

Utah Chess Association  
Minutes of Meeting of  
Board of Directors  
September 10, 2014

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Utah Chess Association (hereinafter, the "UCA" or the "Association") convened in the cafeteria of the A. Ray Olpin University Union on the campus of the University of Utah at 200 South Central Campus Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah 84112 at approximately 7:00 p.m. on September 10, 2014.

The following Board members, constituting a quorum for holding the meeting and for the regular conduct of business, were in attendance:

Grant Hodson, President  
Gina Mason, Vice President  
Steve Hoisington, Secretary  
David Day, Treasurer and Scholastic Treasurer  
Kari Roach, Scholastic Liaison

**1. Approval of Minutes**

The previously distributed draft minutes for the Board meeting held August 13, 2014, were discussed and, upon motion duly made, unanimously approved, 5-0, subject to the incorporation of several technical and editorial corrections.

**2. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer, David Day, reported that the balance in the Association's general account as of the meeting date was \$6,453.70, with \$1,770.45 of such total held in the Association's checking account at Zions Bank, and the remaining balance of \$4,683.25 held in the Association's PayPal account. He commented that, as always, there were pending expenses, but not an abnormally high amount. He further noted that UCA was holding a number of advance entry fees for the Pan-Am Charity tourney that will end up going to the U Chess Club. He noted finally that there had been a deposit of \$42.78 from AmazonSmile for the second calendar quarter.

**3. Scholastic Report**

The Scholastic Treasurer, David Day, reported that the aggregate balance in the Association's scholastic accounts as of the meeting date was \$16,180.30, which is

unchanged from the amount reported at the prior meeting. By subaccount, the balances are: \$2,429.48 allocated to the high school account, \$2,993.02 allocated to the Junior High School account, and \$10,757.80 allocated to the K through 6th (K-6) account.

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

The Seventh Annual Farewell Bobby Fischer Memorial Tournament held August 23, 2014, was won by Eric Hon with a score of 5.0/6, with Steve Gordon placing clear second on 4.5/6. John Coffey, Bryan Leaño and Sam Mason placed equal third on scores of 4.0/6. Steve Gordon took clear first in the trivia contest.

The Friday Knight Fray (Second Series of 2014) that held July 25 – August 29, 2014, was won by Bryan Leaño on a score of 3.5/5. David Day was clear second on 2.5/5, and Michael Morris-Pearce took clear third on 2.0/5.

The Farewell Bobby Fischer Memorial Tournament yielded a net profit of \$189.22. The Friday Knight Fray (Second Series of 2014) yielded a net profit of \$16.18. Profit and loss statements for these tournaments are attached as Appendices A-1 and A-2, below.

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

There was a discussion of the tournament schedule for the remainder of 2014, as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event (Venue)</u>	<u>Organizer</u>
September 13	Pan Am Fund-Raiser (Olpin University Union, Panorama Room and Parlor "A")	Bryan Leaño
(September 19- ) (October 17)	Friday Knight Fray (Venue: Episcopal Church, 1710 Foothill Drive, Salt Lake City) <b>[CANCELLED subsequent to the meeting date]</b>	Allen Bolen
October 24-25	Utah Open (Fri.: Warnock Engineering Building [WEB]) (Sat.: Olpin University Union, Panorama and Parlor 'A')	Grant Hodson
November 8	Amateur Championship (Olpin University Union, Panorama Room and Parlor 'A')	John Coffey

[Tournament Schedule continues on next page.]

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event (Venue)</u>	<u>Organizer</u>
November 21-23	State Championship (Warnock Engineering Building [WEB])	Gina Mason Kari Roach
December 6	Igor Ivanov Memorial [Venue: TBD]	TBD
December 6	RBO(*) Throwdown [Venue: TBD]	TBD

Notes:

(\*) – “RBO” = Rated Beginner Open

The Pan Am Fund-Raiser on September 13th is being organized by Bryan Leaño to raise funds to support the participation of the University of Utah chess team at the 2014 Pan Am competition in December. The UCA Board in May voted unanimously (7-0) to make the Pan Am Fund-Raiser a UCA-sponsored event. As a result of this decision, this tournament will be a Grand Prix event.

