

Illinois Chess Association, Inc.
Board Meeting
January 10, 2013

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, Murrel Rhodes, and Tom Sprandel; absent were Chris Merli and Josh Rohrscheib.

Approval of Minutes:

- Minutes from the 12/12/12 conference were unanimously approved.
- The notes from the annual meeting were also approved for publishing, even though there was no quorum at that meeting.

President's Report:

Carl will nominate somebody for the open downstate board position after reviewing candidates with the Nomination Committee.

Carl expressed his concern for the poor image of the ICA in certain quarters.

Treasurer's Report:

Carl is in the process of handing the financial records over to Bill. The December 31, 2012 will be ready soon.

Illinois Chess Tour:

Michael Cardinale reported that the tour is off and running. The Tim Just Winter Open was the first event in the 2013 Tour. It had 129 participants, up from 99 in 2012 and from 79 in 2011. While it may be a stretch for the Tour to take credit for the increase, some players did cite the Tour as a motivation factor. Three ICA board members played in the tournament.

Sam Schmakel will give a simul to help publicize the tour, but a location is needed Marbles the Brain Store, who hosted it last year, has closed.

Downstate Report:

Murrell reported that upcoming events included the MLK Scholastic, the Bradley Winter Open, and the 49th Greater Peoria Open.

Web Report:

Tom reported that Maret Thorpe has volunteered to upgrade our Joomla version and is working on it. This may take a couple months. Tom also reported that, as previously approved, he will shut down the Forums bulletin board as soon as we can get a Facebook page up and running. Carl agreed to be point person on the Facebook page, Michael will also keep an eye on it.

Bid Committee:

Murrel will keep the board informed of the status of the various bid closing dates.

Next Meeting: Thursday evening Feb 21, 2013

Submitted by: Tom Sprandel