

Illinois Chess Association

Board Meeting Conference Call

May 19, 2015

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. A quorum was established at 7:37. Present were Bill Buklis, Carl Dolson, Bill Feldman, Steven Miller, Jerry Neugarten, and Murrel Rhodes. Sevan Muradian also joined to give an update on the Warren program.

Approval of Minutes:

The April board meeting minutes were approved.

Officers Reports

The officer reports were approved by a vote of 5-0 with 1 abstaining.

Warren Junior Program Report:

Sevan Muradian gave a report on the status of the Warren Junior Program and his future plans. Sevan had talked to Helen Warren. There was misunderstanding on how the program operated. She seems fine with the new changes and wants to be kept updated on what the program accomplishes.

The selection process will be streamlined to make it more transparent and easier to understand. The Rising Stars portion will help kids improve to the Warren standard. The selection year will change to begin in June rather than February, so that all of the major events are in the same Warren year. After the June rating report comes out, the new scholars will be notified of their eligibility and of their requirements for participation.

There are no requirements for the qualifying Rising Stars to participate in the Program, but the full Warren members must agree to participate in certain Rising Star training clinics and play in certain tournaments to be part of the Warren Program. Exceptions or alternatives can be made if there is an unavoidable conflict with the approval of the Warren Director.

Carl Dolson motioned to approve the proposed enhancements to the Warren Program. It was seconded by Murrel Rhodes. The motion was approved 6-0-0.

Discussion of ICA running the State Championship Tournaments:

There was discussion in having the ICA run the State Championship and/or All-Grade tournaments directly rather than by separate organizers as it is currently. The advantage is that any extra money earned by the tournament can be used towards various programs such as WJP. The downside is that it may not have enough resources to properly organize. Sevan Muradian has experience organizing tournaments and could help with this. He considers it a conflict of interest to bid on the event as an outside provider, but could organize it on behalf of the ICA.

Youth Committee Report:

Jerry Neugarten gave a brief summary on the status of the youth committee.

Update on Illinois Open and Illinois Senior Open tournaments:

Carl Dolson gave a brief report on the upcoming Illinois Open and Illinois Senior Open tournaments. The TLA for the Illinois Open was submitted to USCF and is already available online. This year Sevan will provide sets, boards, and clocks for the events. IL Open will be FIDE rated and possible IL Blitz as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 11, 2015.