

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS FEDERATION**  
**BOARD Minutes**  
**4-16-2023**

1. **ESTABLISH QUORUM** (Zoom Meeting)
  - a. Present: Dylan, Keith, Frank, Jim M., Abhishek, Chuck, Pooja, Jonathan, Brian, and Dewain @1:19 Randy was a supported in attendance
  - b. Absent: Jim H., Steve, Sean
  
2. **APPROVE March MINUTES**
  - a. Motion/Second (M/S), Dylan/Jim, to approve ... all approved except Keith who abstained due to his absence from that meeting
  
3. **FINANCIAL REPORT** (sent separately)
  - a. (M/S), Dylan/Keith, ... all approved
  - b. Three new memberships are for/from the Pacific Southwest Event
  
4. **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**
  - a. Not available. Will be sent via email soon
  - b. The board can discuss once received
  
5. **SCHOLASTIC CHESS & SUPERSTATES 2023 REPORT**

Hundreds of students attended. We have four representatives to the national events:

  - FM Rushaan Mahajan - GM Arnold Denker National Tournament of High School State Champions
  - Expert Esther Jou - WIM Ruth Haring National Tournament of Girls State Champions
  - Expert Sihan Tao - Dewain Barber National Tournament of Middle School State Champions
  - Class A Player Glenn Zhang - John D. Rockefeller III National Tournament of Elementary School State Champions
  
6. **CHESS PRODIGIES**
  - a. Winners of high school sections of Superstates 2023 each received \$4,000 scholarships, per *Chess Prodigies* guidelines
  - b. A spring fundraiser is in the works
  - c. Dewain mentioned his work with golden queen keychains which are never sold, only gifted. Recipients can donate to *Chess Prodigies!*
  
7. **COLLEGE CHESS**
  - a. California Collegiate Chess Championship is tentatively scheduled for June 3, starting at 8:00 am. This event will be team based, not individual, for the first time.
  - b. Dewain noted that about 50% of elementary players do NOT play in middle school and 50% of middle school players do NOT play in high

school. Suggested that SCCF get parent permission to share high school seniors' emails with the post-secondary institutions of their choice(s).

- c. Jonathan talked about bridging post college players into the professional chess arenas. Dylan and Abhishek will work with Jonathan on this.

**8. CHESS.COM CLUB REPORT**

- a. SCCF is an official affiliate of Chess.com
- b. Jonathan volunteered to create and maintain a SCCF YouTube channel.

**9. RANK & FILE**

- a. Waiting for Super States article then it'll be mailed.

**10. SCCF Delegates to Grand Rapids for the US Open delegates meeting**

- a. Delegates needed to represent SCCF
- b. Participating in the Open and being a delegate do not conflict, overlap, or impair one in any way.

11. Dylan is looking for an intern for *Rank & File*...spread the word!

**12. DETERMINE DATE/TIME FOR NEXT MEETING – 5/21/2023 @ 1 PM**

M/S Jonathan/Keith to adjourn, all approved...adjourned at 1:59 pm