

## **Minutes of ICA Regular Meeting, Thursday, Aug. 14, 2014**

Meeting called to order at 7:33 PM. Present by telephone: Keith Ammann, Michael Auger, Bill Brock, Mike Cardinale, Scott Daniels, Carl Dolson, Bill Feldman, Steven Craig Miller, Jerry Neugarten, Murrel Rhodes.

**KA moved to approve minutes of July 10 meeting. Motion approved unanimously.**

**KA moved to receive the officers' reports submitted by e-mail (see below). Motion approved unanimously.**

MC and BF joined the meeting at 7:34. BB joined the meeting at 7:35.

**CD moved to enter executive session. Motion approved unanimously (BF abstained). Executive session entered at 7:37 (SD joined the meeting at 7:41) and exited at 8:04.**

**KA moved that the 2014 budget be adopted as submitted. Motion approved unanimously.**

BF proposed establishing a formal ICA policy on conduct at chess tournaments, in response to inquiries from various individuals. JN noted that USCF ethics policy grants any member or affiliate standing to file an ethics complaint against another member or affiliate. **KA moved to form committee consisting of KA, BF and JN to gather information and make recommendations on the formulation of an ethics policy. Motion did not receive a second.** BB volunteered to contact Gary Walters and inquire into the USCF ethics process. CD volunteered to make contact in lieu of BB; BB accepted.

CD reported that no bid had been received for the 2015 Illinois Senior Open by the day before the closing date (Friday, Aug. 15). Only 12 players participated in the 2014 Senior Open. **JN moved to authorize CD to organize the 2015 Illinois Senior Open. Motion approved unanimously.**

**BF moved to reimburse Illinois delegates \$35 per day for their attendance at the USCF Annual Delegates' Meeting.** CD asked how many days would be counted. BF recommended counting the days of the delegates' meeting plus each day spent in a delegate workshop. SD requested that the reimbursement be made subject to including the costs in the ICA budget. **CD moved to amend the motion to make this reimbursement apply to the 2015 Annual Delegates' Meeting. Motion to amend approved by voice vote (nay: BF, abstain: BB). Main motion approved by voice vote (nay: BB).**

Discussion of whether the ICA should join state associations of neighboring states as an affiliate, since Iowa State Chess Association joined ICA. SD proposed instead pursuing reciprocal affiliate relationships with state associations in neighboring states. Members generally concurred.

In response to president's report, MC noted that the bid schedule called for awarding a bid for the 2015 Illinois Open in the August board meeting. CD said one bid had been received and was still in the hands of the Bid Committee, which was due to make its recommendation to the board.

**BB moved to adjourn. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:36.**

## **WARREN JUNIOR PROGRAM REPORT (Pattie Zinski)**

The Warren program is gearing up for fall with clinics planned for both Champaign/Urbana and Chicago. Eric and Michael will teach a clinic @ U of I September 14th. I am working on a date and location for the fall Chicago clinic and hope to include the new GM in the Chicago area who Bill Feldman brought to my attention. Still no news from the Mander Foundation in response to our grant proposal. I will give it a couple of more weeks, then check with Jennifer Stevens.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CD)**

A summary of actions taken at the Annual Delegates Meeting in Orlando, FL August 2-3 was e-mailed to ICA Board members. The ICA thanks Illinois delegates Bill Brock, Carl Dolson, Tim Just, Garrett Scott, and Jeff Wiewel for their service as delegates. Illinois was one of a few states whose full slate of delegates attended.

Congratulations to Illinois' representatives to the Denker, Barber, and National Girls Invitational tournaments. Sam Schmakiel finished tied for 6th (7th on tiebreaks) at the Denker Tournament of High School Champions with 4.0/6. Miranda Liu finished tied for 6th (10th on tiebreaks) in the National Girls Invitational Tournament with 4.0/6. David Peng finished tied for 14th (15th on tiebreaks) in the Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions. We are proud of our Illinois representatives to these national invitational tournaments.

Congratulations to all Illinois players in the US Open Championship, particularly ICA members Dmitry Gurevich (7.0), Sam Schmakiel, David Peng, Duncan Shepherd, and Bill Brock (6.5).

The 2014 Illinois Open will be held August 30-September 1 at the Crowne Plaza Chicago-Northbrook. At July 31, the close of early registrations, 30 players had registered, including GMs Gurevich and Avrukh. As of August 13, 38 players were registered. A USCF e-mail blast was sent to over 1,000 active players in IL, IN, IA, MO and WI on July 18, and another is planned for next week.

