

**Minutes for the CalChess Board Meeting held Saturday, July 15, 2006 at 1:30pm at the Hayward Public Library, 835 C St. Hayward, California.**

Attending: (Board): Richard Koepcke, Elizabeth Shaughnessy, Bob Blatt, Salman Azhar, Roger Poehlmann, Eric Hicks, Jacob Green. Visitors: Alan Kirshner, Stephanie Blatt, Kerry Lawless. Absent: Eric Schiller.

Meeting called to order at 1:50pm

President's Report: Last year we made tactical decisions to get CalChess back on track, this year we can do strategic planning for future. Call for Candidates for September election, submit names up to a few weeks before the election.

Board accepts minutes of previous meetings (10/22/05 as amended, 01/14/06) unanimously.

1. Denker and Polgar Stipends (Koepcke)

**Motion 060715.1 (Koepcke/Azhar): CalChess formally authorizes the payment of a \$300 stipend to the Northern California Denker and Polgar representatives to help defray costs for participation in the tournament. Stipend to be paid out upon confirmation the designates have confirmed participation in their respective events.** Motion passes 7-0, unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report: Account Status and State Scholastic Championship Report (Blatt)

Account Ledger distributed to Board showing Balance of \$16,839.75. State Scholastic Tournament budgeted to net \$2,870, but actual net was \$13,696 (\$59,789 income versus \$46,093 expense). 300 more players entered than expected. \$177 was collected in CalChess memberships.

Board had voted in Motion 060114.1 to close all Ridgecrest accounts; however, accounts had already been closed (presumably by Richard Peterson).

3. Cherrywood investigation findings, with board vote on whether or not to disqualify Cherrywood team(s). (Hicks)

Discussion of incident at State Scholastic Championship involving allegations that one entrant in the Novice (unrated) section had a 1520 provisional rating from a tournament a few years ago, and other attempted entries from same program also had ratings but were identified by the tournament staff and moved to the correct section.

**Motion 060715.2 (Hicks/Poehlmann): That the K-6 Novice Cherrywood team be disqualified from the 2006 CalChess State Scholastic Championship. This decision can be appealed by the next CalChess meeting before taking effect.** Motion passes 3-1. Ayes: Hicks, Green, Poehlmann. Noes: Koepcke. Abstaining: Blatt, Azhar, Shaughnessy.

**Motion 060715.3 (Koepcke/Hicks): Coaches are responsible for insuring players submitted are for the correct section (and team). If the coach is found to be negligent in his/her submittal, CalChess can disqualify the team and/or the coach for the section in question. This disqualification can be extended to the following year's event.** Motion passes 6-0, Azhar abstains.

4. Coaches Recommendations from Coaches' Meeting (Hicks)

Consider renaming the "Novice" section to Booster or something else (Board consensus was to keep it as is).

Use the same tiebreaks as the USCF (Board consensus to accept recommendation)

Add K-5 section just like the National Championship (Board consensus to accept recommendation)

Move K-3 section from 1 day to 2 days (Motion to form committee below)

Organizer's role in disqualifying a coach/player/team/parent (To be written up in email)

**Motion 060715.4 (Azhar/Koepcke): That we adopt the changes recommended at the Coaches' Meeting (tiebreaks and K-5 section) and to form a committee on how to handle the K-3 novice and K-3 JV sections.**

Motion passes

7-0, unanimously.

**Motion 060715.5 (Azhar/Koepcke): That the committee on how to handle the K-3 Novice and K-3 JV sections be composed of Richard Koepcke, Salman Azhar, Alan Kirshner, and John McCumisky.** Motion passes 6-0, Shaughnessy abstains.

5. Discussion of 2006 Scholastic Championships and Organizer's Report (Koepcke/Kirshner)

Kirshner submitted report to Board showing event highlights, thanking volunteers and staff, and providing recommendations for future tournaments.

**Motion 060715.6 (Azhar/Poehlmann): That the Board commend and thank Bob Blatt for his work on the 2006 State Scholastic Championships.** Motion passes 7-0, unanimously.

6. Discussion of 2007 Scholastic State Championships Site (Koepcke)

**Motion 060715.7 (Hicks/Azhar): That the Board enter into negotiations with Alan Kirshner as the primary candidate as Organizer for the 2007 State Scholastic Championships.** Motion passes 6-0, Koepcke abstains.

**Motion 060715.8 (Koepcke/Shaugnessy): That the Board commend Alan Kirshner for his work on the 2006 State Scholastic Championships.** Motion passes 7-0, unanimously.

