

CalChess Board meeting

Minutes

Date: 11/17/19 – 7-8:30 PM

1. Open 7:17pm – Tom L., Salman A., Richard K., Sujay R., Stephen S., Judit Sz., Joe L. via phone.
Absent: Ashik U.
Nonvoting members: Elizabeth S., Abel T.
2. Approval of the 8/30/19 meeting minutes.
No discussion, no correction. Motion to accept the minutes by Tom – all in favor. Salman abstained.
No opposition. Motion passed.
3. Review of financial report. (Tom L.)
FIDE new arbiter handbook – CalChess purchased 10 copies: All IA and FAs got one copy and some NAs too (Salman A.). Should anyone need one, please reach out to Tom L.
Handheld metal detector – due to one person who might be cheating. Available for anyone wants to borrow it.
Does CalChess received the CalChess memberships yet from the Labor Day championship? Who was suppose to send the membership money? BAC should have sent it, but CalChess has not received it yet. Salman will follow up.
Richard: have you transferred the paypal to checking? Tom: Not.
Elizabeth suggesting to switch to Stripe.
Tom L.: Motion to accept the financial report. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.
4. Committee reports:
 - a. Membership (Richard K.): merged the State Championship. Will do Rapid & Blitz later this week. All memberships are online.
Salman: has the Rapid & Blitz went up for a bid? No, because it was a new tournament, discussed, and voted on.
Salman: Problem that it was done in secret, between the CalChess members. General members weren't informed. It was unfair to other organizers.
Tom: next meeting will have a new item: should we continue with MI or bid out.
Salman/Elizabeth: it's not about new item, it's about following the guideline.
Tom L: This needs to be a separate discussion item. Discussion will happen next meeting what's the procedure with new tournaments. Decide if we will put it out for meeting.
 - b. Clearinghouse (Ashik & Judit) – report in Appendix B – please read.
Clearinghouse – 4 competing events on Saturday. We can't legally stop them. But we should try to work with them, and make them aware, and discuss.

Salman: why are we listing non-rated events? Answer: Free and/or educational.
Salman wants a discussion to put on next meeting: should we list non-rated events.

c. Clubs (Judith) – Appendix C – please see report.

5. Presentation of the following bids:

a. 2020 Girls Open State Championship (BCS) – Elizabeth Shaughnessy
conditions: specify the playoff or tiebreak structure.

Motion that BCS gets the right to organize the 2020 Girls Open State Championship
All in favor, none opposed. Stephen abstained. Motion passed.

b. 2020 Women’s Open State Championship (BCS) – Elizabeth Shaughnessy

Judit: when will Western Regional be? Elizabeth: it will be a different event.

Salman: BAC will run a weekend open tournament, will that conflict with the Women’s?
Will hurt BAC more, since Salman will encourage girls.

Motion that BCS gets the right to organize the 2020 Women’s Open State Championship.
All in favor, none opposed. Stephen abstained. Motion passed.

c. 2020 Girls Age Level State Championship (BCS) – Elizabeth Shaughnessy

Judit: \$1000 is amazing. Will this be treated as prize money or solely for 1st place based on tie break? Stephen: it is treated as a cash prize, will be split if tie for first.

Motion that BCS gets the right to organize the 2020 Girls Age Level State Championship.
All in favor, none opposed. Stephen abstained. Motion passed.

d. 2020 Denker/Barber/Rockefeller Qualifier (BAC) – Salman Azhar

Which date is better? March 28-29 – is better due to planning for the Nationals.

How many years? Bid is for 3 years, 3 years extending the 2020.

Problem: This event should not have been up for bid because 2020 BAC still has it per last bid. If not up for bid, then we should not have discussed.

Salman: this bid has been out, and might be taken advantage by other organizations on the board who saw the bid.

Richard: the bid is premature. We should not discuss.

Tom: Can we compromise, and chop one year off? Until 2022. 2020-2021-2022.

