

Illinois Chess Association
Board Meeting Phone Conference

March 24, 2011
7:30 CST

Present: Tom Sprandel, Carl Dolson, Maret Thorpe, Bill Brock, David Long, Bill Barton, Jerry Neugarten, Michael Cardinale, Garrett Scott

Absent: Pattie Zinski, Andi Rosen, Chris Merli

At 7:30 p.m. we had a quorum.

March 10, 2011 minutes prepared by Tom Sprandel were approved unanimously.

President's Remarks, Tom Sprandel: Maret Thorpe will follow up with Chris Merli regarding the Mike Zacate nomination for USCF Lifetime Achievement Award.

In early April Tom Sprandel will be calling IMs and GMs to get commitments to play in the Illinois Open.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Dolson last received an email from Zack Fishman on 3/11 and has reviewed it with Michael Cardinale. He may seek more information, then get back to Zack Fishman. BNASC will be sending a check after their board meets on April 5 for their fee for the State K-8 Championship.

Metro VP Report: Mike Cardinale has emailed a member of the MCA Board for the Board to Board challenge. They might use the Steve Lipschultz software for internet matches. "Bring Back The Tour" phone conference will be April 21 for the Board and organizers of the tournaments that we're considering for the tour, as well as Sevan Muradian and Ron Suarez. We also discussed ways of making the tour more flexible.

Downstate Report: David Long reported that the Greater Peoria Open is coming up, and he's also going to be doing a memorial tournament for a Springfield club member who recently passed away.

Warren Junior Program: no report.

Membership: no report.

Web: Maret Thorpe presented the web editorial policy and we discussed various ways of handling events on the web site. Ad revenue is up.

Youth Committee: Reported on the situation with Cook School. Jerry Neugarten has written a letter of apology and clarification about it. We also discussed possibilities for internet matches, and how to deal with internet match vendors. Communication with Robert Runcie at CPS is ongoing.

Bid Committee: Garrett Scott reported. For 2011 All Grade, the committee has recommended the bid from the Peoria group. The committee had some concerns on the bid. Garrett Scott moved that we accept the bid from the Peoria group with the understanding that there are some

issues to work out and we are confident we can do so, and that Carl Dolson will be bid liaison. Mike Cardinale seconded. Unanimously approved.

2012 K-8 Call for Bids: we have three bids and they are out for discussion among the bid committee.

2011 IL Class: We discussed one-day vs. two-day formats for the event, and deferred a decision for next meeting.

Broughton Fund -- Carl Dolson and Bill Brock—no report.

April 14 will be our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.