Site options presented to the Board were May 19-20 at the San Jose Convention Center for \$16K or April 14-15 at San Jose Parkside for \$14K. Parkside site preferred by Organizer but date would conflict with National HS Championship. CalChess could run separate tournament for Denker representatives.

**Motion 060715.9 (Azhar/Hicks): To accept the Parkside site for the 2007 State Scholastic Championships.** Motion passes 6-0, Koepcke abstains.

**Motion 060715.10 (Poehlmann/Shaugnessy): That Richard Koepcke and Bob Blatt begin negotiation with Alan Kirshner to draft a contract for the 2007 State Scholastic Championship, using last year's contract as the starting point.** Motion passes 5-0, Koepcke and Blatt abstain.

7. Labor Day CalChess State Championship

2005 Tournament and past years' events break even at best.

**Motion 060715.11 (Koepcke/Hicks): That the 2006 CalChess Open Championship be financed as a CalChess Tournament.** Motion passes 7-0, unanimously.

8. 2007 Girls' Championship (Koepcke)

**Motion 060715.12 (Koepcke/Azhar): The CalChess Board accepts Ray Orwig's proposal for a 2007 Girls Championship to be held at the St Marks school over the January 20-21, 2007 weekend. The Board also designates the K-12 section winner of this event to be the State representative for the 2007 Polgar tournament held concurrent with the US Open. Motion passes 7-0, unanimously.**

(Azhar and Hicks leave the meeting at 4:00pm)

9. Motion re acknowledgement of CalChess Patrons (Shaughnessy)

**Motion 060715.13 (Shaughnessy/Blatt): That the names of the patrons be listed on every issue of the CCJ and in some prominent place on the website (the place to be at the discretion of the webmaster). That it reads as follows:**

**CalChess Patron Program. "Members of CalChess or interested parties who wish to support the quality and growth of chess as a worthwhile activity in Northern California are encouraged to contribute to CalChess. Please send your contribution to CalChess, PO Box 1432, Mountain View, CA 94042.**

**And then a list of patrons. That the patron list be kept current on the website and forwarded to the CCJ editor. That the published patron list be for the duration of one year. The patron may remain anonymous if he/she desires.**

Motion passes 5-0. (Azhar and Hicks were not present to vote).

10. Motion to Reconsider: Recognize Future State Grade Level Championships (Shaughnessy)—Tabled.

11. CalChess Masters Tournament (Schiller)—Tabled.

12. Membership Secretary Discussion (Koepcke)

Without a membership secretary, we can't process memberships.

13. Future of California Chess Journal (Schiller)—Tabled.

14. Peoples Chess Tournament Discussion/Contingency Plan if ASUC Superb Declines to run tournament in 2007 (Shaughnessy/Koepcke)

ASUC Superb used to provide the site for free; event may not be as successful without the free site. If no one is willing to organize the event, should CalChess step in and run it? CalChess could also run an event on Memorial Day weekend in the future.

15. Scholastic Board Representative for 2006-2007 (Koepcke)

Should the position be abolished? Should CalChess encourage candidates to apply for the position and we select the best ones?

16. Open Forum—No Items.

Meeting Adjourned, 4:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Poehlmann  
CalChess Secretary

**Interim Business via email**

Motion 060718 (Azhar/Koepcke): That the CalChess Board provides Alan Kirshner with the authority to find an alternative site in the Bay Area for one of the following weekends May 5-6, April 28-29, April 21-22 or March 24-25. If he is able to locate a site that has the specs needed to run the States to his satisfaction and does not cost any more than the \$17,000 he is authorized to obtain a contract that will be signed by the President on behalf of the Board. Alan should bring with him one or more Board members when he does his site visits to get their input. Motion fails to pass with required 2/3 majority of Standing Board for an email vote. Ayes: Hicks, Schiller, Azhar, Green. Noes: Shaughnessy. Abstaining: Poehlmann, Koepcke, Blatt.

**Motion 060725 (Koepcke/Blatt):** The CalChess Board provides Alan Kirshner with the authority to find an alternative set of tournament dates at one of the following sites: Oakland Convention Center, or the San Mateo Convention Center. The alternate dates the Board grants authority for are weekends May 5-6, April 28-29, April 21-22 or March 24-25 2007. If he is able to locate a site and dates that has the specs needed to run the States to his satisfaction and does not cost any more than the \$17,000 he is authorized to obtain a contract that will be signed by the President on behalf of the Board. Motion passes 8-0, unanimously.

**Motion 060828 (Koepcke/Green):** The Board agrees to accept the proposal submitted by Alan Kirshner for Organizing the 2007 Scholastic Championships (in San Mateo on April 27-29, 2007). Motion passes 8-0, unanimously.

End of Interim Business; Next Meeting Scheduled for September 2, 2006