Salman: planning on signing multi-year contract with venue, will be in Pleasanton four point Sheraton.

Motion that BAC gets the right to organize the 2020, 2021, 2022 Denker/Barber/Rockefeller Qualifiers.

Yes: Tom, Joe, Sujay, Stephen, Richard. No: Judit. Abstain: Salman

Motion passed 5-1.

Closed door meeting agendas:

e. 2020 CalChess Open State Championship (BCS) – Elizabeth Shaughnessy

f. 2020 CalChess Open State Championship (BAC) – Salman Azhar

Vote if BAC or BCS gets the right to organize the 2020 CalChess State Open Championship, for one year.

Vote: BAC for one year: 3 votes, BCS for one year: 2 votes.

BAC gets it for 1 year with the encouragement to broadcast the games via Calchess owned DGT board.

- g. Azhar asked about the process used to award CalChess Rapid and Blitz State Championship to Mechanics. Abel Talamantez reported that both Championships were awarded to Mechanics through an internal board email vote. Azhar asked for further details and acquiesced to request to table this discussion for the next meeting.

Items tabled for next meeting:

- 6. Review of candidates for scholastic reps & parent task force, set goals.

- a. Parent task force candidates:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Q-z1AqnuDJp6GKq71aOOIQ_DoNxvE9UsW9Cd-L2n5S4/edit#heading=h.km5i14oveul0

- b. Scholastic rep candidates:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WpFNNmT-LEZw1nGbE27TmaVwHN8aQI0aM8rETgyiFag/edit>

- 7. Review of State affiliate duties per USCF – Appendix A.

- 8. Scoring rubric for evaluating the bids – Appendix D.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/10PsN5O5ZP4uGHEN3WiR8PrA5PYq8CgHWbo1Dwn62TdE/edit>

- 9. Set time for next board meeting.

Dec 4, Wednesday 6pm – via zoom or online meeting platform.

- 10. Adjourn - 9:31pm

Appendix A - Duties and Responsibilities of US Chess State Chapters

Delegate Actions of Continuing Interest - #8 approved December 7, 2017

Purpose: These Duties and Responsibilities are designed to offer criteria for the evaluation of how well a State Chapter is carrying out its responsibilities.

State Chapter Requirements and Recommendations. The first four items of the following list are required of each State Chapter and the remaining items are recommendations for each State Chapter.

Each State Chapter should:

1. Pay its affiliate membership when due and payable;
2. Certify in writing to the USCF Secretary by the authorized date (November 1st) the Delegate(s) and Alternate(s), who shall be USCF members, and report how they were selected (i.e., appointed, elected);
3. Directly sponsor and hold (or arrange for) an annual USCF rated State Championship;
4. Have a formal organizational structure as laid out in bylaws or articles of association which includes but is not limited to specifying the governing authority and their selection, meeting schedule and purpose of the State Chapter, and provide opportunities for membership and participation by all USCF members residing in the State; Each State Chapter shall submit a copy of their current bylaws or articles of association, and any amendments, as specified herein. This may be in written or electronic form. (2017)
5. Directly sponsor and hold (or arrange for) annual USCF rated Scholastic State High School, Junior High or Middle School and Elementary School Championships;
6. Directly sponsor and hold (or arrange for) other chess tournaments throughout the State and be involved in tournament coordination within the State and with the USCF Tournament Clearinghouse Representative. State Chapters are to support chess throughout the state and exhibit geographical representation in its tournament sponsorship. Examples include but are not limited to statewide or geographically rotating; Rated Beginner Open tournaments, Senior tournaments, weekend Swisses, tornados, quads as well as: participation in National Chess Day Activities, Regional and/or National Championships; (2016)
7. Disseminate a periodical that serves as a State chess journal preserving a record of chess activities, promotion events, identifying state officers and, in general, providing a regular mechanism for communicating with its membership. Examples include but are not limited to: State Bulletins, Newsletters or Magazines;
8. Promote and publicize chess activities through various media, including but not limited to newspaper articles, television and radio coverage, flyers or notices at libraries, schools and veteran hospitals. Examples include but are not limited to: chess exhibitions and simultaneous, tournaments, chess lectures, chess lessons, chess columns and articles in local and statewide newspapers, chess clubs and meeting lists and announcements; and
9. Responsibly act in the best interests of its entire State Chapter membership, encouraging and promoting chess activity statewide. The State Chapter affirms its intention to comply with the duties and responsibilities of credentialed State Chapters. (2010)
10. Designate a coordinator to promote participation and events for women and girls within their state. (2016)

