

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS FEDERATION

BOARD MINUTES

JUNE-JULY MEETING - 7-30-2023

- 1. ESTABLISH QUORUM - Chuck Ensey, Frank Lee, Jim Mennella, Brian Glover, Dylan Quercia, Johnny Machtig, Steve Morford, Jim Harrell**

Absent: Abhishek Kylasa, Keith

- 2. APPROVE MAY MINUTES**

Brian Moves to Approve, Steve Seconds - Passes Unanimously

- 3. FINANCIAL REPORT**

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B of A checking \$17, 149.25*

B of A premium 8,147.94**

PayPal 2,727.09***

TOTAL 28,024.28

*** Adjusted for \$365 in as yet uncashed checks from MDC.0.33 interest since last report. Remainder of increase is from memberships and profit from MDC, a spreadsheet for which is attached, showing a \$1516 profit. Board members Steve Morford (TLAs, email blast, and trophies), Jim Harrell (my assistant), and Chuck Ensey (player and promoter) were very helpful. Unfortunately, Gregg Small, who found the hotel, guaranteed the prize fund, and performed a myriad of services, seems uninterested in organizing again next year.**

**** 0.33 interest. Stipends for invitational players are forthcoming.**

***** Reflects nets of 14 junior memberships (\$181.87) and 10 regular (\$188.10). The remainder is early SCO entries.**

Jim M moves and Jonney M seconds - passes unanimously

4. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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Regular 179

Junior 294

Junior \$5 10

Life 14

Comp 4

TOTAL 501

Need for collecting memberships at Continental Chess Tournaments

Discussion about Local and Club meetings outreach to help them host rated tournaments

Need for a database system to check the memberships

Discussion about the most effective way to collate memberships

Steve Morford moves approve; Jim M seconds - Motion passes unanimously

5. ETHICS CASE UPDATE - Discussion about US Chess Ethics Committee decision in the Tim Taylor case

The Ethics Chair suggests that we should formally ask the US Chess Board for a legal review of the Tim Taylor case.

Dylan & Jim M will draft a letter to the US Chess Executive Board and send to the SCCF board for approval before submitting.

The Board members support a motion on the delegates floor to Thank Jenifer Shahade for her role in unearthing abuse in US Chess

6. NATIONAL INVITATIONALS UPDATE -

Motion to thank Dewain Barber by vote of acclimation for his service in Scholastic Chess, Steve Morford Seconded - Unanimously approved.

Jim Mennella moves to reimburse Dylan Quercia for the cost of the airline ticket up to the sum of \$400. Steve Second the motion - Motion passes with Quercia abstaining

7. RANK & FILE / MAILING BALLOTS -

Options for mailing out Ballots -

- 1. Need to research a service to mail postcards to our members to download the ballot on our website**
- 2. Email those that we have and then mail to the rest**
- 3. Post on the website to vote**
- 4. Texting is an option**
- 5. Add information about the annual meeting at 3 PM.**

Bulk mailing permit - Explore with USPS

8. CHESS PRODIGIES

Dewain - \$1600 to support our 4 scholastic reps and is asking that we pass on the \$400 per student approved for next year.

Dylan Quercia moves that we allocate the 2023 scholastic stipends to the 2024 National Invitationals; Steve Morford Seconds - Passes unanimously

9. COLLEGE CHESS - Tabled

10. APPRECIATION OF STEVE MORFORD -

Discussion of Steve's Service as President and how much we have appreciated his service

Vote of acclimation in appreciation of the work that Steve Morford has done on the SCCF Board; Brian Seconds - Unanimously Approved

11. Pacific Southwest

28 Adult Members, 19 Jr. memberships collected

11 adults, 10 Jr. Online

4-5 more have come in since then

221 total players - Increased from 160 and 120 the year before

Prize fund raised from \$13,000 to \$20,000 due to the number of players

12. DETERMINE DATE/TIME FOR NEXT MEETING

Meeting on Labor Day at LAX Sonesta - 9/4/2023 at 1 PM. alongside the annual meeting

Brian Moves to Adjourn -