

Minutes for the CalChess Annual Meeting held Monday, February 21, 2011 at 7:00pm at the Fremont Marriott, 46100 Landing Parkway in Fremont, California.

Attending (Board): Salman Azhar, Ken Zowal, Tom Langland, Roger Poehlmann, Richard Koepcke.
Absent: Paul Steiner, Ruth Haring, David Lee.

Meeting called to order at 7:13pm

President's Report: Denker tournament winner FM Steven Zierk on cover of Chess Life and won clear first in World U18 Championship. New titles: Naroditsky won final IM norm and Shankland won his last GM norm at the Berkeley Invitational. Tom Langland is now a FIDE Arbiter. Future of CCJ may be a blog rather than a Journal so news doesn't get stale between issues.

Minutes of 9/4/10 meeting approved.

Old/New Business

1. 2012 CalChess Delegates List

Extra delegate this year thanks to increased membership; US Open will be in Orlando so who is likely to attend?

Motion 110221.1 (Zowal/Azhar): To accept the 2012 delegates and alternates in the following order: Tony Pabon, Richard Koepcke, Salman Azhar, Theo Biyasis, James Eade, Tom Langland, John Donaldson with alternates Mark Pinot, Ken Zowal, Roger Poehlmann, Robert Rasmussen, John McCumiskey. Passes 5-0.

2. 2011 CalChess Budget

Budget presented showing projected \$485 profit; \$800 corporation fee will go away when CalChess gets non-profit status. 130 more memberships from scholastics events than projected, pushing forward membership revenue that we would have got at the State Scholastic Championships. Would like to get (at least) USCF ID and email (for CCJ); phone and address to have an accurate list of CalChess members.

3. 2011 State Scholastic Update

Expecting about 1000 entries; K-3 rated as "JTP" sections. Parents don't mind paying entry fee but balk at USCF membership "for just one event". Next year Chris Torres wants to bid for the event.

Discussion regarding making clubs and schools pairings fair so players from the same club don't face each other in early rounds in the same way that players from the same school are not paired early.

Motion 110221.2 (Zowal/Koepcke): In the 2011 State Scholastic Championship, the organizer will avoid pairing players from the same club in the first three rounds as long as it does not require jumping +1 pairing groups. Passes 5-0.

4. Selection Process/Stipends for 2011 State Scholastic Update

Discussion about how to best give players the opportunity to play in the section that best helps their team, but also so they can qualify for the new (individual) K-8 State Championship.

Motion 110221.3 (Langland/Poehlmann): CalChess will select the winners (including ties) of the K-8, K-6, K-5 sections in the 2011 State Scholastic Championships and (a minimum of 3) top scoring K-8 players in the K-12 section to play in a swiss-system tournament. The winner of that tournament will represent CalChess at the USCF Tournament of K-8 Champions. Passes 5-0.

Traditionally, CalChess has paid \$300 (each) towards expenses for both the Denker tournament and the Girls' Tournament; now that there is a new K-8 Tournament, what should the stipends be?

Motion 110221.4 (Poehlmann/Azhar): To allocate \$200 to each CalChess representative to the Denker HS Championship, the USCF Girls' Open, and the USCF Tournament of K-8 Champions, with an additional \$100 if the representative would qualify for financial aid using the WIC Income Eligibility Guidelines. Passes 5-0.

5. Future Events

Koepcke, Langland, Azhar, and John McCumiskey worked hard to win bids for the first US Championship event in Northern California since 1995: the US G/60 and G/30 championships on October 1st and 2nd, 2011.

USCF encouraged us to submit bids for 2011 US Junior Congress. We could also consider bidding for 2012 US Amateur Team West since Southern California organizer is not going to continue running it.

North Stockton Rotary not going to run 2012 Grade Level—CalChess should put it out for bid.

Next meeting: In May 2011? Koepcke to ask Board members' availability starting in late April.

Meeting adjourned 10:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Poehlmann
CalChess Secretary