

Minutes for the CalChess Board Meeting held October 2, 2004, 3:00pm at the Mechanics Institute

Attending: (Board): Richard Koepcke, Elizabeth Shaughnessy, Roger Poehlmann, Eric Hicks, (Jesse Dioquino), Eric Schiller, Michael Aigner, Jacob Green. (Counsel): Neil Falconer

Absent: John McCumiskey, Steve Stacy.

Interim Business: None.

Accept/Amend Minutes of Previous Meeting: On 9/16 email vote, Green did vote (yes); Presidents/Treasurer report deleted; Add Committee member names to motions 2 and 3.

Treasurer's Report: Regarding "Two Signatures Motion" (040922.5), Bank of America can't set up an account with two signatures, maybe other banks can? About \$1,000 is accessible to CalChess at the moment.

Old Business

1. New bank account, 501(3)c status, Tax ID number. (Shaughnessy)

Motion 041002.1 (Revises Motion 040922.5): The funds from the old Ridgecrest account shall be transferred to the CalChess account at the Bank of the West in Fremont, then the Ridgecrest account shall be closed. CalChess authorizes its Officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) to establish a new bank account at Bank of America which shall require two signatures for any transaction of any amount, with the proviso that other banks will be investigated if Bank of America does not offer such "two-signature" accounts. (Koepcke?). Passed unanimously.

501c(3) status is "in limbo" since we're not sure how to account for the \$26,000 that was removed from the Ridgecrest account. CalChess does have a TIN (Tax Identification Number); the TIN on the Bank of America account is the correct one.

New Business

1. Cal Chess Website (Shaughnessy): Eric Hicks has improved the design for tournament organizers to enter event data, and it is ready to replace the existing calendar. Need to input old data into the new format. Time-consuming and costly to enter new data. Concern that new system might have bugs or not have functionality we want. Why not put them up side-by-side and let the Board see it and test it out.

2. Payments for workers (Shaughnessy): How to pay for website work and other expenses during current financial crisis? President has been paying out-of-pocket and should be reimbursed when funds are available.

3. Report from Counsel on Recovery of CalChess Funds (Closed Session)

Jesse Dioquino resigns from the Board, effective immediately, and leaves the meeting.

Motion 041002.2: The Board wishes to pursue a criminal investigation against the Ridgecrest Police Department, and authorizes Counsel and Counsel Liaison Committee to file a complaint with the Ridgecrest Police Department with regards to Peterson's actions. (Koepcke). Passed unanimously.

Motion 041002.3: President and Counsel are to investigate to what extent CalChess' name is involved with the reservation of the Oakland Convention Center/Marriott Hotel and report their findings to the Board. (Shaughnessy). Passed unanimously.

Motion 041002.4: The Board asks Counsel to prepare a civil lawsuit against Richard Peterson and others. (Koepcke). Passed unanimously.

4. CalChess State Championship Discussion (Closed Session)

Motion 041002.5: The "Do not be confused" graphic that appears on the CalChess Home Page regarding the Scholastic State Championship shall be removed immediately. (Shaughnessy?). Passes 6-1, Poehlmann opposed.

Motion 041002.6: Expand Counsel's representation to include matters involving the protection of CalChess' name. (Poehlmann). Passed unanimously.

5. Magazine Issues:

(a) Discussion about moving to an on-line or electronic format (email a PDF file). Hicks has one issue that is nearly complete, after that he isn't planning on editing any more issues. How to pay for printing and postage? Postage may be more since we don't have a bulk mail permit. Future issues will almost certainly have to be electronic until we have funds for publication.

(b) Discussion of missed magazine issues/membership expirations

Motion 041002.7: CalChess memberships which are set to expire between 3/15/04 and 12/31/2004 (or which have expired after 3/15/04) shall be reinstated and extended to 12/31/2004. An explanation of the membership extensions shall be published in the CCJ. (Poehlmann). Passed unanimously.

6. Discussion/Plans for CalChess Scholastic Halloween Swiss (Green): Rotary club may pay for trophies, CalChess will pay for the site, and cover other expenses to be reimbursed from the tournament proceeds. Medals instead of trophies will cut costs.

7. Proposal to move the Fiscal Year to September of each year from January. (Koepcke) Tabled.

8. Discussion about Scholastic Director (Shaughnessy). Tabled.

9. Complaint to Ethics Committee (Shaughnessy). Tabled.

Meeting Adjourned 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Poehlmann
CalChess Secretary