

Utah Chess Association  
Minutes of Meeting of  
Board of Directors  
December 1, 2011

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Utah Chess Association (hereinafter, the "UCA" or the "Association") convened at the Coffee Club, 4879 South Redwood Road, Murray, Utah 84123 at approximately 7:15 p.m. on December 1, 2011. The following Board members, constituting a quorum for holding the meeting and for the regular conduct of business, were in attendance:

Grant Hodson, President  
John Coffey, Vice President  
Steve Hoisington, Secretary  
Kevin Keyes, Treasurer  
George Jensen  
Gina Mason  
Stephanie Pitcher

1. **Approval of Minutes**

The previously distributed draft minutes for the Board's regular meeting of November 12, 2011, were discussed and, upon motion duly made, unanimously approved.

2. **Treasurer's Report**

Kevin Keyes reported that the balance in the Association's general account was \$2,847.70.

3. **Scholastic Report**

George Jensen reported that the balance in the scholastic account was unchanged from the sum reported at the November meeting and currently had a total balance of \$6,573.68, of which \$1,272.30 was allocated to the high school account, with the balance of \$5,301.38 being allocated to K through 6th.

There was a brief discussion of the Barber qualification tournament to be held in 2012. Gina Mason took an action item to contact Kim Troff to verify plans for a meeting to make plans for that tournament. Stephanie Pitcher reported that the Polgar qualification tournament would be held February 25, 2012, at Newman Elementary. George Jensen

reported that meetings of the Scholastic Committee had met in November to discuss planning for the State Elementary Championship on March 10, 2012, and that another meeting was scheduled in January 2012.

#### **4. Recent Tournaments**

Grant Hodson reported that there had been no tournaments sponsored or sanctioned by the UCA held since the Board's last meeting on November 12, 2011.

#### **5. Schedule of Upcoming Tournaments**

There was a discussion of the tournament schedule for the balance of the year and early 2012, as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Organizer</u>
December 2-4	Utah Chess State Championship (Medical School – IRB Room)	Grant Hodson
January 21, 2012	Speed Championship (G/5 – d2) (SLCC)	Grant Hodson

The State Championship tournament will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 2-4, in the IRB Board Room at the Medical School (the site of the 2010 Closed Championship), with one round Friday evening (at 6:30 p.m.) and two rounds each on Saturday (10:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.) and Sunday (9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.). All rounds will use a time control of G/2 hrs. – d5 sec. Pursuant to a vote taken at the June meeting, those eligible for the State Championship tournament will be players meeting any one (or more) of the following criteria: (1) a regular USCF rating equal to or greater than 1800 (including a provisional regular rating, provided it is based on at least four [4] games) either (a) published in any monthly rating supplement during 2011; or (b) appearing as the post-event rating in the crosstable for any USCF tournament played during 2011, as published on-line in the MSA section of the USCF website; (2) sole or shared first place in the top section of any tournament sponsored or sanctioned by the UCA during the 2011 calendar year; or (3) a “plus” score (*i.e.*, at least 3.0/5) in the top section of the 2011 Utah Open Championship.

Grant Hodson reported that he intended to organize the Speed Championship on January 21, 2012, in one section with class prizes.

## **6. Grand Prix Competition**

The Secretary, Steve Hoisington, reported that the State Championship to be held December 2-4, 2011, was anticipated to be the final Utah Chess Grand Prix event for the year. There had been no Grand Prix tournaments held since the Board's last meeting on November 12, 2011. The current year-to-date Grand Prix standings were distributed to Board members, a copy of which is attached as Appendix A, below.

## **7. Membership Survey**

The Secretary, Steve Hoisington, distributed a copy of the tabulation of results for the Membership Survey administered at the annual membership meeting held on October 29, 2011, a copy of which is attached as Appendix B, below. There was a brief discussion of those results.

## **8. Isaac Sloan Issue**

There was a discussion of the incident that occurred at the Quick tournament held November 12, 2011, on the second floor of the library at the Redwood Campus of Salt Lake Community College in which Isaac Sloan engaged in protracted arguments with his first-round opponent (Aaron Case) and later threw a punch at him outside the building. Upon motion duly made, the Board voted unanimously (7-0) to send a warning letter to Mr. Sloan advising him of the inappropriate nature of his behavior and of the likelihood on sanctions being imposed against him in the event of any recurrence of similar behavior. The Secretary, Steve Hoisington, took an action item to prepare a draft warning letter for discussion at the next Board meeting.

## **9. Next Board Meeting**

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled to be held on Thursday, January 5, 2012, starting at approximately 7:15 p.m. at the Coffee Club, 4879 South Redwood Road, Murray, Utah 84123.

