

Illinois Chess Association

Board Meeting Conference Call

July 21, 2015

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30. A quorum was established at 7:38. Attending were Bill Brock, Bill Buklis, Scott Daniels, Carl Dolson, Bill Feldman, Jerry Neugarten, and Murrel Rhodes. Sevan Muradian also attended to give an update on the Warren Junior Program.

Approval of Minutes:

The June minutes were approved by a vote of 7-0.

Officers Reports:

The officer reports were approved by a vote of 7-0.

Warren Junior Program Report:

Sevan Muradian gave an update on the status of the Warren Junior Program. So far the USCF has not yet provided a list of eligible juniors as they have been swamped with US Open preparations. It is expected they will take care of this shortly. Previously a third party chess camp has offered special discounts to Warren Junior members with the Warren Junior Program paying for half the discount. Going forward this will no longer be allowed to prevent potential conflicts of interest and perceptions of favoritism.

Chess Coaches Handbook:

Jerry Neugarten wrote a small document titled "Teaching Chess to Groups: Handbook for Coaches". Its primary focus is for the amateur coach who is unfamiliar with managing classrooms. This handbook was provided to the board for approval to be placed on the ICA website and to be endorsed by the ICA. The initial motion did not pass for an insufficient majority by a vote of 3-1 with 3 abstaining.

2015 ICA Budget and Approval of Mailing for Warren Junior Program:

Bill Brock provided a preliminary version of the 2015 ICA budget to the board for review. This budget includes \$3,000 for a special mailing requested by Sevan Muradian to potential juniors for the Warren Junior Program. This mailing will provide details about the programs and information on the ICA and upcoming Illinois Tour events with the potential benefit to the ICA by asking for donations. There was a motion to approve the mailing, split the cost between ICA and the Warren Junior Program, and to table discussion of the 2015 budget to the August meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 5-1.

Alternate USCF Delegates:

Current USCF Delegates for Illinois, Tim Just, Carl Dolson, and Sevan Muradian, are unable to attend the USCF annual meeting in August this year. Kevin Taylor and Eric Rosen were chosen as replacements leaving one spot empty.

Carl Dolson made a motion to appoint delegate Garrett Scott as the Chief Delegate for Illinois. This motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

Membership and ICA Board Structure Committee Update:

Scott Daniels gave a brief update on the status of this new committee. Members have been appointed to the committee and they have accepted the position.

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. ICA has organized some events already for those that did not receive any bids. The K-8 State Championship has always had a bid, since it is the most popular. There was concern that this may antagonize organizers who make a living running chess events. Organizers are also part of the chess community. For example, BNASC gets a large portion of its funding from the K-8 event, since it doesn't do other events. ICA may achieve the same goal of increased revenue by raising the bid fee. If organizers can provide an accounting of the tournaments, then ICA can properly determine what its bid fee should be.

A motion to table this discussion until the August meeting was approved by a vote of 6-0.

Memorial Upset Prizes for the 2015 Illinois Open:

Ken Marshall requests to provide \$150 for special prizes at the 2015 Illinois Open if the prizes can be named after Ray Doyle Satterlee as a memorial. This was approved by a vote of 6-0.

Potential Revision of Constitution Regarding ICA Stated Purpose:

Discussion of this topic was tabled to the August meeting by a vote of 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday August 13, 2015.