



Stephen Plotnick, President
Eric Ortega, Metro VP
Rachel Schechter, Downstate VP
Darren Erickson, Treasurer
Joshua Flores, Secretary
Lawrence Cohen
William Blackman
Joseph Guth
Eva Harrison

Via Zoom Software the ICA Board of Directors meeting commenced on March 2, 2022 at 7:30 pm.

Present were:

Stephen Plotnick, President

Rachel Schechter, Downstate VP

Darren Erickson, Treasurer (late)

Joshua Flores, Secretary

Lawrence Cohen

Joseph Guth

Eva Harrison

Eric Ortega

Eric Luster (committee chair)

A Quorum was formed.

Approval of Agenda.

Steve Motioned

Larry Seconded

Passed

Motioned to approve February Minutes (no Meeting in December/January)

Steve Motioned

Joe Seconded.

Minutes Passed.

President Report

Crown Trophy Warren plaques details discussed.

Delegates Discussed - list finalized.

CCA meeting space for general meeting in May to be discussed.

10-day Notice for meetings discuss.

Secretary Report

Computer being repaired.

Will follow up projects as minutes are available.

Metro Vice President Report

Health issues,

CCC 36 players strong last Sunday.

Next event May 21st.

Down State Vice President Report

Article for welcoming new members thanking outgoing members.

Chess Journalists of America back to publishing Asked Rachel to contribute.

Tournaments are happening again around the state including Peoria.

Parkside program has restarted,

Motion made by Rachel:

In step with USCF and FIDE will take a stance and make a statement against the Russian aggression against Ukraine and contribute \$1000 via USCF donation link.

Discussion - argument against \$1000 ensued and a compromise made for \$500.

The idea of ICA putting a donation link for the Ukraine cause on webpage was raised by

Joe Guth. No motion made. No decision made.

Motioned Modified:

In step with USCF and FIDE will take a stance and make a statement against the Russian aggression against Ukraine and contribute \$500 via USCF donation link pending ICA Treasurer's fiscal approval.

Larry seconded.

Passed one abstained.

Motion by Rachel:

Upgrade Zoom subscription to Business model for a \$50 a year additional cost in order to gain more cloud storage, transcription service, and other perks. The transcription service will allow minutes to be done more efficiently.

Steve Seconded.

Passed.

Motion By Rachel:

To appoint Ren Escalera as ICA Tour Commissioner effective immediately.

Larry seconded.

Call to question - Oversight? Joe Guth. Board will oversight - by setting up a schedule of tour standing publication on ICA webpage. Job requirements? Fund raising?

Discussion over how the Tour had worked. Self-funded by payments made by the organizer of events to the tour.

Committee - Patrick Cohen? Bill Buklis? Working with Ren Escalera.

Josh will send out an old explanation article from a previous issue of the ICB to everyone to be used as a foundation for the current tour.

Motion Passed

Treasurer Report

Bank switch?

Joe Guth has a contact with Associated Bank and will work with them for support/Perks.

Financial reports - we still have positive balances.

Future support for Junior Representatives in Championships: what amount?

State/County Compliances are still being cleared.

Warren Junior Report

Donations and contributions are down tremendously and monies are dwindling. We are not getting past donations.

Grant writing was brought up for the Warren program. We need to investigate.

Junior Invitationals qualifier tournament running at a loss because of stipends paid was discussed.
4 invitationals.

Saint Louis Chess Club Camp partnership program. Panner is investigating.

Membership

Committee -

Other business

Zoom Meeting ended abruptly, only 4 people returned. Meeting forced ended.

Email Motion to adjourn made by Darren.

Seconded by Steve

Motion to adjourn meeting passed via email.