

Minutes for the CalChess Annual Meeting held September 3, 2005, 2pm at the Golden Gateway Holiday Inn, 1500 Van Ness Ave in San Francisco, CA.

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

Meeting called to order at 2:05pm

President's Report: All funds recovered from Peterson. Special thanks to Neil Falconer, Eric Hicks, Mike A. No funds to publish magazine; patrons donated much needed funds. Going to getting back to normal this year. Plans for better state scholastic championship. 900 fewer members due to non-requirement of membership at Peterson and Kirshner events.

Treasurer's Report: Down year due to fighting Peterson. Had to make plans to run a State Scholastic Championship (at a loss), then pulled out of Fort Mason contract as a result of settlement with Peterson.

Old Business: None.

New Business

1. Vote on Amended Bylaws (Proposed amendments printed and distributed to members)

Motion 050903.1 (Shaughnessy/Koepcke/Ryan Ko/?): That the CalChess membership ratify the bylaws as amended by the Board, and to include plurals in Scholastic Representative(s) In Article VI, Section 8, and to change "none of whom" to "no two of whom" in Article VI, Section 5. Motion passes, 15(?) -2. Michael Aigner and Vladimir Naroditsky voted no.

2. Election

Short Speeches from CalChess candidates, each running for a 2-year term for one of four seats. Candidate names appeared on ballot in random order. Voters verified as CalChess members from membership lists, given ballots. Secretary recused himself from counting ballots since personally a candidate. Mike Goodall and Rod McCalley collected and counted the ballots and reported the results. Eric Hicks(i) 20, Bob Blatt 17, Roger Poehlmann(i) 16, Salman Azhar 14 elected to the board for 2-year terms. Joe Lonsdale(i) 13, Ryan Ko 7, Michael Aigner 1 (write-in) were not elected. Elizabeth S., Jacob G., Eric S., and Richard K. have one year left to serve in their two-year terms.

3. CalChess Paper Magazine Issue

Due to an error by the Secretary, this motion should have been on the printed agenda.

Motion: That CalChess publish a printed magazine. (Goodall/Shaugnessy?) Tabled.

Magazine would give membership a product to justify membership expense. Publication costs have been largest expense in the past. Smaller membership now. Postage costs up since we don't have a bulk mail permit. Additional labor involved. Online version allows anyone to read and search and is permanent. Could restrict access to online magazine content to paying members. Motion to table (Azhar) passed 10-3.

4. Open Forum

Motion 050903.2 (Goodall): That CalChess membership not be required for any event. Motion passes, 7-6.

20 years ago, CalChess did not require membership. No printed magazine, what is incentive to join. Members should get something tangible. Events can still offer CalChess discount. Events can also package membership with entry fee. Concern that some would view packaging membership with entry fee as deceitful. Expensive for scholastic players to join USCF, CalChess, and pay entry fee. "Title I" kids get free membership however. When membership was not required, CalChess lost 900 members (\$13,500). Vote 9-6 to call the question.

Note: Motion 050903.2 was not placed on the Advance Agenda, and under Article IV, Section 10 of the bylaws, it required a 2/3 majority to pass, not just a simple majority. However, the motion was ruled by the Chair as passing. Since there was no objection raised at the meeting, the motion stands as having passed.

***** Closed Session *****

Present: Elizabeth Shaughnessy, Richard Koepcke, Bob Blatt, Jacob Green, Salman Azhar, Roger Poehlmann, Eric Hicks. Eric Schiller absent.

Officers selected. President: Elizabeth Shaughnessy, Vice-President: Eric Hicks, Treasurer: Richard Koepcke, Secretary: Roger Poehlmann.

Meeting Adjourned (time not recorded)

Interim Business via email: 9/4/05-10/21/05

Motion 050907 (Shaughnessy/Poehlmann): CalChess shall reappoint Michael Aigner as Clearinghouse Chair. Motion passes 8-0, unanimous. Note: Michael Aigner has agreed to continue on in this role and Shaughnessy has informed the USCF.

Motion 050910 (Hicks/Koepcke/Azhar): The CalChess Board authorizes Richard Koepcke and Robert Blatt to go into serious contractual negotiations with Alan Kirshner to do the 2006 State Championships as the primary candidate. The contract that is formed must be submitted to the full Board and, accepted by a majority of the Board to become effective. Motion passes 8-0, unanimous.

09/22/05: Shaughnessy resigns from Webmaster position.

Motion 050922 (Shaughnessy/Azhar): That Eric Hicks be appointed webmaster of the CalChess website. Motion passes 7-0, Hicks abstains.

Motion 050925 (Hicks/Azhar): The CalChess Board accepts the contract submitted by Dr. Alan Kirshner to run the 2006 Scholastic State Championships. Motion passes 7-0, Shaughnessy abstains.

Motion 050927.1 (Green/Hicks): That Salman Azhar be appointed to the scholastic committee to replace the seat vacated by Joe Lonsdale. Motion passes 7-0, Azhar abstains.

Motion 050927.2 (Green/Hicks): That Ryan Ko be appointed as scholastic representative, joining the existing scholastic representative Nazee Moghadam. Motion passes 7-0, Blatt abstains.

09/28/05: Elizabeth Shaughnessy resigns as President of CalChess, but remains on the Board.

Motion 050928 (Koepcke/Blatt): The Board authorizes a \$588.00 payment to Diane Reese for work done on the 2006 NorCal Scholastics tournament and for reimbursement of expenses incurred in that effort. Motion passes 6-1. Ayes: Hicks, Koepcke, Green, Shaughnessy, Poehlmann, Schiller. No: Azhar. Blatt abstains.

Motion (Blatt/Schiller): The Board's authorization of a \$588.00 payment to Diane Reese for work done on the 2006 NorCal Scholastics tournament and for reimbursement of expenses incurred in that effort, is conditioned upon Richard Koepcke being able to make arrangements with Diane Reese to immediately obtain all information in her possession or knowledge which is needed by Alan Kirshner related to her contacts with prospective tournament sites, and provided that she agrees to a telephone conference with Alan Kirshner to clarify and/or add to the submitted information, and further provided that she agrees to provide the basis for her bill (time charges and support for expenses). This is to be done at no additional cost to CalChess except for actual out of pocket expenses Diane Reese may incur in transmitting this information. This motion will sunset if not passed by midnight Oct. 2, 2005. Motion does not pass. Ayes: Schiller. Noes: Poehlmann, Shaughnessy, Azhar.

End of Interim Business via email: 9/4/05-10/21/05

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Poehlmann
CalChess Secretary