There was a discussion of the Friday Knight Fray (Third Series of 2014) that, as of the date of the meeting, was planned for September 19 – October 17, 2014. There was a discussion of the first two series of the FKF in the course of which it was observed that there had been reasonably good participation in the quad tournaments for lower-rated players, but that the turnout for the long-game tournament for higher-rated players had been disappointing. It was further observed that the low and inconsistent participation in the long-game tournament undermined the meaningfulness of the competition for tournament placements. Upon motion duly made, the Board voted unanimously, 5-0, that the third series of the FKF would **not** be a Grand Prix event. [Note: The third series of the FKF was subsequently cancelled.]

## **6. Grand Prix Competition**

The Secretary, Steve Hoisington, reported Grand Prix results for the Seventh Annual Farewell Bobby Fischer Memorial Tournament held August 23, 2014, and for the Friday Knight Fray (Second Series of 2014) that held July 25 – August 29, 2014, and presented year-to-date standings for the Grand Prix competition. Copies of those results and standings are attached as Appendices B-1, B-2 and B-3, below. After those tournaments, the leaders in the cumulative Grand Prix standings were: (1) Bryan Leaño 161; (2) Eric Hon 72.86; (3) John Coffey 71.5; (4) Michael Morris-Pearce 48.86; (5) Steve Gordon 46; (6) Andrew Roach 39.86; (7) Sam Mason 37.86; (8) Clancey Black 36.86; (9) Josh (J.D.) Smith 36; and (10) Steve Hoisington 35.

The Secretary, Steve Hoisington, distributed a proposed prize structure for the 2014 Grand Prix competition. A copy of this proposal is attached as Appendix C, below.

Following a general discussion that was not resulting in consensus, it was agreed to table this matter for decision at the next meeting.

## **7. Miscellaneous Topics**

There were brief discussions of several additional topics, as summarized below.

### **A. Spotlight Player**

There was a discussion of players to be featured in the “spotlight” section of the website. Following consideration of various candidates, upon motion duly made by the President, Grant Hodson, the Board voted 5-0 to name Hans Morrow as the next player to be so featured.

### **B. Frequent Player Program**

There was a discussion of the possibility of creating a program to enable players who participate in a sufficient number of UCA-sponsored and UCA-sanctioned tournaments during the course of the year to receive a discount of entry fees or possibly free entry to a tournament after playing in a specified number of tournaments during the year. It was agreed that time would be needed to work through the details of any such program, so the matter was tabled for future consideration. David Day took an action item to present a proposal for such a program at the next meeting.

### **C. Membership Growth**

There was a discussion of possible ways to encourage growth in UCA membership. David Day took an action item to present a proposal for such a program at the next meeting.

### **D. Scholarship Fund**

There was a discussion of broadening the existing scholarship program to enable more of the promising young players in the state to be eligible for such support. There was a general consensus that the existing Scholarship Fund program could be retained, with a separate program being established to operate in parallel with the current Scholarship Fund. The matter was tabled for consideration at future meetings.

### **E. Membership Survey**

There was discussion of the possibility of conducting a survey of the general membership. Due to constraints of time, this matter was tabled for future consideration.



## **8. Next Board Meeting**

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled to be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2014, to convene at approximately 7:00 p.m. on the second floor of the Abraham Markosian Library at the Taylorsville Redwood Campus of Salt Lake Community College, 4600 South Redwood Road, Salt Lake City, Utah 84123.

Respectfully submitted,

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Steve Hoisington  
Secretary

# Seventh Annual Farewell Bobby Fischer

Saturday, August 23, 2014

University of Utah – Warnock Engineering Bldg.

## Profit and Loss Statement

### Revenue

#### Entry Fees

PayPal (net of fees)	\$499.70
Cash	293.00
Checks	25.00
<u>Additional Entry Fees</u>	<u>57.00</u>
TOTAL ENTRY FEES	\$894.70

<u>Membership</u>	<u>40.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$934.70

### Expense

#### Cash Prizes (\*\*)

Open Section	(\$175.00)
Reserve (U-1600)	(140.00)
Reserve (U-1000)	(100.00)
<u>Quiz</u>	<u>(65.00)</u>

TOTAL CASH PRIZES (\$480.00)

Trophies and Plaques	(104.02)
In Kind Prizes (Books and supplies)	(56.71)

Room Rental (0.00)

Membership	(37.00)
Tournament Director Fee	(40.00)
<u>Rating Report</u>	<u>(27.75)</u>

TOTAL EXPENSE (\$745.48)

**NET PROFIT \$189.22**





# **Friday Knight Fray**

**[Second Series of 2014]**

**July 25 – August 29, 2014**

## **Profit and Loss Statement**

**Income:**

Entry fees	Long Game Section	\$134.10
	<u>Quads Section</u>	<u>\$507.86</u>
<b>Total Entry Fees</b>		<b>\$641.96</b>

**Expenses:**

Room rental	\$250.00
Rating Fees	\$25.50
Long Game Prize (50% of entry fees):	\$67.05
<u>Quad Prizes (trophies/books/supplies)</u>	<u>\$283.23</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$625.78</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>\$16.18</b>

# Utah Chess Grand Prix Report

Sponsored by Zaniac and Dennis Bird, C.P.A.

