

Illinois Chess Association  
Board Meeting Phone Conference  
August 11, 2011, 7:30 CDT

Quorum established - Tom Sprandel, Bill Brock, Mike Cardinale, Carl Dolson, Chris Merli, Jerry Neugarten plus Murrel Rhodes from the Bid Committee in attendance

Minutes from 7/14 approved.

President's Report - Tom to send newsletter tomorrow or Saturday - IL Open , IL Tour, ICA Elections

Treasurer's Report - tax returns in process of being filed, current cash balances reported - report approved

Bid Guidelines - Jerry Neugarten - Draft circulated and comments received. Clarification in name of titles conferred. Change to how inadequate bids are handled. What happens when Bid Committee has questions. Clarified and strengthened role of bid liaison. More flexibility in compliance. Change in manner of seeking additional bids if material noncompliance with winning bidder. Now needs majority vote of full board. New section requiring post-tournament report and communication with losing bidders. TD has 30 days to communicate ICA new member info to ICA. Revisions of guidelines on space requirements. Separate paragraphs for TD space and Chess Control. New section on signage and food vendors. Addition to staffing section to deal with problems at last year's All Grade. Section on recommended online posting, but concern about those not wanting to be listed. New section on budget. New section on sign-in procedures for big tournaments with lots of anticipated no-shows. Revisions to language for notation. More discretion to TDs on tie-breaks. Motion to accept changes approved.

Warren Junior Program - Pattie's comments - need regular funding and regular schedule for kids to play and get instruction. Presently ad hoc.

Metro Report - 2012 IL Tour ready to be announced. Tournament schedule and budget discussed. Moved and accepted. Marbles will host a kick-off event at their store in Woodfield Mall. Intend to use social media to promote the Tour.

Memberships in Good Standing:

Date	Contact	Affil	Cent	Corp	Hon	Patron	Reg	Schol	Total
2011-08-06	10	25	12	2	4	6	175	75	309

Web Report - Site down yesterday because of data center problem in Texas. Under control. Google ads implemented. Events preview page for advance articles, listed towards bottom of page. Free advertising for organizers. Needs articles for scholastic ad youth chess. Link ad swap with Chicago Blaze in exchange for articles from their site.

Youth Committee - USCF annual meeting – there was no endorsement from USCF. Internal meeting at CPS tomorrow. CPS Coaches Assn announced existence may change dynamic in our favor. CPS has money for after school programs. Jenner & Block offered to be pro bono law firm for CPS proposal. Fund raiser to consult pro bono.

Bid Committee - nothing additional to report

Broughton Fund - Carl to circulate plan for Broughton Award presentation at annual banquet

Election - to be announced in newsletter. Those planning to run should get information ready to be published on the website. Deadline fast approaching. Nominations due 10/10.

Next meeting September 8 (after IL Open)