

Illinois Chess Association
Phone Conference
January 6, 2011

Present: Tom Sprandel, Maret Thorpe, Carl Dolson, Bill Brock, Mike Cardinale, Jerry Neugarten, Bill Barton, Garrett Scott, Pattie Zinski.

Absent: Andi Rosen, David Long, Chris Merli.

We established a quorum.

President's Remarks: Tom Sprandel welcomed Pattie Zinski who is a lawyer in Illinois (specializing in exporting issues), who is has agreed to serve as counsel to ICA. This is a non-voting, appointed position.

Previous Minutes: Minutes from the 12/9/2010 and the Annual Meeting on 11/7/2010 were approved with one change from Bill Brock.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Dolson reported on Illinois Class financial results. Our contract with Sevan Muradian indicates ICA is due a fee of \$500, and ICA pays entry fees for FIDE titled players. He also circulated a draft of the 2011 budget. Bill Brock moved to approve the budget, Jerry Neugarten seconded. Budget was approved unanimously. Carl will follow up with Zack Fishman for an accounting of the 2011 Illinois All Grade.

Metro Report: Mike Cardinale reported about coming events: Tim Just Winter Open, Sevan Muradian is starting a FIDE tournament series. USAT-North will be in Northbrook, February 18-20. Sevan Muradian is one of five candidates who have submitted petitions to run for three open seats on the USCF Executive Board. USCF members must register to vote for Executive Board. Regarding reviving the ICA Tour, Mike would like a bit more time to build a committee; he is also examining tour rules from other states. It was suggested that a phone meeting be held to discuss this further. Mike also discussed the ICA-MCA fundraising challenge—a challenge match between the boards of ICA and the Missouri Chess Association.

Downstate: No report.

Warren Junior Scholars: No report.

Membership: Tom Sprandel wants to follow up with Carl Dolson and Bill Goichberg about membership collections.

Web: Maret Thorpe had no report. Now that the budget has been approved, she will write up some bullet points to describe the web editor's job, distribute it to the board, and seek candidates.

Bid Committee: 2012 K-8 call for bids due to go out by January 15, bids due February 28. 2011 All Grade due for bids: so far Garrett has one bid for this, and there's still a week to go. Garrett needs to start work on 2011 Illinois Class, and we need to follow up on status of the 2011 Illinois Open. The specifications for these tournaments will be rewritten, since this is their first time out for bid in a while.

Broughton Fund: No report.

Committee Reports

Youth Committee: There will be a conference call on January 25 to get the whole committee together. The Fellows Program needs insurance, and a high school coach.

Tom Sprandel, Jerry Neugarten and Mike Cardinale met with Bob Runcie at CPS on January 6th. The group agreed on a series of next steps required to implement the program, with discussions to continue in two weeks.

We also discussed the pros and cons of keeping "The Chicago Program" part of ICA versus establishing a separate entity to run it.

Next meeting will be January 27, 2011.

Adjourned at 9:25 p.m.