

Minutes for the Annual CalChess Board Meeting held Saturday, September 2, 2006 at 3:00pm in the Oregon Conference Room at the Golden Gateway Holiday Inn, 1500 Van Ness Ave in San Francisco, CA.

Attending: (Board): Richard Koepcke, Bob Blatt, Salman Azhar, Roger Poehlmann, Eric Hicks, Eric Schiller.
Absent (Board): Elizabeth Shaughnessy, Jacob Green. Approximately 26 attendees at start of meeting.

Meeting called to order at 3:05pm

President's Report: Last year we made tactical decisions to get CalChess back on track, this year we can do strategic planning for future.

Treasurer's Report: Bank balance is \$34,733.93, with about \$28K of unrestricted money. About a 10K increase from last year, mainly due to profit on State Scholastic tournament.

New Business

1. 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. Richard Koepcke(I)—23, Jason Gurtovoy—22, Michael Aigner—21, and Tom Langland—19 were elected to two-year terms. Ryan Ko—16 and Eric Schiller—9 were not elected. Shaughnessy(I) and Green(I) did not run. There were no write-in votes. Blatt, Poehlmann, Hicks, and Azhar have one year left in their two-year terms.

2. Recognition of Northern California Chess History Contributors

Motion 060902.1 (Schiller/Kirschner): That CalChess formally recognize and acknowledge the contributions of John Donaldson and chessdryad.com for presenting valuable information about the history of chess in Northern California. Motion passes unanimously, 25(?) -0.

3. Membership Requirements

Motion 060902.2 (Poehlmann/Schiller): That the motion passed at the 2005 Annual Meeting stating "That CalChess membership not be required for any event" be rescinded. Motion to Rescind passes unanimously, 22-0.

4. New Board Enters Closed Session To Select Officers (3:50pm)

Officers selected. President: Richard Koepcke, Vice-President: Eric Hicks, Treasurer: Bob Blatt, Secretary: Roger Poehlmann. Members of Scholastic Committee: Langland, Azhar, Hicks.

End of Closed Session—Meeting reopened to CalChess membership for an Open Forum.

5. 2007 State Scholastic Championship

Board signs contract with Alan Kirshner, Organizer of the 2007 CalChess State Scholastic Championships.

6. Discussion of Girls' Championship Tournament

7. Board amends minutes of 7/15/06 meeting and votes 6-0 to accept them, with Aigner and Langland abstaining.

8. Scholastic Representatives Discussion

Candidates should be encouraged to commit to two meetings and submit a one-page essay for consideration.

9. Membership Secretary

Salman Azhar to fill role temporarily.

10. Officers' Insurance

Motion 060902.3 (Blatt/Azhar): The Board authorizes Richard Koepcke to get quotes on Directors' Insurance for the CalChess Board. Motion passes 7-0. Hicks was not in attendance for the vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Poehlmann
CalChess Secretary

Interim Business via email (and electronic forums)

[Secretary's Note: Soon after the annual meeting, Eric Hicks enabled the CalChess Board to use Yahoo Groups to have secure online discussions and to transact business. On 9/25/06, Koepcke designated Aigner to be the chair for cyber votes. However, two motions had been made and seconded prior to this where there was discussion and voting, but there was no action by the chair. Some specifics of the new voting and polling capabilities have not been resolved, so it is unclear what votes count and which motions have passed.]

Motion 060915 (Hicks/Koepcke): CalChess will publish its current membership list on the website but will limit that posting to the names and expiration dates of the membership. (Motion requires a 2/3 vote, rescinding previous Board motion to keep the membership list private). Poehlmann voted aye on 9/18 via email. An electronic poll for voting was constructed, with 7 Aye poll votes, Blatt did not submit a poll vote. On the 10/29/06 meeting the Chair (Koepcke) ruled that this motion had passed.

On 10/1/06, Hicks posted the CalChess membership list to the website, in accordance with this motion.

Motion 060918 (Azhar/Hicks): I move to use Yahoo! Groups polling tool for formal "email" votes provided: 1. Options of Yes, No, and Abstain are available. 2. Voting record is public unless someone votes in private through the chair or requests a private vote that will not be conducted by making the voting record private. Hicks voted aye via email on 9/19, no one else voted yet. Motion did not pass.

Motion 061011 (Koepcke/Blatt): CalChess adopts the proposed budget for the 2007 Scholastic Championships. Motion passes 7-0, Poehlmann did not vote.

End of Interim Business; Next Meeting Scheduled for October 28, 2006