

Minutes for the CalChess Board Meeting held Sunday, October 29, 2006 at 5:00pm at the University of San Francisco, 2nd floor, 20085 Stevens Creek Blvd, Cupertino, California.

Attending: (Board): Richard Koepcke, Bob Blatt, Tom Langland, Salman Azhar, Roger Poehlmann, Jason Gurtovoy (who was in and out due to running the on-site tournament and he missed some discussions and votes).

Absent (Board): Eric Hicks, Michael Aigner.

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm.

Minutes of previous meeting (9/2/06) amended. Chair rules that Motion 060915 (Website publication of membership list) was a passed motion. Motion to accept amended minutes passes 4-0 with Poehlmann and Azhar abstaining.

President's Report: How to rebuild membership: structure and value to members. Scholastic Committee should write letter regarding Girls' Tournament and Polgar Reps. Need for membership secretary to process memberships. Switch to usite (Linux-based) and think about spending \$300-500 for a PC. People's Tournament: Koepcke is in contact with SUPERB which has run event in the past, EBCC may be interested also.

Treasurer's Report: Unrestricted balance increased \$628 to \$28,638.81 after Labor Day event. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report (Azhar/Langland) passes 5-0. Gurtovoy did not vote.

New Business

1. Appointments of Positions and Committees (as per Article VI of Bylaws)

- Editor of CCJ: Not determined.
- **Webmaster: Eric Hicks** (Koepcke/Langland), 5-0 (Gurtovoy did not vote).
- Scholastic Committee: Azhar, Hicks, Langland (at Annual Meeting).
- Professional Committee (3 Titled players): Not determined.
- **Clearing House: Michael Aigner** (Koepcke/Langland), 5-0 (Gurtovoy did not vote).
- **Scholastic Representative(s): Charles Sun** (Azhar/Langland), 6-0 unanimously.

2. Membership Secretary Discussion (Koepcke)

No membership renewal letters being sent out; could be done via Excel file.

Motion 061029.1 (Azhar/Langland): That Jacob Green be nominated as Membership Secretary. Passes 5-0, Gurtovoy did not vote.

Motion 061029.2 (Blatt/Koepcke): The Treasurer is authorized to advance the new Membership Secretary \$100 to advance membership processing. Passes 5-0, Gurtovoy did not vote.

3. Discussion of California Chess Journal (Koepcke)

\$15 membership was to cover costs in sending a paper magazine to 400 members. Should we offer a non-CCJ membership or a reduced-rate membership?

4. Discussion of Membership Rates and Benefits (Koepcke)

Currently we have 140 members; could lower membership fee to sign up as many players as possible, using entry fee discounts as an incentive to join CalChess. With a large membership base a paper magazine is cost-effective. With membership fee reduction, make sure that existing members get a prorated membership extension so they come out even or ahead. Discussion of pros and cons of \$5 versus \$6 fee.

Motion 061029.3 (Koepcke/Poehlmann): That CalChess reduce its membership fee to \$5 per year and prorate extensions for all existing memberships. Passes 5-0, Gurtovoy did not vote.

Motion 061029.4 (Blatt/Azhar): The Board authorizes Richard Koepcke and the Scholastic Committee to approach organizers to offer CalChess discounts and to report to the Board. Motion passes 5-0, Gurtovoy did not vote.

5. CalChess Masters' Tournament (Azhar). Would EBCC be interested in running it?

6. Grade Level Championship (Azhar)

Motion 061029.5 (Azhar/Gurtovoy): CalChess authorizes, in principle, a Grade Level Championship that is not the official State Grade Level Championship and subject to final approval of the name. Motion passes 6-0, unanimously.

Next Meeting Tentatively in January 2007.

Motion to adjourn (Koepcke/Azhar) passes 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Poehlmann
CalChess Secretary

Interim Business via email and Yahoo! Groups

Motion 061206 (Hicks/Gurtovoy/Blatt): The CalChess board approves Charles Sun as Scholastic Representative as recommended by the Scholastic Committee, provided he accepts the appointment. Motion passes 6-0. Aigner abstains, Poehlmann did not vote.

Motion 061215 (Azhar/Aigner): The CalChess Board approves Louiza Livschitz as Scholastic Representative as recommended by the Scholastic Committee provided she accepts the appointment. Motion passes 7-0. Poehlmann did not vote.