

Minutes for the CalChess Board Meeting held March 5, 2005, 2:30pm at the Berkeley Chess School Office, 1940 Virginia Street, Berkeley, CA, 2nd Floor (Meeting called to order at 2:50pm).

Interim Business: None.

Attending: (Board): Richard Koepcke, Elizabeth Shaughnessy, Roger Poehlmann, Eric Schiller, Joe Lonsdale.
(Visitors): Mike Goodall.

Absent: Steve Stacy, Jacob Green, Eric Hicks.

Meeting Agenda:

Accept/Amend minutes of previous meeting (2/5/05)—minutes not available, will submit at next meeting.

President's Report

Settlement reached with Richard Peterson. CalChess funds have been returned. Peterson will run 2005 CalChess State Scholastic Championships. Mutual agreements not to sue each other.

Income tax obligation. Roughly 1/3 of recovered \$26,395.13. Doug Regalia & Associates could be accountant, for a few hundred per year, total cost roughly \$800-\$1000 for past years.

Motion 050305.1 (Shaughnessy): That CalChess hire Doug Regalia & Associates to be our tax accountant.
Motion passes 5-0. Ayes: Poehlmann, Shaughnessy, Schiller, Lonsdale. Koepcke.

New Business

1(a) New Board Members, Number of Seats. Discussion of reducing number of board seats from 10 to 7, since an odd number would avoid ties and fewer members makes it easier to call meetings. Only recently that CalChess increased the number of seats from 6 to 10. Motion amended to change number of board seats from 9 to 7.

Motion 050305.2 (Shaughnessy): That CalChess reduce the number of board members from 10 to 9. Motion passes 5-0. Ayes: Poehlmann, Shaughnessy, Schiller, Lonsdale. Koepcke.

1(b) Committees. Friendly amendment by Schiller to strike "Committee members would be drawn from diverse interest groups".

Motion 050305.3 (Shaughnessy/Schiller): That CalChess expands participation in the running of its organization through advisory committees having one board member and two community members on each committee. These committees would include but would not be limited to, a scholastic committee, a professional committee, and a fiscal oversight committee. The board would appoint members to the committee. A committee member could be terminated at any time by a majority vote of the board. Motion passes 5-0. Ayes: Poehlmann, Shaughnessy, Schiller, Lonsdale. Koepcke.

2. Discussion of the Fort Mason tournament: Budget, name, schedule of operations, possible to cancel event and walk away, forfeiting \$1,000 deposit. Event likely would lose money, but would give CalChess members opportunity to show support. "Chess festival" to include adult tournament, masters' invitational, as well as scholastic tournament. Scholastics K-3, K-6, K-12 rated with a non-rated section.

3. California Chess Journal. Now that CalChess has funds back, should we go back to printed magazine? Set up a poll on website and see what members want. InDesign software is industry standard for publication, purchase would facilitate issues getting out. Budget for 6 issues/year, but promise 4 issues/year to membership.

Motion 050305.3 (Lonsdale): That CalChess purchase the InDesign software at the best possible price, not to exceed \$699 plus tax. Motion passes 5-0. Ayes: Poehlmann, Shaughnessy, Schiller, Lonsdale. Koepcke.

4. Schedule for future meetings, electronic and in person. Online test date 3/15 and 6/24-25 for next face-to-face meeting. May need to meet sooner in event Peterson cancels his event.

Motion 050305.4 (Shaughnessy): In the event that Peterson cancels his tournament, CalChess will call its May event the Scholastic State Championship. Motion passes 5-0. Ayes: Poehlmann, Shaughnessy, Schiller, Lonsdale. Koepcke.

5. Schedule of tournaments, adult and scholastic for the coming year. Need to approach usual sites about 2006 events. Winter opener (MLK weekend), Team Championship on Thanksgiving, possible Memorial Day event.
6. Other Business/Items from the Floor—CalChess Renewal Letter information out of date.

Meeting Adjourned 5:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Poehlmann
CalChess Secretary