

CalChess Board of Director meeting

3/31/2020

Meeting called to order March 31, 8:00 PM (via zoom)

Present (8 voting members): Tom Langland, Salman Azhar, Richard Koepcke, Joe Lonsdale, Stephen Shaughnessy, Ashik Uzzaman, Sujay Roy, Judit Sztaray.

* Meeting minutes to be forwarded post meeting.

* CalChess Journal

Motion to put CCJ out for bid with due of date May 1, 2020 for receiving the bids.

Bid request will be posted Website, and send out an email CalChess Membership list (Tom / Salman)

Vote passes 6-0-1 with one not voting.

* CalChess Senior - Salman claims the previous members of the CalChess Board accepted a bid for the CalChess Senior Championship dated December 2018 that listed VENUE: BAC CHESS CENTER. Richard indicate that verification will be required.

* Discussion on who and why Elizabeth Shaughnessy believed there were attempts to block the agenda item proposed by her. In this case, Stephen Shaughnessy was able to present those items to board members. However, the discussion was inconclusive on who and why where were attempts to block and what process should be adopted if a non-board member wants to propose an item for CalChess agenda.

* Discussion on Blitz tournament - Original email July 11, 2019; Mechanics Institute for 3 years. This discussion was deferred from CalChess meeting on November 17, 2019.

Held Oct 27, 2019.

Motion = CalChess should open the CalChess rapid and blitz championship for 2020 onwards (Salman / Langland) with bids due by May 1, 2020. Motion passes 3-2-3 abstentions (Salman, Joe, Sujay in favor, Ashik and Richard opposed, Steven, Tom abstaining, Not voting Judit).

* Motions to postpone the 2020 Girls Grade Level (Stephen / Langland)

Passes 8-0

* Discussion on possibly naming a Simona Nayberg as the Girls Rep to the Girls Champ at the US Open.

We will find information from the USCF and wait to see how the COVID-19 crises moves forward;

* Discussion on Susan Polgar Championships be coordinated with the Clearing House to de-conflict

the Calendar. Salman suggested that the local organizer and affiliate for the Susan Polgar tournaments identify themselves and coordinate with CalChess Clearinghouse. When no one did, Salman reported that Santa Clara Convention indicated that Judit Sztaray had booked the event with Santa Clara Convention Center.

Action Item - Steven will draft a letter to be sent to the Susan Polgar Foundation; Send to Tom for forwarding to the Polgar Foundation.

* Motion - CalChess Clearing House should not be handled by an Organizer (Salman | Stephen);

Passes 5-0-3 (Richard / Salman / Sujay abstain). The three new scholastic representatives will replace Judit as she will be unable to serve in the Clearinghouse. Richard also volunteered to support Ashik if needed.

Action Item - Tom will posting CCJ bids, CalChess Blitz Champ, CalChess Rapid Champ; all due May 1 2020.

Verification that VENUE: BAC CHESS CENTER was listed in CalChess . Richard indicate that Verification that will be required.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:55 pm