

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS FEDERATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

02-12-12

*Location of Meeting:*

*Beverly Hills Chess Club*

*8950 W. Olympic Blvd., Suite 210*

*Beverly Hills, CA 90211*

**1. Establish Quorum**

**Present (7):** Phil Chase, Randy Hough, Elliot Landaw, Isabelle Minoofar, Steve Morford, Ankit Gupta, Takashi Iwamoto.

**Absent (5):** Jim Bullock, Chuck Ensey, Anthony Ong, Mike Nagaran, Dewain Barber

**2. Approve 01-08-12 Minutes**

With a few minor changes, the 01-08-12 minutes were moved, seconded, and approved.

**3. Treasurer's Report (Hough)**

Randy Hough reported that the balance is near \$0 in the general account. The balance remains untouched at around \$10,000 in the reserve account (allocated for scholastic purposes). There is also \$500 available independent of the above accounts allocated for the State Championship.

Randy also mentioned that if he is only doing a flyer insertion (for this last issue of the R&F) he will pay \$50 instead of originally projected \$100. The mailing itself for the R&F was in the ballpark of \$275.

Randy also determined the SCCF has a tax ID number, and one did not need to be obtained.

**4. Membership Report (Hough)**

Randy mentioned that SCCF has gotten some renewals – already included in previous report. He also indicated that 103 members (35 juniors) are expiring in January/February.

**5. Review Status of 2011-2012 Budget Development (Chase)**

Phil Chase opened the platform for discussion on the R&F. It was discussed that it was not financially tenable for SCCF to continue to print the magazine in paper format given its cost was \$18.36 per person per year and intake from membership was only \$18.00 per person per year. There was discussion on the lack of funds for printing the upcoming issue of the R&F. After some board members voiced concern about using the reserve funds (which had original intent to be allocated for scholastic purposes), Randy Hough offered to have his American Open account loan the funds for the upcoming issue of the R&F. This offer was accepted. It was discussed that there should be a move towards an online format of magazine due to rising costs with the potential of reduced membership dues associated with such. Steve Morford suggested we move postpone final discussion for such a decision until the next board meeting when more members could be present.

**6. Review Status of Recession Buster Tournament (Ensey)**

Chuck Ensey was not present so a formal status review was not available. However, there was discussion and concern from board members about the low attendance projected at the Recession Buster Tournament.

**7. Site: Pacific Southwest Open (Minoofar)**

Isabelle Minoofar reported that the Hilton Ontario Airport venue is the most financially tenable option and that hotels in the LAX and other West LA areas are all significantly more expensive.

*\*\*Note: Due to concern of some board members of the prohibitive cost of running a tournament at the Ontario Hilton after the conclusion of the board meeting, Randy has been investigating options with the City of Monterey Park to find a more affordable option. However, it is not yet clear if Monterey Park will offer any of their facilities under conditions which would work for us.*

**8. Southern CA State Girls Championship (Minoofar)**

Isabelle Minoofar reported that her site for the CA State Girls Championship is the Beverly Hills Chess Club. Randy Hough indicated that Robert Minoofar's Tournament Director qualifications would be sufficient to run the event. Some proposals were floated by various board members in regards to time controls to maximize attendance.

**9. Determine Date/Location of Next Meeting**

Takashi Iwamoto offered the space of Academic Chess for the next meeting. The location/date was finalized as:

**DATE:** Sunday, March 18th

**TIME:** 1:30 PM

**LOCATION:**

Academic Chess

Saddleback Business Center

26941 Cabot Road, Suite 110

Laguna Hills, CA 92653