

Minutes for the CalChess Board Meeting held Saturday, January 14, 2006 at 2pm at the Heather Elementary School Multi Use Room (to left of Office), 2757 Melendy Drive, San Carlos, CA 94070.

Attending: (Board): Richard Koepcke, Elizabeth Shaughnessy, Bob Blatt, Salman Azhar, Roger Poehlmann.
Visitors: Alan Kirshner, Stephanie Blatt. Absent: Eric Hicks, Eric Schiller, Jacob Green.

Meeting Called to Order at 2:30pm

Previous Minutes: Board makes one amendment and delays vote on accepting minutes of 10/22/05 meeting.

President's Report: Need revenue stream going forward. Could revise dues structure (reduce membership fee) since there is no paper magazine. Lost money in 2005 so no taxes are due. Misconception that we can sponsor all kinds of events because we have about 15K in the bank.

Treasurer's Report: B of A account has been closed; all funds now in Bay Area Bank (part of Great Bay Bancorp Group) in two accounts, \$14,808.65. Cash balance important to maintain so upfront costs can be paid for for large events like Scholastic Championships. Still two Ridgecrest accounts open with nominal amounts and needs motion to close. Credit card processing application requires signature from officers and motion.

Motion 060114.1 (Koepcke/Blatt): CalChess shall close all its Ridgecrest bank accounts. Motion passes 5-0, unanimously.

Motion 060114.2 (Poehlmann/Blatt): CalChess agrees to language in the credit card processing contract and approves of the Corporate Resolution contained in the application. Motion passes 5-0, unanimously.

New Business

1. Report on 2006 States Tournament (Koepcke, Alan Kirshner)

Board received report on tournament from organizer Alan Kirshner, asked questions and got clarifications.

2. Discussion on 2007 States Site (Koepcke)

Second year deal at San Jose Convention Center likely still available. Oakland Convention Center may offer a discounted or free site based on room nights. Modesto may have a 70K sq ft site free for 150 room nights.

3. Motion re acknowledgement of CalChess Patrons (Shaughnessy)—Tabled.
4. Motion to transfer savings to two-signature account. (Poehlmann)—Tabled.

5. Motion to Recognize Future State Grade Level Championships (Blatt)

Motion 060114.1 (Blatt/Azhar): CalChess shall recognize an annual state grade level scholastic tournament for grades kindergarten through twelve. Provided they rate the tournament with USCF, abide by USCF rules and regulations, and follow any applicable CalChess State Scholastic Regulations, Calchess authorizes the North Stockton Rotary Club to organize and conduct said tournament and sanctions the use of the name "CalChess State Grade Level Championships". This authorization shall continue from year to year unless revoked by the CalChess Board or its Membership by giving six months advance written notice to the organizer. CalChess assumes no financial responsibility for, and makes no claims to profits of, this tournament. Motion passes 4-1, with Poehlmann opposed.

6. Motion to Retroactively Sanction State Grade Level Championships (Blatt)--Withdrawn

Motion: For purposes of continuity, CalChess retroactively sanctions to the North Stockton Rotary Club the use of the name "CalChess State Grade Level Championships" for the chess tournaments held by the Rotary Club December 4 - 5, 2004 and December 3 - 4, 2005, and furthermore recognizes the individual and team winners of said tournaments as State Grade Level Champions. Any individual or team desiring to change the name on a trophy or award presented at either of these events may do so.

7. Nomination of USCF Delegates (for 2006 Election of said Delegates and Alternates)

Need 12 delegates by February 1st to go to U.S. Open in Chicago. Will do this via email.

8. 2006 Budget (Koepcke)—Tabled.

9. Membership Secretary (Koepcke)—Tabled.

10. Insurance for CalChess Board (Koepcke)—Tabled.

11. Discussion of Tax-Exempt Status and Past Taxes Due (Poehlmann)—Tabled.

12. Open Forum—No Items.

Meeting Adjourned, 4:50pm

Interim Business via email: 01/15/06-07/14/06

Motion 060201 (Koepcke/Azhar): The CalChess Board nominates the following people for the position of USCF delegate for the annual meetings to be held in 2007 and 2008. Jim Eade, John Donaldson, Andy Lee, Mike Goodall, Richard Koepcke, Elizabeth Shaughnessy, Roger Poehlmann, Eric Schiller, Robert Blatt, Salman Azhar, Eric Hicks, and Jacob Green. Motion passed 8-0, unanimously.

Motion 060422 (Shaughnessy/Schiller): The CalChess Board endorses Mike Goodall for the USCF Executive Board in the upcoming election. Motion passed 7-0, Blatt abstains.