

Southern California Chess Federation (SCCF)
Board Meeting Minutes
Site: Academic Chess, Laguna Hills
January 26, 2014

1. Establish Quorum

Attendees: Dewain Barber, Adam Brody, Jim Bullock, Chuck Ensey, Ankit Gupta (by phone), Elliott Landaw, Steve Morford, Ashok Ramadoss.

Absent: Phil Chase, Isabelle Minoofar, Mike Nagaran, Alfredo Ong.

2. Approve Minutes of December 15, 2013

Two corrections. For 4A (Membership Registration), change “Ensey second” to “Landaw second.” For 7A (Side Discussion on National Girls Invitational Tournament), delete the second bullet, “The SCCF will reimburse....” The minutes were unanimously approved with these two changes (Barber motion, Ensey second).

3. Treasurer’s Report (Ramadoss)

- As of the end of 2013, the Main account has a balance of \$6,743.
- The Scholastic Reserve account has a balance of \$8,394.
- Liabilities are:

○ Accounts payable	20	}	Total Liabilities = \$12,518
○ Deferred scholastic fund	7,246		
○ Deferred donations income	222		
○ Unearned dues	5,030		

4. Membership Report (Minoofar submitted)

- 338 regular memberships
- 78 junior premium memberships
- 402 junior discount (\$3) memberships
- 12 family memberships
- 9 club memberships
- 10 life memberships
- 7 USCF executive board gratis magazines
- 2 subscriber memberships

By next board meeting, Dewain will ask the USCF if other affiliates send their magazines and if the board members still want the magazines, and if so, whether electronically or by mail.

4A. Membership Registration

- At the December 15, 2013 meeting, a motion passed to change that future sign-ups online and hardcopy would have:
 - Full name*
 - Mailing address (including city, state, and zip code)*
 - Email address
 - Phone number
 - Date of Birth**

*Required field
**Required for junior memberships

Unresolved was whether to include an option to decline email or traditional mail regarding chess events.

- At the January 26, 2014 meeting, a motion passed unanimously to include this wording next to the email address blank for both hardcopy and electronic registration: “Only for chess events. Not sold or provided to 3rd party.” (Bullock motion, Brody second)
- Also at the January 26 meeting, part of a motion passed for Item 7 below added a field for Male or Female.

5. 2014 State Championship (Morford)

- Ankit has the list of last year's donors and has shared it with Phil. Ashok will begin to get involved in the fundraising.
- Last year, \$6600 was raised for the tournament.
- Though Randy Hough retired from the board, he might still direct the tournament if it's not too far from where he lives.

6. Metropolitan Chess Tournament Schedule (Gupta)

Metropolitan Chess will conduct the following SCCF events (SCCF membership required):

- Western Pacific Open: April 25-27, 2014
- Pacific Southwest: July 4-6, 2014

7. National Girls Tournament

- Each state affiliate chooses a representative for the national event. This year, the SCCF is hosting a tournament on March 29-30 to decide the girl who will represent Southern California.
- Academic Chess volunteered to host it at their Laguna Hills facility for free.
- There will a necessity to compensate the tournament director.
- Adam Brody, Dewain Barber, and Isabelle Minoofar will decide the tournament format, with a championship section and a booster section.
 - One possible format discussed was a championship two-day round-robin hex with a one-day Swiss booster section of other girls. Five rounds for both sections, longer time control for championship section.
 - Another possible format discussed was a championship two-day Swiss for those rated over 1000 or 1200 with a one-day Swiss booster section. Five rounds for both sections, longer time control for championship section.
- Event will be advertised in the next issue of *Rank & File*, the SCCF website, and by email blast to SCCF junior members.
- Above plan was approved by the board unanimously (Bullock motion, Landaw second)

8. Memorial Day Weekend Tournament Proposal (Ramadoss)

- The board reviewed a proposal and unanimously approved (Ensey motion, Brody second) to have the Memorial Day Classic (May 24-26, 2014) at the Holiday Express in Ontario.
 - Cost for playing rooms total \$1548 for 3 days and 4,052 ft² of playing area.
 - Room rate is \$85/night plus 13.75% in taxes, which includes hot breakfast buffet, shuttle to/from Ontario Airport, Wi-Fi, and parking.
- The SCCF will host a scholastic event at the site on Saturday, May 24.
- Both the regular and scholastic events will require SCCF membership.
- Subsequent to the board meeting, an uncertainty arose about whether the SCCF would have to provide insurance for the event despite verbal assurance from the hotel that it would not. By email vote, the board elected to proceed.

9. 2015 Western Amateur Team Bid (Gupta)

Ankit Gupta will look for a site that meets the USCF requirement of 25 ft²/player, and he might run the tournament.

10. Possible SCCF/Academic Chess Events (Brody)

Academic Chess is interested in hosting SCCF events and will start with the National Girls Invitational qualifier for SCCF—item 7 above.

11. Criteria for Email Blasts

There was a discrepancy in the November 2013 board meeting actions regarding how a tournament qualifies to be part of an email blast to SCCF members if it is on the SCCF website. To clarify the rule, the board revisited the issue and decided unanimously (Barber motion, Landaw second) that the following tournaments qualify to be part of an email blast for free:

- National USCF tournaments in the southern California area
- State USCF tournaments in the Southern California area
- Two heritage events—Staser and Morrison
- Any tournament that requires SCCF membership

11A. Requirements for Email Blast Advertisements

Ankit Gupta will develop criteria for an email blast advertisement, sent on the first of each month, including:

- The time in advance of the blast that the advertisement must be submitted
- Word count
- Allowing or not allowing: flyer attachments, website links, email contact address
- Specifying the sending to regular members, junior members, or all members

12. Next Meeting

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

Date: Sunday, February 23

Time: 1:30 pm