

Illinois Chess Association, Inc.
Board Meeting
December 13, 2012

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM CST. Present were Bill Brock, Mike Cardinale, Carl Dolson, Jerry Neugarten, Mark Nibbelin, David Long, Murrel Rhodes, and Tom Sprandel; absent was Chris Merli.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from the 9/13/12 conference were unanimously approved.
- Minutes from the 10/11/12 conference were unanimously approved.
- Bill Brock circulated notes from the 11/17/12 annual meeting. There was no quorum at that meeting, but the notes will be submitted for board approval at the January meeting.

Election

The Election Committee Report was approved by email prior to the meeting. It was moved and unanimously approved that the elected officers are:

Carl Dolson, President
Mike Cardinale, Metro VP
Josh Rohrsheib, Downstate VP
Bill Brock, Treasurer
Tom Sprandel, Secretary

It was also noted that, due to Bill Brock assuming the office of Treasurer, we will have a vacancy on the Board of Directors. Therefore, the board now consists of:

Chris Merli, downstate board member
Jerry Neugarten, upstate board member
Mark Nibbelin, downstate board member
Murrel Rhodes, downstate board member
Vacant, upstate board member

The board expressed its thanks to outgoing officers David Long and Tom Sprandel.

USCF Delegates

The board discussed the list of applicants to the office of USCF Delegate from Illinois for the year 2013. It was noted that we have not asked these delegates for their position on issues, and it was also noted that we have little time remaining to do so this year. It was suggested and agreed that we would ask delegates to inform the ICA board of the events and issues considered at the USCF Annual Meeting. It was also noted that the 2014 USCF Annual Meeting would be held in St. Louis, and that many people would be willing to represent Illinois at that meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Carl Dolson reported that our financial condition remained good and that he will work with Bill Brock to make a full report after year end.

Illinois Chess Tour

Michael Cardinale reported that more prizes than expected had been awarded in the Illinois Tour. This is good news, but it does involve some additional expense. He also pledged to personally subsidize the prize fund. Thank you Michael.

The 2013 Illinois Chess Tour will begin with the Tim Just Winter Open and there will be a promotional event at Marbles The Brain Store in late January. Mike also reported that he will raise the bar for prizes in 2013.

Downstate Report

David Long noted that Springfield is in the process of scheduling their next tournament and that Bloomington remains active.

Web Report

Tom Sprandel reported that we continue to suffer hacker attacks, the latest one forced us to remove shut down one of the administrative editing tools. He reported that Maret Thorpe is working on upgrading the Joomla version so that we can re-establish full functionality and, we hope, be proof against further attacks.

Tom also reported that he was considering shutting down the Forum because it requires considerable maintenance, poses security risks, and is relatively inactive. He suggested that other communications avenues, such as Facebook be considered. The board expressed approval, with one dissenting opinion. Tom will report further on this issue.

Bid Committee

The bidding schedule and the formats for upcoming tournaments were discussed and approved. Requests for Bids for the 2013 IL Open, 2013 IL All Grade, 2013 IL Class, and 2014 IL K-8 will be posted on the web by 12/15/12.

Next Meeting: Thursday evening Jan 10, 2013

Submitted by: Tom Sprandel

Appendix A: Motion to Approve 2013 USCF Delegates

WHEREAS: Illinois is allowed five delegates and five alternates to the USCF for 2013, and the following eight people have expressed a willingness to serve and to attend the business meeting in Madison, WI this summer,

BE IT MOVED: The ICA appoints the following as Illinois' Delegates and Alternates to the USCF for 2013:

Delegates:

1. Tim Just
2. Sevan Muradian
3. Garrett Scott
4. Jeff Wiewel
5. Bill Feldman

Alternates:

1. Bill Brock
2. Mark Nibbelin
3. Jim Egerton