Appendix B - Report from the CalChess Clearing House
Aka Community Calendar committee

1. New committee members, Ashik U. and Judit Sz., were voted in on Sept 5-6, 2019.
2. Ashik and Judit were given access to the CalChess google calendar by Tom shortly after this date, as well as were provided the forwarding service from clearinghouse@calchess.org.
3. Ashik and Judit has discussed the following:
 - a. Ashik will be inputting any events to the CalChess Google Calendar that Abel from Mechanics' Institute request, to avoid any conflict of interest.
 - b. Judit will be inputting all other events.
 - c. Ashik and Judit will be monitoring emails and help each other to avoid any dropped emails.
 - d. Judit will reach out to local organizers who are not regularly sending their events to Calchess calendar, to encourage them to do so, and update them on the refreshed set of guidelines.
4. Judit has sent this email to 10+ organizers on October 21. We received 2 confirming email, with positive feedback.
5. In the past 2 months we have received events from BCS, Mechanics' and UC Merced.

Any questions? Please, direct it to clearinghouse@calchess.org

Respectfully,

Ashik Uzzaman and Judit Sztaray

Appendix C – Clubs Committee

- Clubs committee does not have a chair person as of 7/1/19 since former chair, Abel Talamantez resigned from the CalChess Board.
- Before him, Judit Sztaray was serving for one year, and prior to that Lynn Reed were serving for several years
- Clubs list were last updated on 8/1/2018. We have received 2-3 new inquiries from clubs with the request to be updated/include in the list in the past few weeks.
http://calchess.org/clubs/calchess_club_list.pdf
- We need:
 - active members from the board to reach out to these clubs once a year to make sure that they exist, and update any data.
 - one person who can take on the task to update the website. The map is very old too.
<https://maps.google.com/maps/u/0/ms?msid=200006141746803953372.00048b61dbc72bdeb2288&msa=0&ie=UTF8&ll=37.829311,-121.835632&spn=1.874297,2.345581&z=9>
 - Also this page needs major updating: http://calchess.org/where_to_play.html
(Eric passed away, many link does not work, lists are incorrect and incomplete.)
 - Clubs committee should be in regular contact with the clearinghouse committee – bring attention to clubs that run rated tournaments.

Appendix D

Scoring rubric for CalChess event bids

Venue

- accessibility, sqft/players
- public transportation
- venue similar to chess event
- parking fee
- safety (neighborhood)

Organizers

- previous experience in organizing similar sized events
- ability of staffing event
- total event budget versus organization annual budget
- customer base
- collaborations and connections to other organizations (how far they reach out)

Event

- entry fee
- additional required fees and additional optional fees
- onsite vendors
- possible event sponsors
- equipment
- signage
- clocks
- steps to make sure FIDE regulations followed
- booklet
- trophies/rewards
- memorabilia
- advertising (uscf, local venues, etc.)
- communication
- onsite/online broadcasting
- event follow-up: rating, submission, posting, mandatory candidate submission,

Other

- CalChess membership fee - collection, follow up, email providing
- CalChess contribution (meaning \$ given back to CalChess)
- option for CalChess to brand/promote/recruit
- submitted previous bid before? If yes, and was awarded an event – what was the feedback? Any part of the bid that was not fulfilled?