



Illinois Chess Association

Illinois Chess Association Board of Directors Meeting Agenda: Telephonic "Regular Meeting" July 8th, 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 7:35 PM
- II. **Roll Call:** Stephen Plotnick, Eric Ortega, Patrice Connelly, Eva Harrison, Patrick Cohen, Rose Grandy, Megan Chen, Ren Escalera
- 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/Grant Application:** Steve has applied for a potential grant using the projected loss revenue discussed at the June meeting. He will follow its progress.
 - **Vote to keep Eva and Rose on ICA Accounts:** Steve reached out to the bank and was informed there were additional personnel on bank accounts (for membership and WJS). This addition should be made official as the accounts are updated. **MOTION:** Keep Rose and Patrick on the WJS Account and Eva on the secondary accounts. **MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.**
 - b. **Metro VP (Eric):**
 - **Alternate Chess playing venues:** Eric has been organizing outdoor casual playing locations since the traditional

locations for metro casual chess clubs are still closed/restricted. PPE is encouraged.

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; Rose will poll parents again. If Rose does not have any volunteers by August Board meeting, the board should discuss alternatives. Perhaps the role could be divided among multiple volunteers.
- **Barber/Denker/Haring/Rockefeller:** These tournaments will be run online this year, potentially in August. Rose has already submitted information for Illinois representatives.
- **2020-2021 Program Year:** Due to the significant loss of opportunity for players to participate in tournaments this spring, they will be using Sept 1 supplement rather than July 1 supplement, and current members will remain.

b. Youth (Steve): No Report

c. Veterans (Open): No Report

d. Membership (Eva): No Report

- Membership renewals are down by 50% over the same period last year, most likely due to COVID and lack of tournaments.

VI. Open Issues

- a. **Broughton Award:** Three nominations have been received, and a committee will need to be organized to review the nominations. Bill Brock was the former head of that committee; Steve will reach out to him to inquire if he would like to head a committee again.
- b. **Liability Insurance:** Approval for liability insurance; reviewing options, and Steve will receive a quote.

VII. New Business

- a. **Bid for All-Grade/Illinois Class:** Steve reached out to the bid submitter, **about** re-assessing due to physical distancing COVID-restrictions. Bid not yet awarded. Steve did not hear back but will reach out again to discuss about potential changes to meet restrictions, or if tournament needs to be cancelled/transferred.

VIII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM

Next meeting Wednesday, August 5th 2020