

Minutes for the CalChess Board Meeting held June 25, 2005, 3pm at the Mechanics Institute, 4th Floor, 57 Post Street, San Francisco, CA.

Attending: (Board): Richard Koepcke, Elizabeth Shaughnessy, Roger Poehlmann, Eric Schiller, Eric Hicks.
Absent: Steve Stacy, Jacob Green, Joe Lonsdale.

Prior Interim Business via email:

Motion 050321 (Schiller/Koepcke): I move that in the Golden Gate Scholastics, all participants may play for one school team and one club team. Motion fails 3-5. Ayes: Lonsdale, Schiller, Koepcke. Noes: Hicks, Green, Shaughnessy, Stacy, Poehlmann.

Motion 050420 (Koepcke/Schiller): That a \$300 Stipend be awarded to the Polgar representative to defer expenses in playing in that event, with the stipulation that the representative must participate in the event to receive payment. Motion passes 8-0. Ayes: Koepcke, Schiller, Hicks, Shaughnessy, Green, Lonsdale, Poehlmann, Stacy.

Motion 050425.1 (Shaughnessy/Koepcke): That the board of CalChess pulls out of its obligation to run the San Francisco Chess Festival 2005, accepts the loss of \$5400.00 already paid in rental fees to Fort Mason and accepts the offer from Academic Chess to run the Golden Gate Scholastics in our stead. Motion passes 6-0. Ayes: Shaughnessy, Koepcke, Schiller, Poehlmann, Lonsdale and Green. Hicks abstains, Stacy did not vote.

Motion 050425.2 (Koepcke/Schiller): The CalChess Board authorizes \$1000.00 toward a Master invitational event, to replace the Masters event originally planned for May 7-8 2005. With the proviso that the tournament be executed with the same conditions as the original event (meaning structure, and entry fee). Date and time of the new event to be sometime in the current fiscal year or within the first 6 months of the next fiscal year. Motion passes 7-0. Ayes: Schiller, Koepcke, Shaughnessy, Hicks, Poehlmann, Lonsdale, Green. Stacy did not vote.

Meeting called to order at 3:15pm.

Accept/Amend minutes of previous meetings (2/5/05, 3/5/05, 3/15/05). Minutes accepted without amendment by Hicks, Poehlmann, Schiller, Shaughnessy. Koepcke abstains.

Treasurer's Report: CalChess has \$19,205.83 in the bank as of 6/14/05. Largest expense was the \$5,400 in connection with the Fort Mason May tournament. Revenue is low due to not getting membership renewals. Discussion about progress with Doug Regalia & Associates working on 501(d)4 status and resolving federal and state tax issues.

Old Business

1. Changes to CalChess Bylaws, Discussion

Motion 050625.1 (Shaughnessy/Schiller): That CalChess approves those changes to the bylaws which are agreed upon after discussion from the changes which were proposed to the board last January . That the Secretary will send the revisions to the membership at least one month before the Annual General Meeting as called for in the bylaws and that they will be submitted to attorney Neil Levy for review. Attorney Levy has agreed to do this service for us pro bono. Motion passes 5-0, unanimously.

New Business

1. Discussion of revised CalChess website (Schiller)

Many improvements and adding functionality made to CalChess website by Hicks, and positive feedback from members. Concerns raised that Board was not informed prior to the substantial changes. Site appears a “clone” of another chess website, there are misspellings, and has too much of a scholastic emphasis. How to balance Board’s oversight role without stifling creativity and individual initiative.

Motion 050625.2 (Schiller/Poehlmann): That CalChess create a 3-person Publications Committee to oversee all CalChess publication content. Motion passes 4-1. Ayes: Schiller, Poehlmann, Hicks, Koepcke. Noes: Shaughnessy.

2. Discussion of 2005 State Scholastic Championship, not yet rated by USCF (Hicks)

USCF received the Rating Report from Peterson, but did not the rating fees. However, it is the intent of the USCF to rate the tournament anyway.

3. 2006 CalChess State Scholastic Championship, Discussion of Location—Tabled by Shaughnessy.

Motion (Shaughnessy): That CalChess will run all its own State Scholastic Championships, will not put them out for bid, but rather will hire competent people to organize and direct these tournaments. (Withdrawn by Shaughnessy after discussion).

Motion 050625.3 (Shaughnessy/Koepcke): CalChess shall form a three-person committee to oversee the 2006 State Scholastic Championship. Tabled.

Secretary’s notes are unclear as to whether Motion 050625.3 was tabled or came to a vote. The Board should review this item and amend it accordingly.

4. 2006 Girls’ State Scholastic Championship

Motion 050625.4 (Shaughnessy/Schiller): That CalChess will hold the “Sojourner Truth” tournament in 2006 which will be the qualifier for the Polgar tournament. Motion passes 5-0, unanimously.

MLK weekend is a possible date for this event.

5. Other Business/Items from the Floor

None.

Meeting Adjourned 5:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Poehlmann
CalChess Secretary