

**Minutes for the CalChess Annual Meeting held Saturday, August 16, 2009 at 2:30pm in the "Synergy 2" Room of the San Mateo Marriott at 1770 South Amphlett Blvd.**

Attending (Board): Tom Langland, Salman Azhar, Roger Poehlmann, Alan Kirshner, Paul Steiner (Absent: John McCumiskey, Leo Lo, JP Donovan) and 7 other attendees.

Meeting called to order at 2:35pm

**President's Report:** Law firm Perkins & Coey needs CalChess to adopt a conflict-of-interest policy prior to obtaining 501(c)3 status. Caught up on ledger and taxes over July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Webmaster updating news stories and tournament listing. Membership list had been in Word format, now in pdf and uploaded to site. Many great tournaments being held, one almost every weekend. Goichberg to run a 60K tournament early next year in Northern California.

**Treasurer's Report:** As of 7/31/09 the General Account has 12,348 and the Tournament Account has \$6001. Members' equity in 2008 is \$20,385; was \$20,188 in 2007. Due to transition issues with the past treasurer, we're paying last year's taxes (\$1923.76) now; there may be some penalties but we should be getting back about \$1000 of that.

Board voted to accept the minutes of 6/28/09 meeting.

**1. Vote on Bylaws change**

**Motion 090628.2 (Kirshner/Azhar):** 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." Passed 5-0 at the 6/28/09 meeting and was ratified with a 9-0 vote of the membership, none opposed.

**2. CalChess Journal Motion/Discussion (Kirshner)**

**Motion 090816.1 (Kirshner/Poehlmann):** That CalChess re-establish the former CCJ in a paper copy of about 20 pages on a trial basis of three issues for one year 2009-2010 (from AGM to AGM). That CalChess re-establish yearly Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze memberships with the names of those contributing be placed in the CCJ. (I suggest \$100, \$75, \$50, \$25). Ads will be included at a \$25 higher rate than before; this would mean: Back Cover \$150, Two Pages \$150, Full Page \$100, Half Page \$75, 1/4 Page \$50. Tournament Flyers provided by organizers will be mailed with the CCJ for a cost of \$25. For any tournament which provides a discount for CalChess members, flyers will be mailed free. Any organizer who contributes \$1 per player at their tournament (minimum number 50 players) to CalChess will receive a half page ad free in the next issue. When CalChess becomes a 501(c)3 non-profit, CalChess will seek tax deductible contributions to help fund the CCJ as well as send players to national and international competitions (new). The editor of the CCJ will receive a stipend of \$300 per issue during this trial period. If the CCJ is continued, that stipend will go to \$600 per issue. The editor of the CCJ will receive 30% of any ad revenue s/he is able to generate (new). The specifics of the rates and compensation can be changed by the CalChess Board. Motion passes with an 8-0 vote.

**Motion 090816.2 (Kirshner/Langland):** To cover the cost, for future memberships, dues will be increased to \$15 effective 8/31/09 which will include a quarterly paper magazine. Anyone who does not want the magazine may opt-out to receive a \$5 membership. For anyone presently a member who wants to continue to receive the CCJ, the cost will be \$10/year extra. Motion passes with an 8-0 vote.

### 3. Election

Chair accepts the resignation of Leo Lo from the CalChess Board, leaving 5 open Board seats and 5 candidates listed on the ballot. The candidates each made their statements, and no additional nominations were offered from the floor. Salman Azhar agreed to accept the 1 year-term if elected. Motion (Kirshner/Steiner) for the listed candidates to be elected to the Board by acclamation passed 10-0, so Ken Zowal, Ruth Haring, Roger Poehlmann, and David Lee were elected to 2-year terms and Salman Azhar was elected to a 1-year term.

CalChess Officers were nominated and chosen in Executive Session:

President—Tom Langland  
Secretary—Roger Poehlmann  
Treasurer—Paul Steiner  
Vice-President—Salman Azhar

Chair accepts the resignation of JP Donovan. Motion (Langland/Steiner) to elect Lauren Goodkind to a 1-year term (filling the empty Board seat) passes 10-0.

### 4. Open Forum

**Motion 090816.3 (Steiner/Kirshner): To authorize Tom Langland to negotiate with Eric Hicks to reclaim the domain name [www.calchess.org](http://www.calchess.org) for CalChess and move the content to a server that is under CalChess control and paid for by CalChess.** Passes 7-0, Langland abstains.

**Motion 090816.4 (Langland/Zowal): To establish the Conflict of Interest Policy as drawn up by Perkins and Coey.** Passes 5-0. Steiner and Azhar not present to vote.

Alan Kirshner appointed as Membership Secretary, to be reimbursed for mailings, is authorized to send out membership cards, is encouraged to have the Clearinghouse “push” a CalChess discount, and will try to resolve credit card fee issues.

Salman Azhar to be the “Club List Secretary” and update the website accordingly.

Next meeting at the Hyatt Regency Santa Clara Thanksgiving weekend, November 27, 2009 at 2-3pm.

Roger Poehlmann appointed as CyberChair (5-0 vote).

Lauren Goodkind to update the top 100 list for CalChess (5-0 vote).

**Motion 090816.5 (Langland/Azhar): To appoint Roy Orwig as Scholastic Chair if he is willing to serve.** Motion Passes 6-0. Suggest Alan Kirshner and Salman Azhar as committee members.

Meeting adjourned 4:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Poehlmann

CalChess Secretary

Interim Business via email/Yahoo! Forum: None.