

Minutes for the CalChess Annual Meeting held Saturday, September 1, 2007 at 3:00pm at the Holiday Inn on Van Ness Ave in San Francisco (Site of the State Championship).

Attending (Board): Tom Langeland, Salman Azhar, Roger Poehlmann, Richard Koepcke, Bob Blatt, Eric Hicks, Jason Gurtovoy. Absent: Michael Aigner. About 40 members in attendance.

Meeting called to order at 3:10pm

President's Report: State Scholastic Tournament did not do as well financially as expected, resulting in a \$4000+ loss for CalChess. Proposed Organizer for 2008 Tournament is contracting with the Board but is himself a Board member (who is up for re-election). President Richard Koepcke personally sees this as a conflict of interest and plans to resign if it is not resolved.

Treasurer's Report: \$12,904 in General Account, \$9386.33 in Tournament Account [numbers are not updated from 7/15/07 minutes]. Treasurer Bob Blatt (who is up for re-election) withdraws his candidacy.

Old/New Business

1. Vote on Bylaws Change (Koepcke)

Motion 070217.7 (Koepcke): That CalChess amend Article VI, Section 5 of the Bylaws to read:

Section 5: Scholastic Committee. The Scholastic Committee shall consist of ~~three board~~ four members, *one or more of whom shall be a Board member and* where no two of whom shall be from the same club, school, or chess instructional program. *Annually, the Board shall appoint the Scholastic Chair who shall nominate 3 persons to serve on the Committee subject to Board approval.* The duties of the Scholastic Committee shall include: Coordinating Scholastic events and serving as a liaisons to the CalChess Board. ~~and one of the three members presiding over the Coaches meeting at the CalChess State Scholastic Championships.~~ *The appointed chair of the committee shall preside over the Coaches meeting at the CalChess State Scholastic Championships.* If ~~a the~~ Scholastic Committee ~~member~~ Chair is unable to preside over the CalChess State Scholastics Coaches meeting, then the ~~President or the President's designate shall preside.~~ Committee Chair shall designate another member of the committee to preside.

Motion (which had been previously approved by the Board) passes 15-4 (requires $\frac{3}{4}$ supermajority to pass) and so the bylaws change is enacted.

President Richard Koepcke announces that he resigns as President and from the CalChess Board.

2. Election

Salman Azhar, Roger Poehlmann, Kurt Garbe and Joe Lonsdale were on the ballot; Alan Kirshner and John McCumiskey were nominated at the meeting and their names were handwritten onto each ballot prior to their being given to the voters. Each candidate was given time to make a brief statement and then ballots were distributed to those in attendance, with membership verification taking place when the ballot was being turned in. Those entered in the tournament were considered to be eligible to vote.

Richard Koepcke and Jason Gurtovoy oversaw the counting of ballots since Secretary Roger Poehlmann was up for re-election.

The four candidates who received the most votes were (in no particular order) Kurt Garbe, Roger Poehlmann, Alan Kirshner, and John McCumiskey, who are each elected to a two-year term. Salman Azhar was elected to a one-year term, filling the seat vacated by Richard Koepcke.

The new Board then met in Closed Session to determine its officers:

Tom Langeland—President. Jason Gurtovoy—Vice-President. Roger Poehlmann—Secretary. Kurt Garbe (who was not in attendance) was voted as Treasurer, pending his acceptance.

3. Other Business (Open Session)

Attending (Board): Tom Langeland, Jason Gurtovoy, Roger Poehlmann, Alan Kirshner, John McCumiskey, Salman Azhar.

Michael Aigner was re-elected as Cyber-Chair, pending his acceptance. Charles Sun and Louiza Livschitz were re-elected as Scholastic Representatives.

Motion 070901.1 (Kirshner/Azhar): That Roy Orwig be the Organizer of the CalChess State Girls' Championship for February 2-3, 2008 on the same terms as last year, that he be notified, and that the tournament be added to the Clearinghouse Calendar. Passes 6-0, unanimously.

Motion 070901.2 (Kirshner/Azhar): That Alan Kirshner contact Roy Orwig regarding being Chair of the Scholastic Committee. Passes 6-0, unanimously.

Motion 070901.3 (Kirshner/Langeland): That CalChess accept the Proposal from Salman Azhar to run the 2008 CalChess Scholastic State Championships, which includes the 1(d) revision. Passes 4-1, with Azhar abstaining and Gurtovoy opposed.

Board Approves the Minutes of the 7/15/2007 meeting with no formal vote.

Meeting Adjourned 5:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Poehlmann
CalChess Secretary

Interim Business via Yahoo! Groups

Motion 071002 (Langland/Azhar): That the 4th and 5th Grade Championship Division of the Scholastic State Championships will continue to be a test section for another two years (for 2008 and 2009) at which time the Coaches and the Board will review whether to continue the division. Passes 8-0, unanimously.

Motion 071009 (Langland/Aigner/Kirshner): Replace the current Section 4.3 of the CalChess State Scholastic Championship Regulations which presently reads: "Home-taught students may only compete for or as a USCF registered club." with the following:

“SECTION 4.3 (Home schooled players)

a. A player that is home schooled can join a chess team within their local public school district, AND

b. A home schooled student can join any private school chess team that is in the same school district that they live in, AND

c. Evidence is presented to the tournament Chief TD that the player meets all these conditions and is accepted by the Chief TD. The player must provide all the information no later than thirty days prior to the start of the tournament such that the Chief TD can reasonably verify all information.”

Passes 8-0, unanimously.

Motion 071016 (Langland/Azhar): Replace the current Section 2.20 of the CalState Scholastic Championship Regulations which presently reads:

“At the CalChess State Scholastic Championships the analog clocks have preference in all sections. Both players can agree to use a digital clock. All other U.S. Chess Federation regulations applying to clock use must be followed.”

with the following:

“At the CalChess State Scholastic Championships analog clocks will have preference in all divisions of the K-6 sections; in all other sections, the current U.S. Chess Federation Clock Preference Rules will apply. Both players can agree to use a digital clock in the K-6 sections. All other U.S. Chess Federation regulations applying to clock use must be followed.”

Passes 7-1, with Kirshner opposed.

Motion 071018 (Langland/Azhar): Elect Ray Orwig as the Chairman of the Scholastic Committee. Passes 8-0, unanimously.

Motion 071106 (Langland/Kirshner): We accept the latest budget for the 2008 CalChess Scholastic Championships as electronically submitted to the board by Salman Azhar on Thursday, Nov. 1st. Passes 6-0, with Azhar and Gurtovoy abstaining.

