

Illinois Chess Association
Board Meeting Conference Call
June 11, 2015

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30. A quorum was established at 7:50. Attending were Michael Auger, Bill Brock, Bill Buklis, Scott Daniels, Carl Dolson, Bill Feldman, and Jerry Neugarten. Sevan Muradian also attended to give an update on the Warren Junior Program.

Approval of Minutes:

The May minutes were approved by a vote of 6-1.

Officers Reports:

The officer reports were approved by a vote of 6-0 with one abstaining.

Warren Junior Program Report:

Sevan Muradian gave an update on the status of the Warren Junior Program. He received a response from the USCF that they will be able to provide a list of players that fall into the WJP rating requirements. He will send a blast email to all eligible juniors regarding the new guidelines. The WJP committee will discuss what levels of prestige can be given to enhance the value of the WJP.

Alternate USCF Delegates:

Not all of the previously appointed delegates will be able to attend the USCF annual meeting (August 2015 in Phoenix). Additional alternate USCF delegates are needed. There are a few possible names. They will be contacted to see if they can serve.

Request to Purchase Naming Rights for the 2015 Illinois Open:

There was a request by Ken Marshall to rename the 2015 Illinois Open the 2015 Ray Doyle Satterlee Illinois Open as a memorial recognizing his passing 10 years ago. After discussion it was felt that although this is a noble gesture, this sets a precedent the Board did not want to establish. An

inappropriate request for someone/something not associated with chess may be made in the future. It may be better to honor the memorial by naming certain prizes after him.

Discussion of ICA running the State Championship tournaments:

There was continued discussion regarding the possibility of ICA running the state championship tournaments instead of bidding them out to organizers as it is done currently. This could be good source of revenue, but may be antagonistic to the current organizers. ICA could hire TDs/organizers with a fixed fee instead of directly running the tournament. A simpler alternative is to raise the bid amount that the organizers pay ICA.

There was motion to table discussion until next month. It was approved by a vote of 3 for, 1 against, and 2 abstaining.

Youth Committee Report:

Jerry Neugarten is working on a handbook for training coaches on how to teach chess. This handbook may go on the website when it is ready.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 21, 2015.