

Illinois Chess Association Board Meeting
Phone Conference
May 26, 2011
7:30 p.m.

Present: Murrell Rhodes, Tom Sprandel, Mike Cardinale, Maret Thorpe, Carl Dolson, Chris Merli, Jerry Neugarten, David Long.

Absent: Bill Brock, Andi Rosen, Garrett Scott.

Minutes: April 14 minutes were approved with no corrections. April 28 minutes were approved with no corrections. May 12 we did not have a quorum; brief minutes noting this fact were circulated; these were approved with no corrections.

Tom Sprandel reported we have two GMs, one IM and two FMs coming to the Illinois Open. This will be publicized.

ICA Banquet: Tom suggested we schedule the banquet for the first Sunday in November, at the same site as last year. He will contact Andi Rosen for the details so he can get the venue reserved. A committee will figure out whether we want a Broughton Fund recipient this year and who it would be. We also need to decide what cause the banquet might benefit.

Treasurer's Report : Carl Dolson will check and see if anyone who has a plus score at the Illinois Open will receive a book certificate, partly funded by ICA and partly by the bookseller. Carl will have a treasurer's report at the next meeting. Accounting for the All Grade is completed.

Metro Report: Mike Cardinal reported on the Illinois Tour. He's making rules documents and working on getting a logo for the tour.

Downstate Report : David Long reported on a few new tournaments. Chris Merli reported that Champaign-Urbana is starting a new community chess program similar to what BNASC has.

Warren Junior Program: No report.

Membership: Chris Merli reported we now have 263 members. He's sent out renewal notices to recent expirations.

Web: Maret Thorpe has done a new prototype for the home page and will be implementing it.

Youth Committee: Jerry Neugarten is working on some things for the Chicago Proposal. The CPS coaches are organizing themselves.

Email newsletter to come in early June.

Bid Committee: 2011 Illinois Class is out for bids. Earlier, Tom had polled the board by email and found:

- In favor of trying a two day with a slower time control (like G/90 + 30 sec add on) : Brock, Dolson, Merli, Rosen, Scott, Sprandel

- In favor of a one day event with G/60 or similar time control: Cardinale, Long, Thorpe
- Abstaining: Neugarten

Most felt only slight preference for their selection. Those in favor of the slower time control felt it would give better quality games, but recognized that we will probably get a smaller turnout. Several of you suggested that we might allow a faster time control for the lower ranking classes. Accordingly bidders will be allowed some latitude in this regard.

Broughton Fund: Carl Dolson and Bill Brock will convene a committee after the Chicago Open.

Additional Items: Jerry Neugarten is working on getting the bidding guidelines revised.

We are also working on finding a new counsel.

Next meetings are June 9 and June 23.

Meeting adjourned.