

Southern California Chess Federation (SCCF)
Board Meeting Minutes
Site: Beverly Hills Chess Club
February 23, 2014

1. Establish Quorum

Attendees: Dewain Barber, Jim Bullock (2 pm), Phil Chase, Chuck Ensey, Ankit Gupta, Elliott Landaw, Isabelle Minoofar, Steve Morford, Mike Nagaran, Alfred Ong, Ashok Ramadoss.

Absent: Adam Brody.

2. Approve Minutes of January 26, 2014

Minutes were approved with no changes.

3. Treasurer's Report (Ramadoss)

- As of the end of 2013, the Main account has a balance of \$6,743.
- The Scholastic Reserve account has a balance of \$8,394.
- Liabilities are:

○ Accounts payable	20	}	Total Liabilities = \$12,518
○ Deferred scholastic fund	7,246		
○ Deferred donations income	222		
○ Unearned dues	5,030		

4. Membership Report (Minoofar)

- 328 regular memberships
- 80 junior premium memberships
- 396 junior discount (\$3) memberships
- 11 family memberships
- Free club memberships not reported
- 10 life memberships
- 2 subscriber memberships
- 7 USCF executive board gratis magazines

4A. Access to Membership List

The board unanimously decided to grant read-only access of the SCCF membership list to board members (Gupta motion, Nagaran second).

4B. Responsibility of Ensuring SCCF Membership

The board decided (Ensey motion, Chase second) that directors of SCCF tournaments have the responsibility for ensuring that players have SCCF membership, and the tournament directors will be compensated \$1 for member that they enroll—10 ayes, 1 abstention (Bullock).

5. 2014 State Championship (Morford)

- The candidate's tournament will be on June 7-8; the championship will begin on June 20.
- The deadline for advertising the tournament will be April 30. By then, the site and prize fund should be decided.
- Donation checks should be made out to the SCCF.

6. Metropolitan Chess Tournament Schedule (Gupta)

See #9 below.

7. SCCF Website Make-Over Details/Follow-Up (Gupta)

Metropolitan Chess contributing resources to upgrade the website (20 pages, 8 hr/page). The upgrade includes:

- Storing memberships
- Online membership renewal
- Automatic emails to members
- Online SCCF *Rank & File* magazine

8. Webmaster Duties

With the above upgrades of #7, webmaster duties would include:

- Changing player info
- Board member pictures
- Posting Tournament Life Announcements
- Posting tournament results

Steve Morford to talk with the webmaster about the duties.

9. 2015 Western Amateur Team Bid (Gupta)

- Looking to host at a site with 10,000 to 12,000 ft² near LAX.
- Bids are due July 1; looking to submit a bid in April.

10. Bay Area Chess Proposed Schedule

The sense of the board was agreement with the following proposed tournaments that would require SCCF memberships:

- May 17—one-day scholastic
- August 15-17

11. Criteria for Email Blasts

Approved by a sense of the board is that tournaments that will be part of a monthly email blast must abide by the following:

- Have 300 or less characters
- Use standard Tournament Life Announcement format
- Include one contact email address and phone number
- Be submitted by the 9th of the month for inclusion in the email blast on the 15th
- Not include any other part of the tournament that does not require SCCF membership

11A. Side Issues

- The board will have a structure in place before the next SuperStates bid process.
- The SCCF (Barber motion, Nagaran second) unanimously approved to discontinue sending the *Rank & File* magazine to the US Chess Federation board members.
- The board unanimously approved (Ensey motion, Barber second) giving Randy Hough a life membership to the SCCF.

12. Next Meeting

Place: Academic Chess
26941 Cabot Road, Suite 110
Laguna Hills, CA

Date: Sunday, March 23 (subsequently changed to April 6)

Time: 1:30 pm