## Points Earned at Utah Chess "Farewell Bobby Fischer" Memorial

August 23, 2014

1	Eric HON	21
2	Steve GORDON	15
3-5	John COFFEY	10
	Bryan LEAÑO	10
	Sam MASON	10
6-7	David CATALINI	5
	Steve HOISINGTON	5

# **Utah Chess Grand Prix Report**

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## **Points Earned at Friday Knight Fray (Second Series of 2014)**

July 25 - August 29, 2014

1	Bryan LEAÑO (3.5)	21
2	David DAY (2.5)	15
3	Michael MORRIS-PEARCE (2.0)	12
4	Ben BALTER (1.5)	10
5	Allen BOLEN (0.5)	8

## **Utah Chess Grand Prix Standings**

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### **Standings through Friday Knight Fray (Second Series of 2014)**

July 25 - August 29, 2014

1	Bryan LEAÑO	161
2	Eric HON	72.86
3	John COFFEY	71.5
4	Michael MORRIS-PEARCE	48.86
5	Steve GORDON	46
6	Andrew ROACH	39.86
7	Sam MASON	37.86
8	Clancey BLACK	36.86
9	Josh (J.D.) SMITH	36
10	Steve HOISINGTON	35
11	Patrick BLESS	31.75
12	Wesly HARSTON	24.44
13	Allen BOLEN	24
14	Grant HODSON	22.86
15	Kayden TROFF	21
16	Vishwa SRINIVASAN	20.5
17	Ben BALTER	19
18	Jeffery SCOTT	18
19	Justin Mc GEE	16
20	David DAY	15

21	Brendon YOUNG	14.75
22-23	Jose GARCIA	13.5
	Chad KELLEY	13.5
24	Isaac BALTER	12.38
25	Dominic CROCE	11
26-27	Anoushka KHARKAR	10.5
	Fernando RODRIGUEZ	10.5
28	Alexander QI	10.38
29-30	Darwin ("Hank") BEUNING	10
	Bradley TEW	10
31-32	Bryan GUO	9
	Alex HALL	9
33-35	Valerie Anne HART	8.44
	Spencer HINDMAN	8.44
	Matt LARSON	8.44
36-38	Adrian GUSHIN	8
	Chenkai LUO	8
	Abhinav MATHUR	8
39-41	Daniel CARPENTER	6.75
	Jacinda LEE	6.75
	William WOOLDRIDGE	6.75
42-43	Greg LEE	6
	Benjamin TESCH	6
44-47	Ethan McCULLOCH	5.63
	Ujan RAY	5.63
	Madeline ROACH	5.63
	Lillian RYSKAMP	5.63
48	David CATALINI	5
49	Donald KITCHEN	4.86

50-52	Craig BAINUM	4.67
	Frank MONTIERTH	4.67
	Marti OLSEN	4.67
53-55	David HAGLUND	4.5
	Phillip LIU	4.5
	Alan ZHAO	4.5
56-57	Samuel DEAN	3.38
	Scott LUNDSKOG	3.38
58-60	Andy HUO	2.33
	Kunal KAMTEKAR	2.33
	Matthew SNYDER	2.33
61-65	Wyatt BLESS	2.2
	Randy HUO	2.2
	Jonah TREILTER	2.2
	Audrey YOUNG	2.2
	Henry ZHENG	2.2

Appendix C

HSH Draft (9/6/2014)

**2014 Utah Chess Grand Prix**

Prize Structure

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The following prizes shall be awarded for the top six finishers in the 2014 Utah Chess Grand Prix competition:

First place(*):	\$200
Second place(*):	\$150
Third place(*):	\$100
Fourth Place(*):	\$85
Fifth Place(*):	\$65
Sixth Place(*):	\$50

(\* Note: In the event of ties for final placements, those players will share the average (arithmetic mean) of the cash prizes for those places. (No form of tie-breaks will be applied.)