We received one bid for the 2015 Illinois Open (from Gruenberg, Muradian & Panner). It is now with the ICA Bid Committee for its review.

We received no bids for the 2015 Illinois Senior Open, and I have added an agenda item to discuss whether we want to organize that tournament ourselves.

ICA acknowledges ICA Member Tim Just and his effort of editing the 6th edition of the USCF Rulebook.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT (BB)**

### **FINANCIALS & SUPPORTING REPORTS**

*[Attachment: balance sheet]*

All cash accounts reconciled thru 7/31/14; Vanguard / Broughton shows 6/30/14 value

Kindly ignore payroll-related entries: they will net to zero (after minor adj to income stmt) and I didn't have time to clean up.

The \$2,631 in deferred revenue: \$\$ we've collected for the Labor Day Illinois Open has not yet been realized as revenue. (The related expenses have been booked.)

I have to move a bunch of \$\$ from WJP to Operating. I will do this before IL Open.

*[Attachments: budget/actual 7 mos., current vs. prior, income & expense detail]*

First, some presentation irregularities:

Other income of \$2,175. \$1950 of this is WJP monies: probable breakdown is approx \$1000 from Panner event, \$250 from Shiva Maharaj (best game prizes for youth ch), and balance is EF & donations related to youth.

And there are two separate line items that are really the same thing

Expense/Tnmt Exp/Denker Expenses is largely duplicated by Warren Jr Program/Denker/Polgar Awards

No time to clean up now: I will for next time

We are running substantially behind both LAST YEAR ACTUAL and BUDGET

Look at Memberships: I have attached detail for you to noodle people. Some may be un-noodleable

Not serious, but enough of a shortfall to warrant attention.

I have attached YTD detail for those who want to dig deeper

OTHER STUFF

Membership sec'y position needs to be filled--perhaps this person can address the renewal issue

I have a debit card application from Associated Bank--I believe we already have Board approval.

I would like to close Busey Bank acct (one less account to reconcile). We could simply leave it dormant (with e-statements, no longer a \$5 charge) as it might be useful to new Mem Sec'y

We should pass a resolution thanking Chris for his service as Mem Sec'y: very smooth

Please have folks send ALL cash receipts to me, except memberships (to new Membership Sec'y--really not a bad job, as most memberships are now via PayPal)

Reminder that my Loop address is being phased out, and that new address is PO Box 180177, Chgo 60618. I have two keys: should give one to Mike or Keith.

## **METRO REPORT (MC)**

Board members Mike Cardinale and Bill Brock visited Connections for the Homeless in Evanston, on Tuesday July 22nd. We met the very friendly and enthusiastic club organizer, Quincy Mathis, and were given a quick tour of the facilities. The club currently has a core of five or six members (not without skill, as Bill and I can attest), and is committed to further outreach both within the shelter and also out to the greater nonprofit community. They could definitely use an upgrade to their chess sets, and might also benefit from other donations (e.g. books).

The seventh stop on the Illinois Chess Tour, the Chicago Class, drew 361 players to Wheeling on July 18-20, a big increase of 93 over last year. See Bill Feldman's recap on our website.

There's a new metro-area group on the tournament schedule! Mind Games-Ed has announced their inaugural tournament to be held on September 21st in Skokie, near the Old Orchard Center. Details on the tournament calendar.

### Upcoming Illinois Chess Tour Events

Round 8 - Bradley Summer Open, August 16, Peoria

Round 9 - Illinois Open, August 30 - September 1, Northbrook

## **DOWNSTATE REPORT (MR)**

We are now ending a quiet summer and with school starting soon activities are expected to heat up.

Bloomington Normal and Peoria have both just finished their summer chess camps at iExcell & Peoria Academy respectively. The Peoria Camp ended with a scholastic tournament on August 9th.

The Bradley Summer Open, an Illinois Tour event, is coming up this weekend, August 16th. Advance attendance seems to be down, probably because of competition with the Iowa Open and the FIDE rated Millionaire Chess Satellite tournament in St. Louis. No masters have advance entered in spite of the Masters play free policy in Peoria tournaments.

The Southern Illinois Summer Open is also this weekend, in even more direct competition with the St. Louis event.

Club events in Peoria, Bloomington, Decatur, Springfield and the Quad Cities are continuing as usual.