



Stephen Plotnick, President  
Eric Ortega, Metro VP  
Rachel Schechter, Downstate VP  
Darren Erickson, Treasurer  
Joshua Flores, Secretary  
Megan Chen  
Patrick Cohen  
Ren Vincent Escalera  
Eva Harrison  
Garrett Scott

Via Zoom Software the ICA Board of Directors meeting commenced on June 2 2021 at 7:30 pm.

Present were:

Megan Chen

Patrick Cohen

Josh Flores

Eric Ortega

Rachel Schechter

Garrett Scott

A Quorum was formed.

Reading of April/May Minutes were waived. (No Meeting held May. April Video Lost)

### **President Report**

Stopped by the Invitationals

Paid for expenses.

Sent out a document for the next ICA Online tournament.

Bought out trophies.

Will settle with ICC for the last online event.

This second one may have a 5\$ discount if ICA member - 5\$ for referral instead of free membership session.

## **Warren Junior Report**

Discussion of Qualifiers List to USCF commenced by Garrett Scott added to agenda.

Eric Luster will take care of four of the five.

Eric Luster explained expenses from the Invitationals and profits.

Temporary suspension of Sunday Lectures due to time of year (graduations, etc)

Zoom cost was discussed and it was discussed whether or not ICA or Warren budget item. Added to agenda.

Discussions were held regarding lowering Stipend to Junior Qualifiers from 500 to 300. It was decided to leave it for this year but to discuss changing it for the following year in the July Meeting.

## **Motion Proposed by Darren Erickson:**

For 2021 The Warren Scholar Travel Stipend remains at \$500 per representative with approval to transfer funds from the General Budget to the Warren Budget to cover any needed monies. For the 2022 cycle, the board will review and re-determine the travel stipend as needed during the 2022 Warren Scholar Budget discussion and approval session.

Seconded by Steve Plotnick.

Passed.

For T-shirts - how to handle the finances. Discussion of doing a point of order sales. Eric will talk to the vendor to have them have people order directly from them and they will ship and send ICA their part of the profit.

Parents are ordering their own plagues.

Eric brought up a new idea on a new program aimed at expanding our outreach to youth by using our own strong chess playing youth as mentor/coaches and using our resources already in place with the current program. Basically extending the current program by removing rating limitations and expanding eligibility and locations. Discussion happened: budget, cost, funding, specifics. Decided Eric would put together a written proposal and present it in the July Meeting. Meanwhile Steve will reach out to potential benefactors.

## **Secretary Report**

Nothing to Report

## **Metro Vice President Report**

Tournament 7-24. Working on local groups getting together - Covid Pandemic is going into stage 5. Low Cost - attract new players into tournament play. Steve asked about Josh's TD certification expired - needs to be renewed. Josh is working on having certification renewed for Local.

### **Down State Vice President Report**

Rachel Schechter - Parkland Community College will be offering two sessions for chess. One aimed at the younger crowd (7-10) and one for the older crowd (55+) for 6 weeks - \$75 a week for Rachel to be an instructor. Thanked Josh Flores for forwarding the email inquiry.

Bloomington/Normal has re-started the Twin-City chess club at a Rock-climbing gym.

Eric O requested an address for the meeting location.

Rachel asked about Letterhead. Asked Josh if he had any. Josh received a letterhead template from Eva. Eva agreed to send it.

OTB chess is coming back.

Asked about the Chicago Open.

Steve responded - about 600 players - went well - no negatives - had space for more.

Asked when the first State event will be held- Senior Open was held. She asked about the next one - Illinois Open will be held on September 3rd organized by Glenn Panner per Steve. November Illinois Class by Kevin Bachler. Steve also mentioned North American Youth in August. US Junior and Senior in July by Bachler.

### **Treasurer Report**

Working on reports - a bit behind. Will get them out as soon as possible.

Signatory on Warren Bank account. Darren Erickson, Patrick Cohen, Eric Luster.

How to have this done - Nicole is an Associate at the bank and it can be done remotely.

### **Motion:**

Steve Plotnick: Create a new signature group: Darren Erickson, Patrick Cohen, Eric Luster for the Warren Scholar program bank account.

Josh Flores Seconded.

Passed.

**Committee -****Membership**

Membership numbers are going up and renewals were sent.

**Other business**

ICC+ICA event - Feedback on proposal. Looks good should be pursued.

ICA Tour is being revamped.

**New Business**

Mission Statement - was redone last year why is it on Agenda - Steve Plotnick. Mission Statement on Website. Darren would like to open it for discussion in July.

Zoom cost - ICA general cost since it is used by the Board for other things outside of the Warren Program.

Motion: Made Steve Plotnick - Move Zoom subscription cost to General Budget with Priority use to Warren Scholars Program but will be used by ICA Board as well.

Rachel Seconded.

Motion passed.

Applications for the Education Stipend posted on ICA Webpage. Deadline July 1st. Promote it on Facebook. Steve will Email Eric downstate for the Illinois Chess Coaches regarding applying.

Motion to adjourn meeting passed.