Respectfully submitted,

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Steve Hoisington  
Secretary

Appendix A

Utah Chess Grand Prix Standings  
Sponsored by **Wholesale Chess**

Standings through Utah Open Championship  
October 29-30, 2011

1	Alex GUSTAFSSON	58.83
2	David VASQUEZ	58.58
3	Steve HOISINGTON	42
4	Davis UNRUH	36.75
5-6	John COFFEY	36
	Shahram NAZARINIA	36
7	Josh SMITH	31.5
8	Clancey BLACK	23.63
9	Bryon DOYLE	21
10	Harrison UNRUH	19
11	Allen BOLEN	17.5
12	Andrew ROACH	16.5
13-14	David CATALINI	15.75
	Eliza Mc INTOSH	15.75
15-18	Adam ASAY	15
	Grant HODSON	15
	Allan JOHNSON	15
	Tim STAKLAND	15
19	Randy ZUMBRUNNEN	13
20	Duane CATANIA	12.33
21-22	Isaac BALTER	11.25
	Val BRADSHAW	11.25
23-26	Kim BARNEY	10.5
	Daniel CARPENTER	10.5
	Joshua HALEY	10.5

	Terrell KERBY	10.5
27	Chuck RASMUSSEN	10.13
28-29	Shawn TURNER	10
	James ZITER	10
30-31	Brad KNUTSON	9.25
	Scott TREIMAN	9.25
32-33	Enrique ARCE-LARRETA	9
	Ben BALTER	9
34-35	Steve ADAMS	7.5
	Stephan BURTON	7.5
36-39	Gatlin BLACK	7.25
	Seth CALLISTER	7.25
	Charles MACFARLANE	7.25
	Timmy TRIPP	7.25
40-41	Stephen GORDON	7
	Hans MORROW	7
42-45	Frank FLYNN	6.75
	Sam MASON	6.75
	Jamie OLSEN-MILLS	6.75
	Vishwa SRINIVASAN	6.75
46-48	Alexander ANDERL	6.17
	Jake BOLEN	6.17
	Rex BUTLER	6.17
49-53	Morry HOLLAND	6
	Thomas MARTIN	6
	Conrad MORRIS	6
	Patrick MUNGER	6
	Christian VASQUEZ	6
54-55	Brenda AHLEMANN	4.5
	Scott LUNDSKOG	4.5
56-58	Carly ATKINSON	4
	Stephen BLACK	4
	Larry TOMPKINS	4

59-61	Cordell CHIPMAN	3.75
	Ed HARTLEY	3.75
	Eric HON	3.75
62-63	Brandon JACOBS	3.5
	Michael RABE	3.5
64-66	Bryce CROUSE	2.33
	Tianlin JI	2.33
	Jacinda LEE	2.33

## Tabulation of Results

### Utah Chess Association Membership Survey – 2011

The Board of the Utah Chess Association is taking this survey of its members to become better informed of their opinions and preferences. The Board intends, to the extent possible, to take membership opinion into account in its planning of future tournaments and similar matters. The results of this survey, however, will not be binding. Ultimately, the Board has the responsibility to exercise independent judgment in reaching decisions it deems in the best interests of Utah Chess.

**Instructions:** Responses in Sections 1 and 2, below, should be stated in whole number values **on a scale of 1 to 5** (5 = strongly approve or like; and 1 = strongly disapprove or dislike). Section 3 requires indication of your preference (by a “check” mark) between two options:

1. **Tournament Formats**

A. **Schedules**

**Please indicate how well you like each of the following tournament formats:**

One-day (Saturday only): Average Score: **4.20**

Distribution: 5 – 9; 4 – 3; 3 – 1; 2 – 1; 1 – 1; Total = 63/15

Two-day (Fri. evening & Sat.): Average Score: **3.86**

Distribution: 5 – 5; 4 – 4; 3 – 4; 1 – 1; A – 1; Total = 54/14

Two-day (Fri. afternoon/evening & Sat.): Average Score: **2.93**

Distribution: 5 – 4; 3 – 4; 2 – 3; 1 – 3; A – 1; Total = 41/14

Two-day (Sat. & Sun.): Average Score: **2.79**

Distribution: 5 – 2; 4 – 3; 3 – 3; 2 – 2; 1 – 4; A – 1; Total = 39/14

Three-day (Fri. – Sun.): Average Score: **2.08**

Distribution: 5 – 2; 4 – 1; 2 – 3; 1 – 7; A – 2; Total = 27/13

B. **Time Controls**

**Please indicate how well you like each of the following time controls (for rated tournament play):**

**Quick-rated Formats**

Blitz (G/5 [no delay]): Average Score: **2.07**

Distribution: 4 – 3; 3 – 2; 2 – 2; 1 – 7; A – 1; Total = 29/14

Speed (G/5 – d2): Average Score: **2.71**

Distribution: 5 – 3; 3 – 5; 2 – 2; 1 – 4; A – 1; Total = 38/14

Quick (G/10 to G/15 w/delay of 2-3 secs.): Average Score: **3.36**  
Distribution: 5 – 4; 4 – 2; 3 – 5; 2 – 1; 1 – 2; A – 1; Total = 47/14

