 18-20 (Martin Luther King holiday weekend)
 - April
 - July
 - Third weekend of August
 - Middle of September

11. Other Potential Events in 2014

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- Qualifying Tournament for the Girls National Championship—end of February
- Junior Chess Congress in Irvine—March 1-2
- Superstates—March 15-16
- Memorial Day Classic (Morford will initiate a search for venue)—May 24-26
- Southern CA Open Championship in San Diego (or maybe Irvine)—Aug. 30 - Sept. 1
- US Class Championship in Los Angeles—October 31 - November 2
- Possible Amateur Team Championship held in Southern CA—February 2015

12. SCCF Website and “US Chess League: LA”

The board approved the idea, in general, of having a link for “US Chess League: LA” on the SCCF website.

13. Next Meeting

Place: Beverly Hills Chess Club
8950 W. Olympic Blvd., Suite 210
Beverly Hills, CA
Date: Sunday, October 6
Time: 1:00 pm