

Illinois Chess Association Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 10, 2011
7:30 p.m.

Present: David Long, Tom Sprandel, Carl Dolson, Maret Thorpe, Mike Cardinale, Bill Brock, Pattie Zinski, Bill Barton.

Absent: Jerry Neugarten, Andi Rosen, Chris Merli, Garrett Scott

We had a quorum of six at 7:30 p.m.

Previous Minutes: deferred to next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Dolson reports that work on obtaining liability insurance is ongoing. Zack Fishman will be sending a check on the capitation from the Illinois All Grades. Carl is finalizing tax returns and financial statements for 2010.

Metro VP Report: Mike Cardinale has possession of 39 chess sets belonging to ICA. Chris Merli has a similar number. USAT is coming up in 2/18-2/20. No progress on the MCA Benefit Challenge. Mike took a look at similar tour events in other states, and has written up an outline of what he'd like to do. He will be running it by some organizers for feedback.

Downstate VP Report: David Long reports that Ron Suarez is trying to coordinate downstate tournaments among organizers so that they are spread out a bit more to maximize attendance and tournament play for all.

Warren Junior Scholar report: Tom Sprandel reported on behalf of Andi Rosen. Girls State Championship had 34 participants and raised \$300 for the Warren Program. Andi and wants to run it again next year. 2011 Warren Scholars have been named, and invitations for the Denker and the Girls' Invitational Championship and the new K-8 National Invitational Championship have been send out.

Membership report from Tom Sprandel: reminders are going out monthly and generating renewals.

Web Report: Maret Thorpe will send the Web Content Editor job description to fellow board members to get referrals for qualified and interested candidates. Maret is also working on ad rate card and has sent out a promotion for camp listings. Tom Sprandel offered to investigate possible "click through" advertising.

Committee Reports: Jerry Neugarten went to principals meeting at CPS, per Tom Sprandel.

Bid Committee...Garrett Scott: not present. No report.

Broughton Fund: Carl Dolson is working on this. Carl is building a history of the Broughton Fund going back to 1995, and we will do an article on the ICA history page with a donate button.

Chess Yearbook: an annual publication of the ICA. Can we find a champion for this?

Adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Next meeting will be February 24, 2011