

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS FEDERATION**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**01--08--12**

**PRESENT:** Jim Bullock, Phil Chase, Chuck Ensey, Randy Hough, Elliot Landaw, Isabelle Minoofar, Steve Morford, Anthony Ong, Ankit Gupta, Takashi Iwamoto, Mike Nagaran, Dewain Barber

**Absent:** None

**I. APPROVAL OF 11-13-11 MINUTES**

With a change, the minutes was moved, seconded, and approved.

**II. Membership and Treasurer Report**

Membership reported at 382 adult, 134 junior, 4 life, 5 subscriptions, 14 additional family member, 7 executives, and 8 complimentary. Financially, the ballpark figures show a balance of \$1,000 in general account and \$10,000 in the savings.

**III. Paypal/Bank Issue**

Paypal has been threatening to close down the SCCF account if a Tax ID number cannot be provided. Randy was assigned to follow up on the ID issue.

**IV. Cost for Rank & File and Issues**

It was reported R & F magazine cost \$3.06 per issue. Since charging \$18 for 6 magazine issues per year is not sustainable, alternatives for e-magazines were revisited and the need for 501(c) 3 status restated.

**V. Membership Fee Increase and Subscription Option Cancelled**

It was moved, seconded, and approved that the adult membership increase from \$18 to \$20 starting January 1st, 2013. Multiple year and junior membership fees are to be decided on a later date.

It was moved, seconded, and approved that the subscription option of \$10 was not financially feasible and should be cancelled effective immediately.

**VI. Review of Status of 2011-12 Budget Development**

Since it was reported that SCCF incurred losses of \$6753.97 last year 2011, two possible areas of improvements were suggested: finding less expensive tournament venues and exploring ways to increase tournament attendance.

## **VII. Future SCCF Tournaments**

Hilton Ontario is the approved site for the Memorial Day Tournament. Steve Morford negotiated with the hotel with at least 3500 sq ft of space guaranteeing 35 room nights. He will explore getting more space provided it is complimentary.

While a set date and location for Independence Day Tournament remains pending, the board went ahead to decide that it have only 5 rounds.

## **VIII. Induction of New Board Members, Office, and Committee Chair**

One officer resigned, two reassigned, a new board member inducted, and two committees chaired. Dewain Barber was nominated and voted into the 12th executive board position. Ankit Gupta was nominated and voted to chair the Public Relations committee. Anthony Ong, who currently holds the office of Secretary and Chairperson of the Publications Committee, has ventured into academic pursuits and thus will not continue serving in office and publications. Members Jim Bullock and Ankit Gupta were nominated and inducted as Co-Secretaries. They plan to alternate the responsibilities for drafting future meetings' minutes. Randy Hough will take on the Publications position.

## **IX. Scholastic Business**

It was moved, seconded, and approved that Isabelle Minoofar be gatekeeper of scholastic TLA's before they get posted on the SCCF scholastic calendar.

It was moved, seconded, and approved that the major scholastic events - Super States, etc - be included in both adult and scholastic TLAs.

The outcome in the NYA West held on December, 2011 at Irvine Hyatt provides some important lessons for local organizers. Issues were reported of low-turn out and low counts of room-nights. Estimates of financial losses stood close to \$20,000. A reason for the unsuccessful turnout is the fact that the tournament's time control of G/30 was simply too fast for advanced scholastic players. It was noted future Nationals are scheduled for National Jr High at San Diego on April 27-29th, 2012, National HS at San Diego, 2013.

## **X. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:12 PM. The next meeting will be Sunday, February 12th, at 1:30 pm. The location will be at the Beverly Hills Chess Club, 8950 Olympic Blvd, Suite 210, Beverly Hills.