

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS FEDERATION
BOARD Minutes
1-22-2023

1. ESTABLISH QUORUM – at 1:04

- a. Present via Zoom: Keith, James H., Jim M., Chuck, Pooja, Brian, Dewain, Abhishek,
- b. Present: Steve, Dylan,

2. APPROVE DECEMBER MINUTES

- a. Motion/Second (M/S) to approve: James/Jim, Chuck listed twice so delete one Chuck, ... all approved with Keith abstaining due to his not being present
- b. Chuck reported on the **1,000th** Gambito!! 114 players, an amazing success. Well done Chuck and crew!

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. Randy is unable to give a report at this time but will send it to us soon.

4. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- a. M/S: Randy is unable to give a report at this time but will send it to us soon.
- b. Chuck collected 42 more members and 20 more need to join.
- c. Discussion on three-year memberships, with a small discount, being offered.

5. ETHICS MATTER REPORT

- a. Dewain left the meeting. Dylan updated Board on this meeting and decisions made. Jim M. shared his views on what we can do (suspend or revoke membership) in cases of ethics violation. He recommended we take no action until US Chess takes action(s).
- b. Dewain was invited to rejoin us, and he did.

6. SUPERSTATES UPDATES

- a. Dylan updated us. The venue will be the Valencia Hyatt on 3/25-26.

7. SCHOLASTIC CHESS

- a. 1,000 GM's is working to get an event every Sunday in L.A.
- b. Dewain on the national component of scholastic chess: we need a national event on our turf, in SoCal, as they once were. Grades event was moved from Orlando to Baltimore.

8. CHESS PRODIGIES

- a. The fundraiser was successful: about \pm \$15,000 raised and about \$20,000 was raised in 2022.

9. COLLEGE CHESS

- a. Abhishek: 2023 is still in the planning phase. Graduating high school seniors with an interest in chess are eligible to play in summer events. They can also check chess.com and other sites for details.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Dylan's film is premiering at the Chinese Theater in Hollywood. Invitations to follow.
- b. *Rank & File* is forthcoming.

11. DETERMINE DATE/TIME FOR NEXT MEETING: 2/26 at noon

M/S to adjourn at 2:24, Keith/James H... all approved