

Minutes for the CalChess Board Meeting held Saturday, February 17, 2007 at 12:30pm at the University of California, Berkeley, Student Union Building.

Attending (Board): Tom Languard, Michael Aigner, Salman Azhar, Roger Poehlmann, Richard Koepcke, Eric Hicks, Bob Blatt (arrived after vote on #1), Charles Sun (arrived during #5).

Visitors: Alan Kirshner, Stephanie Blatt.

Meeting called to order at 12:45pm

Minutes of previous meeting (10/27/06) accepted, 5-0. Hicks, Aigner, Koepcke abstain.

Treasurer's Report: Balance \$16,345.75 and \$9,509.47 in the Tournament Account.

Old/New Business

1. Modification to Scholastic rule 2.14 (Koepcke)

Motion 070217.1 (Koepcke/Azhar): To modify Scholastics Rule 2.14 to read:

“The Chief TD, the organizer or the CalChess President (or his or her designee) may expel from the site anyone who violates the rules. The Chief TD, the organizer or the CalChess President (or his or her designee) must recuse themselves from any such action if they have players or a team in the competition that could benefit from the action. An appeal by the player, parent, or coach to his/her removal may be heard by a committee of TDs, appointed by the Chief TD, who were not part of the original decision. The appeal must be filed and heard before the next round and at the latest before the end of that round. No player, parent, or coach will be expelled until the appeal is decided.”

Passes 7-0, unanimously.

2. CalChess Masters Tournament (Aigner)

Motion 070217.2 (Aigner/Azhar): To authorize \$2,150 for a Masters' tournament with an entry fee of \$50. Passes 8-0, unanimously.

Motion 070217.3 (Aigner/Azhar): To form a committee of 3 members (Richard Koepcke, Michael Aigner, and John Donaldson) to decide the structure of the “CalChess Masters at the Mechanics' Institute.” Passes 8-0, unanimously.

3. Future of the CCJ and/or a Newsletter (Koepcke)—Tabled.

4. Formal vote on funding for the 2007 Labor Day tournament (Koepcke)

Motion 070217.4 (Koepcke/Azhar): To fund the 2007 Labor Day Tournament with a similar structure as last year. Passes 8-0, unanimously.

5. 2008 Northern California Scholastics Discussion (Koepcke)

Motion 070217.5 (Koepcke/Poehlmann): To authorize Salman Azhar and Alan Kirshner to search for 2008 sites and report back to the board a short list of possibilities. Passes 7-0, Azhar abstains.

6. Tax Issues (Koepcke)

Motion 070217.6 (Koepcke/Langland): To authorize Richard Koepcke and Bob Blatt to spend up to \$500 to seek guidance from appropriate professionals to start to resolve tax issues and non-profit status and report back to the Board. Passes 6-0, Hicks and Azhar abstain.

7. Membership Secretary Followup (Koepcke/Azhar)

8. Scholastic Committee Bylaws Change (Azhar)

Motion 070217.7 (Azhar/Koepcke): To amend Article VI, Section 5 of the Bylaws to read:

Section 5: Scholastic Committee. The Scholastic Committee shall consist of ~~three board~~ four members, *one or more of whom shall be a Board member and* where no two of whom shall be from the same club, school, or chess instructional program. *Annually, the Board shall appoint the Scholastic Chair who shall nominate 3 persons to serve on the Committee subject to Board approval.* The duties of the Scholastic Committee shall include: Coordinating Scholastic events and serving as a liaisons to the CalChess Board. ~~and one of the three members presiding over the Coaches meeting at the CalChess State Scholastic Championships.~~ *The appointed chair of the committee shall preside over the Coaches meeting at the CalChess State Scholastic Championships.* If ~~a the~~ Scholastic Committee member Chair is unable to preside over the CalChess State Scholastics Coaches meeting, then the ~~President or the President's designate shall preside.~~ Committee Chair shall designate another member of the committee to preside.

Passes 7-1 (requires $\frac{3}{4}$ Board approval to amend Bylaws), Hicks opposed.

9. Discussion about resolving potential schedule conflicts for adult tournaments (Aigner)

10. Appointments of Unfilled Positions and Committees (Poehlmann)—Tabled.

11. Women's Chess Publicity (Blatt)

Motion 070217.8 (Blatt/Azhar): The Board authorizes the expenditure of \$60 in support of a public works television broadcast to be put on by Barbara and Lauren Goodkind. Passes 8-0 unanimously.

Motion to adjourn (Koepcke/Aigner) passes 8-0. Meeting Adjourned 2:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Poehlmann

CalChess Secretary

Interim Business via email and Yahoo! Groups

Motion 070402 (Koepcke, Langland): The line item for Trophies in the 2007 State Scholastic budget be increased by \$640 to cover the State Sales tax on a \$8000 purchase. Motion (requires 2/3 vote) fails 5-3. Blatt, Poehlmann, and Azhar opposed.

Motion 070421 (Koepcke, Blatt): An equipment expenditure \$6893.36 is authorized for the 2007 Scholastic Championship with the understanding that \$3200.96 will be added to the Facilities expenses line in the budget and \$3092.40 will be added to the current \$600.00 Team Area (Team Room) budgeted expense. Budgeted revenue from Team Areas (Team Rooms) shall be increased to \$3,700.00 (a \$2,100.00 increase). Motion passes 8-0, unanimously.

Motion 070501(Hicks/Azhar): Participants in the CalChess Scholastic Championships must be California residents attending California schools, or homeschooled to compete in the tournament. Winners must be able to prove eligibility upon request.—Tabled.