

Minutes for the CalChess Meeting held Sunday, June 28, 2009 at 2:00pm at 4423 Fortran Court in San Jose.

Attending (Board): Tom Langeland, Salman Azhar, Roger Poehlmann, Alan Kirshner, Leo Lo, Paul Steiner. Absent: John McCumiskey, JP Donovan. Visitors: Richard Koepcke.

Meeting called to order at 2:15pm

President's Report: Upcoming meeting with David Frazee in a few weeks to discuss 501(c)3 status.

Old/New Business

1. Proposals for 2009 CalChess Open State Championship

The tournament being organized by Richard Koepcke on Labor Day has in recent past years been designated as the CalChess State Championship. For 2009 the Board had not designated any tournament as the State Championship, although the Clearinghouse had listed the Labor Day tournament as such.

Salman Azhar (who is running a tournament on the Thanksgiving weekend) and Richard Koepcke made separate presentations to the Board while the other was out of the room (Koepcke went first as a result of a coin toss) and were given equal amounts of time. Board members (except Azhar) questioned each prospective organizer in turn and then both left so the Board (sans Azhar) could discuss.

Leo Lo had to leave the meeting before the discussion had ended, and wrote down his vote on a piece of paper, which he folded up and gave to the Chair, and was opened during the vote.

Motion 090628.1 The CalChess Board votes to accept Salman Azhar's proposal (as modified) to run the CalChess State Championships. Motion passes 4-1, Poehlmann opposed, Azhar did not vote.

2. Membership Qualifications for Voting/Board Candidacy (Kirshner)

(Azhar rejoins the Board). This bylaws change was suggested in response to past "bussing in" of non-members who sign up just prior to the Annual Meeting, "stacking" the meeting for political purposes.

Motion 090628.2 (AK/SA): To modify Article IV, Section 4 of the Bylaws to read "Any member in good standing, 14 years or older, and a member of CalChess for 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting, may vote in CalChess elections." and Article IV, Section 5 to read "Any member of CalChess who resides in Northern California, as defined by the USCF, and who is a member of CalChess for 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting, can run for the CalChess Board at the Annual Meeting." Motion passes 5-0. Needs to be ratified by a 2/3 vote of the membership.

3. Scheduling of Annual Meeting (Kirshner)

The Annual Meeting has been held between rounds at the State Championship Tournament. This is convenient for some attendees, but not for tournament staff or for players wishing to have a meal.

Motion 090628.3 (RP/SA): Schedule the Annual General Meeting on Sunday August 16th at 2:30pm at a location to be determined. Motion passes 5-0, unanimously.

4. 2010 Tournaments

Motion 090628.4 (SA/PS): To designate Roy Orwig as the Organizer of the 2010 Girls' State Championship. Motion passes 5-0, unanimously.

090628.5 (SA/AK): To designate Tom Biglione as the Organizer of the 2010 Grade Level State Championship. Motion passes 5-0, unanimously.

5. CalChess Appointments

(SA/AK) Appoint Tom Langland as CalChess Webmaster (in the interim). Ayes 5, Noes 0.

(AK/PS) Appoint Tom Langland temporary Clearinghouse (in the interim). Ayes 4, Noes 1, Azhar opposed.

6. Accept minutes of 8/30/08 Annual Meeting—Minutes accepted without amendment.

7. Treasurer's Report

6K in tournament account, 12.5K in general account. 1959.69 debit in April due to taxes: 1K to IRS, 800 to State. Filed for an extension; will likely get back the 1K from the IRS since CalChess was not profitable in 2008.

Mid-Peninsula Bank is now Wells Fargo, making banking more convenient for deposits. Paul Steiner (Treasurer) does not yet have his name on the account. After 7/4, Tom Langland will see to it that all financials to be handed over to Steiner. On future reports, Board would like more detail of credit/debits.

Board Accepts the Treasurer's Report (AK/RP) 5-0, unanimously.

8. Appoint Scholastic Representatives (Rohan Argawal and Daniel Steiner)

Rohan is a National Master, an active player, and a TD. Daniel directs a tournament every month.

Motion 090628.6 (SA/AK): To appoint Rohan Argawal and Daniel Steiner as Scholastic Representatives, if willing to serve. Motion passes 5-0, unanimously.

Motion 090628.7 (AK/TL): To approve a \$300 stipend each to the 2009 Denker and Polgar representatives. Motion passes 5-0, unanimously.

9. 2010 CalChess State Scholastic Status (Azhar)

Hyatt Regency contracts signed. Tournament hall partitioned by time-control. 5 team rooms reserved, 3 on request. Recently the winner of the top section has not been a High School student, so should there be a separate section (or tournament) just for High School students, so the winner will be the Denker representative? 3/19 or 3/26 look to be open dates for such an event.

Meeting adjourned 5:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Poehlmann
CalChess Secretary