

Minutes for the CalChess Annual Meeting held Saturday, September 4, 2010 at 2:30pm at the Holiday Inn on Van Ness Ave in San Francisco (Site of the State Championship).

Attending (Board): Ruth Haring, Salman Azhar, Tom Langland, Roger Poehlmann. Absent: Paul Steiner, Ken Zowal, Lauren Goodkind, David Lee. About 11 members in attendance.

Meeting called to order at 2:45pm

President's Report: New edition of CCJ on website and paper copies distributed to members (at no cost to CalChess). Our High School champion FM Steven Zierk won the Denker tournament. Sam Shankland won the US Junior Championship. Daniel Naroditsky came in second place in US Open, beating last year's co-champion. A full contingent represented Northern California at the Delegates' Meeting: Mike Goodall, Richard Koepcke, Elizabeth Shaughnessy, John McCumiskey, Ruth Haring (on USCF Executive Board), Tony Pabon, and Tom Langland. Due to our increased USCF membership growth, we have been allotted a 7th delegate for next year. At the US Open, Berkeley Chess School was awarded the Scholastic Service Award. Michael Aigner was named a Frank J Marshall Chess Ambassador. CalChess was voted to have the Best State Chapter Website.

Election: Tom Langland, Paul Steiner and Salman Azhar were elected to two-year terms by acclamation. There were no nominations from the floor, leaving one board seat temporarily vacant (see below).

Old/New Business

1. 2011 State Scholastic Championship Update

April 2-3, 2011 in Santa Clara. May have an unrated K-3 section where US membership is not required. 6 team rooms reserved, can increase to 8. In the championship section, will try to avoid pairing players from the same club in the first 3 rounds. A player can only be in one club, and the list has to be submitted by the coaches in advance, not on-site. Will have separate tournament to select representative for USCF K-8 Championship so players can play for their team.

Discussion of new \$10 website listing fee and potential conflicts with unlisted tournaments.

2. Appointments/Officer Selection/Approvals/Other Business

Richard Koepcke appointed to the Board for a 1-year term. (Ayes: Langland, Azhar, Poehlmann, Haring, none opposed).

Minutes of May 28, 2010 approved.

On the phone with Ken Zowal: Discussion of CalChess finances (1/1/10 General Account Balance \$11,696.97; 7/8/10 Balance: \$10,918.32. 1/1/10 Tournament Account Balance \$5,983.09; 7/8/10 Balance: \$5,941.44). \$5 CalChess membership fee collected from Open tournament players who were not previously members. Explanation of duties of the Membership Secretary. Ken Zowal agrees to be the Membership Secretary and update the membership list once a month.

President: Tom Langland (4-0 vote, Langland abstains). Vice-President: Salman Azhar (4-0 vote, Azhar abstains)
Secretary: Roger Poehlmann (4-0 vote, Poehlmann abstains). Treasurer: Paul Steiner (5-0 vote).

Other appointments made by unanimous votes: Webmaster: Tom Langland, Clearinghouse: Tom Langland, Membership Secretary: Ken Zowal, Club List Coordinator: Richard Koepcke, Cyberchair: Roger Poehlmann.

November 1st deadline for 2011 Delegate list (selected by CalChess).

Next meeting: At the Thanksgiving Tournament, Friday, November 26th, about 1 hour before the second round.

Meeting adjourned 5:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Poehlmann, CalChess Secretary