

Minutes for the CalChess Annual Meeting held Sunday, May 28, 2011 at 8:00pm at the Fremont Marriott, 46100 Landing Parkway in Fremont, California.

Attending (Board): Salman Azhar, Ken Zowal, Tom Langland, Roger Poehlmann, Richard Koepcke, Ruth Haring. Absent: Paul Steiner, David Lee. Also attending (for item 1): Ted Castro.

Meeting called to order at 8:15pm

Minutes of 2/21/11 meeting amended and approved unanimously.

Old/New Business

1. Status of CalChess Grade Level Championship / Bidding

North Stockton Rotary Club has been given the required 6 months notice (as per Motion 060114.1) that CalChess intends to open up the tournament for bidding. Ted Castro is interested in bidding and it is unclear whether Rotary will bid or if there are other potential bids. Tom Langland distributed the document "Bidding for a CalChess State Championship Event (created May 2011)" to the Board.

Motion 110528.1 (Zowal/Langland): To approve the "Bidding for a CalChess State Championship Event" document as the event bidding guidelines for CalChess. Passes 5-0, Haring not present to vote.

Motion 110528.2 (Zowal/Poehlmann): To set a deadline of June 21, 2011 to accept bids for the 2011 State Grade Level Championship. Passes 5-0, Haring not present to vote.

2. Update on 501(c)3 Status

IRS raises some issues with our application (Langland is drafting a response), suggesting that we more closely qualify as a 501(c)4 organization, which would be tax-exempt but could not accept tax-deductible donations.

3. 2011 State Scholastic Championship Wrap-Up

Langland distributed updated "CalChess Budget" for 2011, showing breakdown of memberships collected during the year and at the Scholastic Championship. In lieu of \$500 in membership fees, CalChess accepted 185 chess sets and boards from BayAreaChess. Discussion about club and school pairing restrictions in the early rounds.

Motion 110528.3 (Poehlmann/Zowal): In the CalChess State Scholastic Championship, the Organizer will publish a deadline for each Club to submit a list of players and/or entries. Pairing restrictions in each section apply based on a player's school membership or club membership, not both, and the school takes precedence. Passes 6-0.

4. National Events

Should CalChess bid for 2012 Amateur Team? If would likely lose money the first year but could build into profitability. Need to submit a bid by July. Koepcke and Azhar looking in to site selection.

Meeting adjourned 10:30pm.

Interim Business between meetings via Yahoo! Group and email:

Motion 110629 (Langland/Poehlmann): That the CalChess Board of Directors accept the proposal from Salman Azhar and John McCumiskey to organize the 2011 CalChess Grade Level Championship. Passes 5-0 with Lee, Zowal, and Azhar explicitly abstaining.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Poehlmann
CalChess Secretary