

Illinois Chess Association
Board Meeting Phone Conference
June 30, 2011
7:30 p.m. CDT

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

Absent: Andrea Rosen

Minutes from the June 9 meeting were approved unanimously.

Note: Tom Sprandel recorded the last portion of the minutes, as Maret Thorpe needed to leave the meeting early.

USCF Delegates meeting: all six of our delegates have confirmed they're going. Tom Sprandel (first alternate) can't go, so Bill Brock becomes first alternate if someone has to cancel at the last minute. Sevan Muradian has volunteered to take the lead on writing an article about the delegates meeting for the ICA web site.

Bill Goichberg sent us over \$1000 for memberships on the Chicago Open, plus a list of 70 players who signed up for membership. Tom Sprandel and Chris Merli will get those memberships entered.

In the future Goichberg will offer \$5 discounts to ICA membership instead of requiring ICA membership at his tournaments.

ICA elections in the fall will be for non-officer board members. Chris Merli and Jerry Neugarten are running for re-election. Maret Thorpe will put the call for nominations on the Web Site, the call needs to go out by September 15

Treasurer: no report.

Broughton Fund: Hector Hernandez will work with Bill Brock and Carl Dolson to identify potential nominees for the Broughton Award.

Metro Chicago Report: Mike Cardinale sent everyone on the board a proposed Tour Rules document. Parts of the structure are permanent, other aspects will be determined annually and voted on by the ICA Board. He's also working on some sponsorship possibilities. Sponsors would get ads on the tour page of the web site.

Downstate Report: David Long reported on tournaments in Springfield. Another organizer is looking to start running tournaments in Monmouth, IL and also contacted David for info on scholastic programming. Also organizing downstate in Salem is James Davies (Southern Illinois Chess League).

Membership Report: Chris Merli and Tom Sprandel are working on entering memberships from the Illinois Open. The six month free trial affiliate membership is now limited to in-state organizations only.

Web site report: Maret Thorpe and Tom Sprandel are working on: an advertising rate card, Google ads on event pages. Content editor Dan Leroy is reporting to Maret before each ICA meeting. We need more scholastic writers.

Youth Committee: Jerry Neugarten reported that the revised proposal was published. Mike has a meeting soon with one of the mayor's assistants and hopes to get the proposal some visibility. Jerry spoke to Bill Hall; Bill is going to present the proposal to the USCF Executive Committee, but expects it to be referred to the Scholastic Advisory Board, of which Garrett Scott is a member. Garrett is going to take the initiative in that committee and see if he can get something done at the USCF Annual Meeting. We expect the usual opposition; Mike and Bill will keep Garrett and Jerry advised of any activity on the USCF Forum.

Garrett reported that the Bid Committee had two bids, but that there were questions about both of them. He asked if the bid guidelines prohibited going back to the submitters with questions before one of them was chosen. It was the general feeling of the board that they could not go back unless they made all questions open to both bidders and gave both an equal chance to respond. Jerry and Garrett plan to review the procedures Friday and then reach a decision about asking the bidders questions. Tom pointed out that once the Bid Committee has a recommendation, they may submit it to the board via email and a confirmation vote can also be taken by email.

Meeting adjourned.