

Illinois Chess Association Board of Directors Meeting Agenda: Telephonic “Regular Meeting” April 4, 2018 7:30 pm

Meeting Facilitator: Patrick Cohen, President

Invitees: Patrick Cohen, Stephen Plotnick, Rachel Schechter, Patrice Connelly, Eva Harrison, Mike Lenox, Megan Chen, Murrel Rhodes, late Garrett Scott, Rose Grandy

I. Call to order: 7:35 PM

II. Roll call

- All present except Rose Grandy

III. Approval of Agenda,

- Unanimous approval of Agenda

IV. Discussion of minutes from prior meetings, potential approval

- March Minutes approved via email; posted to website.

V. Reports

A. Officer Reports

1. President’ Report (Patrick)

- The 2018 IL K-8 tournament had its highest attendance in the past decade, with over 700 participants.

2. Metro Report (Steve)

- There may be a potential initiative with a titled player who will be in the Chicago area prior to the Chicago open.

3. Downstate Report (Rachel)

- Good scholastic chess initiatives in Urbana.
- The member questionnaire is being finalized for member/affiliate website spotlight.
- Met with Chesskids & Chess.com representative in February; still reviewing potential Chesskids membership deal.

4. Treasurer Report (Patrick)

- The position of Treasurer is still vacant.
- Motion to release current CPA from letter of engagement. Unanimous, motion passes.
- Motion to allow Patrick to engage new CPA, and report to board on progress at board meetings. Unanimous, motion passes.

B. Committee Reports

1. WJP/RS

- Rose was not present and provided the board with a written report.

2. Youth Committee Report (Steve)

a. ICA Youth Grand Prix

- Rachel and Steve have been in correspondence with a Metro-based chess player to add to the Youth committee, Serge Minin. Thank you and welcome Serge!
- Steve will begin email with expanded proposal for Youth tour initiative to circulate among board members for additional details and input.

3. Veterans Committee (Michael)

a. Veteran's Cup

- Discussed whether this event should be listed on the website as a separate event; approved.
- Michael offered to send spare instructional Illinois Chess Vets "Why Games" chess CDs to anyone interested for further circulation; some will be sent downstate.

5. Membership Committee (Eva)

- Working with Bill Buklis to review membership list and automation for improvements.
- Membership Profile initiative- in progress.

VI. Open issues

A. ChessBase (Patrick)

- Motion to begin process to engage ChessBase in bulk membership sale. Unanimous, motion passes.

B. Bid Guideline Revisions (Patrick/Murrel)

- Motion to increase requirements for skittles space at ICA tournament. Unanimous, motion passes.
- Motion to ask ICA bid committee to increase ICA contribution fees and player entry fees. Current ICA contribution and entry fees were set years ago and do not necessarily reflect current costs. Unanimous, motion passes.
- Discussion about out-of-state players participating in the K-8. One out-of-state player registered this year (but did not play). Bid guidelines do not prohibit out-of-state players, but prohibition is listed in bid documents.

Board agrees to update documents for consistency to reflect only in-state participation.

C. Email List (Patrick)

Email list received.

D. Board and Organizational Vacancies

1. Treasurer

2. Tour Commissioner

3. Committees

- Inquiry if scholastic players can join committees? Some high school chess players have expressed interest. Board agrees that players can join committees if invited.

VII. New business

- Potential Downstate initiatives to discuss potential chess scholarships with universities.

VIII. Adjournment 9:22 PM

Next meeting 05/02/18