

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS FEDERATION
BOARD MINUTES
8-19-18**

1. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Phone Bridge: Gabby Kay, Jennifer Vallens, Brian Glover, Guy Reams, Secretary Jim Mennella and Chuck Ensey.

In attendance at Rhapsody Education: Phil Chase, Dewain Barber, Sean J. Manross and Steve Morford.

Quorum approved - moved and seconded.

2. APPROVE MINUTES

No minutes to approve

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Several months of data, due to time since last board meeting.
- Specific points mentioned by Treasurer:
 - Proposes to the board that, at some point, checks should be disbursed electronically – not manually. It may have a minimal cost, but the Treasurer believes this to be wise for the federation.
 - In light of frequent reimbursements, we ought to adopt a formal reimbursement policy. At this time, it operates solely at the Treasurer's discretion, without vote of the board. The Treasurer intends to carry out these duties, until directed otherwise by the Board.
 - Difficultly with prize money disbursements. We need a formal policy regarding how prize money will be disbursed, preferably on site.
 - Donations to Temecula Chess Club Foundation for State Championship. A check will be issued to SCCF, towards that end, reflecting the donations of Phil Chase, Chuck Ensey, et al.
 - Funds to be transferred to reserve fund shortly.

- Payment to California Youth Chess League and Pacific Southwest Open payment to Chuck Ensey have been processed.
- **\$25000 transferred from PayPal into SCCF checking account this last week**
- \$1266 will be transferred from Super States to SCCF account.
- Check 4513 – comes from Reserve Fund. \$1200 will be transferred from Reserve Fund to General Fund.
- **Agenda item:** Tighter accounting process to wrap-up payment process at the last day of any major tournament, with cash.
- **Agenda Item:** General Guidelines for Reimbursement. For the next meeting – President Steve Morford, Seconded by Treasurer Guy Reams
- Vice President Chuck Ensey appreciates the extraordinary detail of the Treasurer’s report and of his efforts as an officer in that post. Seconded by the President, Steve Morford, and unanimously supported by the Board.
- Treasurer’s report unanimously accepted. Motion made by Dewain Barber and Seconded by Sean Manross

4 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The membership report was accepted.

5 BOARD ELECTION

We will post instructions on Website to membership on how to vote. Plus we will have ballots at the Southern California Open.

6. ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday at 2 pm, perhaps 3 pm, will be the Southern California Chess Federation Membership Meeting.

Election closes Sunday, September 2 at 1 pm

7. RESIGNATION FROM PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Jennifer Vallens resigns as Co-Chair of the Publications Committee. She is taking over as Coordinating Chair of CJA and reviving their publication.

8. RESIGNATION FROM BOARD (EFFECTIVE 8-31-18)

Gabby Kay is resigning from the Board. She will be moving to France.

This vacancy will be carried until after the first meeting, post-Southern California Open, which is when we will select new officers. Jennifer Vallens recommends Mr. Dashoff.

9. CURRENT RANK & FILE ISSUE

Doing final proofing and getting ready to go to print.

Sending first draft to printer by Wednesday.

10. FUTURE OF RANK & FILE

Jennifer Vallens recommends Microsoft Officer Publisher and the primary tool for digital editing. InDesign has presented problems for the current editors.

Jennifer Vallens is happy to create layouts in PDF and publish them on the website

Motion: Move Rank and File to a Quarterly, Electronic Version. Moved by Phil Chase, Seconded by Steve Morford, Passed unanimously, with one abstention from Vice President Chuck Ensey who is saddened by the end of an era.

Motion: The Board of Directors shall institute a search for an Editor in Chief who will create an electronic version of the Rank and File magazine, to be paid a significant stipend, to be determined by the Board. Moved by Phil Chase, Seconded by President Steve Morford, approved unanimously by the Board.

Motion by Brian Glover: Do a feasibility study to determine if it is cost-effective to have one printed version of Rank and File, per year, to be distributed at the end of the year to the membership. Chase. Motion to Table Passes with 2 dissensions, Brian Glover and Jim Mennella.

Point of Information: Ad Hoc Committee includes: President Steve Morford, Treasurer Guy Reams, Publications Representative Jennifer Vallens, and Phil Chase, Dylan Quercia.

10.1 Delegates Meeting and US Open –

Our Team of Four Representatives: Denker/Barber/NGTOC/Senior: Joshua Sheng, Alex Costello, and Queena Deng placed 3rd, overall. Had the State Team calculation added Sevillano, we would have been 2nd. Alex Costello placed 4th and Joshua Sheng earned 2nd, without the opportunity to play against the Champion.

Sean J. Manross has transferred from his role as Vice Chairman of the US Chess Accessibility and Special Circumstances Committee to serving on the US Chess Clubs and Outreach Committees. He will report to the Board on how Clubs and Outreach Committees may be leveraged for the benefit of SCCF, in the coming months.

11. SCHOLASTIC CHESS

Dewain Barber recognized as Dean of Scholastic Chess, by NDM 08-07, moved by Sean J. Manross (CA-S), Co-sponsored by **over** 17 US Chess Delegates from over 11 Different State Affiliates.
US Chess Delegate 10

Dewain Barber was also the recipient of the Koltanowski Gold Medal at the Award's Luncheon.

The current State Champion is a scholastic chess player and our representative to the US Chess Denker Tournament of Champions, International Master Joshua Sheng.

The Scholastic Committee shall issue a formal report on our rights **in** enforcing the naming of local, scholastic events. E.G. the Greater California Scholastic Chess Championship.

12. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Out of the candidates' tournament in June, Craig Clawaitter, Michael Casella and Robert Shlyahenko seeded into the Championship

The cost of the tournament was \$5000. Between 94-99% of the necessary funds were raised, but we did not break even.

One of our players has requested that the next event be held in Temecula, where conditions are deemed to be the best. Temecula, If we going to house players, will be \$1200 extra in expenses, to about \$6200.

Phil Chase needs volunteers for fundraising, organizing the events, and recruiting new players.

Robert Shlyahtenko was the youngest participant ever in this event.

13. DATE/TIME/LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

**Membership Meeting on September 2, 2018 @ 2 pm,
Town & Country Hotel, San Diego, CA**

**Board Meeting w/ Election of Officers: Sunday, September 30, 2018
@ 1:30 pm. Dewain's house; 504 Avenida Faro, Anaheim Hills, CA**