



Illinois Chess Association

Illinois Chess Association Board of Directors Meeting Agenda: Telephonic "Regular Meeting" June 3rd, 2020 7:30 PM

Meeting Facilitator: Stephen Plotnick, President

Invitees: Stephen Plotnick, Eric Ortega, Rachel Schechter, Patrice Connelly, Eva Harrison, Megan Chen, Patrick Cohen, Rose Grandy, Ren Escalera, Garret Scott

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:38 PM
- II. **Roll Call:** Stephen Plotnick, Patrice Connelly, Eva Harrison, Patrick Cohen, Rose Grandy, Garret Scott, Megan Chen
- III. **Approval of Agenda:** Approved Unanimously
- IV. **Discussion of minutes from prior meetings:** Approved Unanimously
- V. **Reports**
 - A. **Officer Reports**
 - a. **President (Steve)**
 - **SBA LOAN:** Steve has spoken with a contact knowledgeable about non-profits, and she believes ICA would be eligible. She will send Steve the forms to complete to apply.
 - b. **Metro VP (Eric): No Report**
 - c. **Downstate VP (Rachel): No Report**
 - d. **Treasurer (Steve):**
 - **Corp Tax Filings:** Steve forwarded account information from Patrick to accountant (Arthur), and an extension was filed and accepted May 11th, 2020. Steve needs assistance with QuickBooks access.
 - **Treasurer Position:** Position still vacant.

B. Committee Reports

a. WJP/RS (Rose):

- **Succession Planning:** No volunteers yet.
- **Barber/Denker/Haring/Rockefeller:** These tournaments will be run online this year, so the ICA will not be awarding travel stipends to Illinois representatives.
- **WJS Expenses:** Funds still need to be transferred from the general fund to the WJS account for Illinois Senior part of Tournament facilities expenses, and WJS revenue from All-Grade still needs to be addressed.
- **US Senior Tournament:** No IL representative confirmed (Steve contacted players but no one confirmed); but need to check with USCF if US Senior tournament is still taking place.
- **2020-2021 Program Year:** Due to the significant loss of opportunity for players to participate in tournaments this spring, the following is proposed:
 - Do not consider tournament participation in eligibility for the program, rely strictly on ratings.
 - Use the Sept 1 supplement rather than July 1 supplement in the hopes that some tournaments will open up in July (may change as COVID-19 restrictions change this year).
 - Allow players to move from RS to WJS if their rating increases at the October or November 1 supplements (note post-tournament ratings are not considered and new players would not be added into the program after Sept 1)
 - Board discussed if any online participation for current/former players could also be applied towards their status; Rose will review this. This could be particularly challenging.

b. Youth (Steve): No Report

c. Veterans (Open): No Report

d. **Membership (Eva): No Report**

VI. **Open Issues**

- a. **Transfer of Illinois Open bid:** Bid was transferred pending additional requirements from Bid Committee; Bidder has been providing those details.

VII. **New Business**

- a. **ICA Chessbase for Sale/Chess for the People:** Steve has asked for permission to promote the sale of Chessbase from the ICA on the Chess for the People. Board sees no issue with this.
- b. **Bid for All-Grade/Illinois Class:** May need to re-assess by organizers due to physical distancing COVID-restrictions. Bid not yet awarded. Steve will reach out to bidders to inquire about potential changes to meet restrictions, or if tournament needs to be cancelled/transferred.

VIII. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Next meeting Wednesday, July 1st, 2020