Quick (G/20 to G/29 w/delay of 3-5 secs.): Average Score: **4.14**  
Distribution: 5 – 6; 4 – 5; 3 – 2; 2 – 1; A – 1; Total = 58/14

### Dual-Rated Formats

G/30 w/delay of 3-5 secs.): Average Score: **3.57**  
Distribution: 5 – 5; 4 – 2; 3 – 4; 2 – 2; 1 – 1; A – 1; Total = 50/14

G/40 to G/45 w/delay of 3-5 secs.): Average Score: **3.73**  
Distribution: 5 – 4; 4 – 6; 3 – 3; 2 – 1; 1 – 1; Total = 56/15

G/60 w/delay of 3-5 secs.): Average Score: **4.33**  
Distribution: 5 – 10; 4 – 1; 3 – 3; 2 – 1; Total = 65/15

### Regular-Rated Formats

G/75 w/delay of 5 secs.): Average Score: **3.86**  
Distribution: 5 – 8; 4 – 1; 3 – 2; 2 – 1; 1 – 2; A – 1; Total = 54/14

G/90 w/delay of 5 secs.): Average Score: **3.77**  
Distribution: 5 – 6; 4 – 2; 3 – 1; 2 – 4; A – 2; Total = 49/13

G/2 hrs. w/delay of 5 secs.): Average Score: **3.62**  
Distribution: 5 – 6; 4 – 2; 3 – 1; 2 – 2; 1 – 2; A – 2; Total = 47/13

Two periods: 30/90 – SD/1-d5 from move 1): Average Score: **3.25**  
Distribution: 5 – 3; 4 – 2; 3 – 3; 2 – 3; 1 – 1; A – 3; Total = 39/12

Two periods: 40/2 hrs. - SD/1-d5 fr. move 1): Average Score: **3.42**  
Distribution: 5 – 5; 4 – 2; 2 – 3; 1 – 2; A – 3; Total = 41/12

## 2. Grand Prix Competition

In 2011, the UCA inaugurated a Grand Prix (“GP”) competition to recognize (by objective measurement criteria) members who consistently demonstrate excellence in their performance in UCA regular and dual-rated tournaments over the course of the year.

### **A. Please indicate how well you like each of the following current features of the Grand Prix format used for the 2011 competition:**

(Note: In this section, a 5 indicates you strongly favor the current GP rules, *e.g.*, in the first item below, a 5 would indicate you strongly favor continuing to exclude faster time control events from the GP competition.)

Blitz, Speed and other solely Quick-rated events are excluded: Average Score: **3.91**  
Distribution: 5 – 7; 4 – 1; 2 – 1; 1 – 2; A – 4; Total = 43/11

Dual-rated events are generally (\*) valued at only 50% of Regular events: Average Score: **3.30**



Distribution: 5 – 3; 4 – 2; 3 – 1; 2 – 3; 1 – 1 A – 5; Total = 33/10  
Results in Reserve sections are generally (\*\*) excluded: Average Score: **4.10**  
Distribution: 5 – 4; 4 – 3; 3 – 3; A – 5; Total = 41/10

**B. Please indicate how well you would like each of the following possible changes for future years' Grand Prix competitions:**

(Note: In this section, a 5 indicates you strongly favor changing the current GP rules, *e.g.*, in the first item below, a 5 would indicate you strongly favor making a change to include faster time control events in the GP competition on an equal basis.)

Including all UCA events (Regular, Quick and Blitz/Speed) on an *equal basis*:

Average Score: **2.56**

Distribution: 5 – 2; 4 – 1; 3 – 1; 2 – 1; 1 – 4; A – 6; Total = 23/9

Including all UCA events (Regular, Quick and Blitz/Speed), but with a *lower value* for faster time control events:

Average Score: **2.75**

Distribution: 5 – 2; 3 – 2; 2 – 2; 1 – 2; A – 7; Total = 22/8

Adding an additional and separate "Points" competition in which every player (in any section of any UCA event) would receive 1 point for each game won and ½-point for each draw:

Average Score: **3.50**

Distribution: 5 – 2; 4 – 1; 3 – 2; 1 – 1; A – 9; Total = 21/6

3. **State Championship**

In 2009, the Board of the UCA decided to change the tournament for determining the state championship from the Utah Open to the Utah Closed. (Note: Essentially the traditional format for the "Closed" is being used in 2011 under the new title, "Utah Chess State Championship".) The principal rationale for this change was that the "closed" format (which limits participation to players who qualify by rating and/or specific tournament results during the year) provides for *more meaningful competition* between the genuine contenders for the title in the form of more individual head-to-head games over more rounds. (The rationale for the change was NOT based on a preference for elitism, *per se*.)

**Please indicate which of the following types of tournaments you prefer using to determine the Utah Chess State Championship:**

The top section (in which *any current member* may play) of the **Utah Open: 5**  
A "**closed**" tournament that limits participation to players who qualify by rating and/or tournament results: **6**

Abstain: **4**