

**Minutes for the CalChess Board Meeting held February 5, 2005, 2:00pm at the Mechanics Institute in San Francisco (Meeting called to order at 2:15pm).**

**Attending:** (Board): Richard Koepcke, Elizabeth Shaughnessy, Roger Poehlmann, Eric Hicks, Eric Schiller, Joe Lonsdale. (Counsel): Neil Falconer.

Absent: Steve Stacy, Jacob Green, (John McCumiskey).

**Interim Business:**

**Motion 041113.4 (Shaughnessy): Joe Lonsdale is appointed to fill a vacant seat on the Board.**

(Adding additional votes via email). Motion passes 8-0. Ayes: Shaughnessy, Hicks, Koepcke, Aigner, Poehlmann, Stacy, Green, McCumiskey. Schiller abstains.

**Motion 041115 (Poehlmann): I move that CalChess amend Article I of its bylaws from: (CURRENT WORDING): "The name of the association shall be CalChess, also known as NorCal, CalChess Scholastics, NorCal Scholastics, and the Northern California Chess Association." to (PROPOSED WORDING): "The name of the association shall be CalChess. CalChess uses various trade names such as NorCal, CalChess Scholastics, NorCal Scholastics, and the Northern California Chess Association." Motion passes 7-0. Ayes: Poehlmann, Shaughnessy, Schiller, Hicks, Green, McCumiskey, Lonsdale. Koepcke, Aigner, and Stacy did not vote.**

**Motion 041116 (Shaughnessy): That CalChess host its Thirtieth Scholastic State Championships on May 6, 7, and 8, 2005 at the Herbst Pavilion, Fort Mason, in San Francisco. Motion passes 9-0. Ayes: Shaughnessy, Hicks, Schiller, Koepcke, Aigner, Poehlmann, Green, Lonsdale, McCumiskey. Stacy did not vote.**

12/20/04: Michael Aigner resigns from the CalChess Board, continues in Clearinghouse role.

12/25/05: John McCumiskey resigns from the CalChess Board.

**Motion 050126 (Shaughnessy): I propose the appointment of Joe Lonsdale, Eric Hicks and Jacob Green to serve as the three members of the newly formed CalChess Scholastic Committee. Motion passes 7-0. Ayes: Shaughnessy, Schiller, Green, Poehlmann, Hicks, Lonsdale, and Stacy. Koepcke did not vote.**

**\*\*Closed Session \*\***

1. Report from Counsel Liaison Committee/Attorney.
2. Discussion of Legal Issues

**Motion 050205.1 (Koepcke): Richard Koepcke and Elizabeth Shaughnessy are empowered to work with Counsel to negotiate with Richard Peterson's counsel to seek the return of all funds, and to negotiate other terms that they deem reasonable, and to close the deal. Motion passes 5-0. Ayes: Shaughnessy, Schiller, Koepcke, Poehlmann, Lonsdale. Hicks abstains.**

Neil Falconer leaves meeting at conclusion of Closed Session.

\*\*\* Open Session \*\*\*

**Accept/Amend Previous Minutes:** Minutes for 11/13/04 meeting accepted unanimously without amendment.

### Old Business

1. Planning for the “May Tournament” at Fort Mason
  - a) Jay Blems bid for the book sales—10% is OK, space as available. No phone line connection.
  - b) The flyer—On hold pending name of event, round times, entry fees, etc.
  - c) The concessions—Run them ourselves or farm them out? Discuss on email.
  - d) The membership fee--\$5 and state this on website.
  - e) Reduced or free entries--\$30 regular entry fee, free entry to volunteers kids. \$5 off if four or more enter together in same envelope. Students eligible for free lunch program get ½ price entry. Entry fee goes up to \$50 the week before, \$60 on-site. \$5 discount if by 3/7(?)—discuss exact date on email.
  - f) Unrated/Non-rated sections—Section for “never rated” with cheaper entry fee, medals as prizes and no title on Saturday, K-6 with 30 minute time control. \$15 for a one-day event (early bird discount), \$20 later.
  - g) Other—Hire someone to run it? Need a “Project Manager” & TD. But currently we can’t pay them in advance. Dealing with parents and phone calls very challenging and time-consuming Put FAQ on website. Schiller to get publicity for event. Koepcke to get staff.

### 2. Membership list discussion

**Motion 050202.2 (Stacy/Poehlmann): That the President be authorized to use the membership list to answer false accusations made against her. This authorization is not transferable to any other person and shall expire when her current term of office as President expires.** Motion passes 3-2. Ayes: Hicks, Poehlmann, Lonsdale. Noes: Schiller, Koepcke. Shaughnessy abstains.

### New Business

1. Changes to CalChess Bylaws. Scholastic Committee & Professional Committee wording approved unanimously. Counsel likely to review and suggest changes. “Titled players” to include National Masters.
2. Electronic (Virtual) Meetings. Some technical problems encountered. Try test in late February using Eric’s recommended site, which is free. Could use MS/Yahoo for \$14.95 if that doesn’t work.

Meeting Adjourned 5:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Poehlmann  
CalChess Secretary