

Utah Chess Association
Minutes of Meeting of
Board of Directors
January 12, 2013

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Utah Chess Association (hereinafter, the "UCA" or the "Association") convened at Crown Burgers, 3190 Highland Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah 84106 at approximately 11:00 a.m. on January 12, 2013. (The meeting had initially been scheduled to convene on the second floor of the Abraham Markosian Library at the Redwood Campus of Salt Lake Community College, but it was later learned that the originally designated venue would not be available on the meeting date.) 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
David Day, Treasurer
George Jensen
Gina Mason
Kari Roach

1. Approval of Minutes

The previously distributed draft minutes for the Board's regular meeting of December 6, 2012, were discussed and, upon motion duly made, unanimously approved, 7-0, subject to the correction of one typographical error.

2. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, David Day, reported that the balance in the Association's general account was \$2,900.74 as of December 31, 2012, and that a prize of \$75.00 earned by Steve Gordon for his clear second-place finish at the State Championship tournament was still pending. Also pending were payments of cash prizes in the aggregate amount of \$400.00 to the six prize winners in the 2012 Utah Chess Grand Prix competition. (See Section 6, below.)

3. Scholastic Report

George Jensen reported that the balance in the scholastic account was reduced by \$200.00 from the sum reported at the meeting of December 6, 2012, and that there currently was a total balance of \$9,318.64, of which \$1,838.30 was allocated to the high school account, with the balance of \$7,480.34 being allocated to the K through 6th (K-6)

account. The reason for the reduction was the payment of \$200.00 (with \$100.00 being allocated to each of the two accounts, K-6 and high school, respectively) to sponsor the participation at the 2012 Pan American Intercollegiate Chess Championship in Princeton, New Jersey during December 27-30, 2012, by the University of Utah Chess Club (the "Collegiate Chess Club"). It was noted that in a poll of the Scholastic Committee, only one dissenting vote was cast to the proposal to provide such sponsorship to the Collegiate Chess Club.

There followed a discussion of a request from Bill Clark for funding (to be paid from the Scholastic Account) to purchase one hundred (100) USCF membership vouchers for the Utah State Preparation Tournament (K-12) he is organizing to be held on February 2, 2013. It was noted that with sufficient turnout this event could generate a profit large enough to cover the cost of such vouchers, but that they needed to be purchased in advance (and, thus, before the actual number of eventual participants was known). Pursuant to motion duly made, the Board voted 7-0 to approve funding from the Scholastic Account for the purchase of such vouchers.

4. Recent Tournaments

Grant Hodson reported that the State Championship tournament held on December 7-9, 2012, had been won by Harold Stevens with a score of 4.5/5. As a resident of the state, Harold Stevens thereby earned the title of 2012 Utah State Chess Champion. Steve Gordon placed clear second on a score of 4.0/5; Allen Bolen and Bryan Leano finished equal third on scores of 3.5/5.

The State Championship tournament yielded a net loss of \$9.47. A Profit and Loss Statement for the event is attached as Appendix A, below.

There followed a preliminary discussion of format and eligibility criteria for the 2013 State Championship tournament that addressed such matters as time control(s), number of rounds, schedule, and which tournaments would constitute qualifying events. Final decisions on terms for the 2013 State Championship were deferred on most matters to the next meeting of the Board. Certain issues, however, were deemed necessary for immediate decision (for example, to clarify points relevant to promotion of the State Elementary Championships scheduled for March 9, 2013). Accordingly, upon motion duly made, the Board voted unanimously, 7-0, that for the 2013 Utah State Chess Championship the sixth (6th) grade section of the State Elementary Championships would **not** be a qualifying event; and that the Speed Championship (scheduled for January 26, 2013), the Barber Qualification tournament (not yet scheduled) and the High School Championship (scheduled for February 22-23, 2013) **would** be qualifying events.

5. Schedule of Upcoming Tournaments

There was a discussion of the tournament schedule for early 2013, as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event (Venue)</u>	<u>Organizer</u>
January 26	Speed Championship (G/5, d/2) (SLCC)	Grant Hodson(*)
February 23	Senior Championship (Ecker Hill Middle School, Park City)	Gina Mason
February 23	Nifty Under Fifty tournament (Ecker Hill Middle School, Park City)	Gina Mason
March 2	Girls' Championship(Polgar Qualifier) (Newman Elementary)	Stephanie Pitcher
March 23	Class Championships	Grant Hodson

(*) – Grant Hodson will promote the Speed Championship and take advance entries. The chief tournament director for the event will be Steve Hoisington.

6. Grand Prix Competition

The Secretary, Steve Hoisington, reported Grand Prix results for the State Championship tournament and presented end-of-year standings for the Grand Prix competition. Copies of those results and standings are attached as Appendices B-1 and B-2, below. After those tournaments, the leaders in the cumulative Grand Prix standings were: (1) Alex Gustafsson 147.5; (2) John Coffey 91.17; (3) David Vasquez 89.21; (4) Stephen Gordon 62.67; (5) Alex Hall 61.25; and (6) Bryan Leano 59.21.

Upon motion duly made, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the final 2012 Grand Prix standings (as set forth in Appendix B-2) and to pay prizes to the top six finishers in accordance with the schedule approved at the meeting of October 20, 2012, a copy of which is attached as Appendix B-3, below.

The Secretary distributed proposed regulations for the 2013 Grand Prix competition, which incorporated several revisions to the rules used in 2012. A copy of that proposal is attached as Appendix C, below. The proposed changes involved adding clarifying definitions of events “sponsored” or “sanctioned” by the UCA (new section 1.B.) and adding language to Section 3 to provide for the Senior Championship automatically to be a Grand Prix event if, but only if, there was a contemporaneous tournament held in which any player otherwise eligible to participate in the Utah Chess Grand Prix who is excluded from the Senior Championship tournament solely on the basis of age can compete for GP Points.

Upon motion duly made, the Board voted unanimously, 7-0, to sponsor a Grand Prix competition in 2013, and to approve the proposed regulations as set forth below in

Appendix C, subject to inserting a provision in Section 2 to enable the Board to vote by e-mail in making a determination (i) whether any particular tournament would be a Grand Prix Event and/or (ii) the rate at which GP Points would be awarded for any particular Grand Prix Event.

7. Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled to be held on Thursday, February 14, 2013, starting at approximately 7:00 p.m. at the Coffee Club, 4879 South Redwood Road, Murray, Utah 84123.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hoisington
Secretary

Utah State Championship

December 7-9, 2012

IRB Conference Room
Medical College
University of Utah
Salt Lake City, Utah

Profit and Loss Statement

Income:

- Income from entry fees: 390.00

Expenses:

- Trophy Corner (3 trophies): 100.00
- Ratings fee reimbursed to Gina Mason: 9.00
- Supply fee reimbursement to Gina Mason: 15.47
- Cash prizes:
 - 1st 150
 - 2nd 75 (check needs to be sent)
 - U2000 50
- Totals: 399.47

***Net loss: 9.47**

Bank activity:

- Entry fees deposit (12 Dec. 2012): 190.00

A deposit of 165.00 checks and 25.00 cash was made on the 12th of Dec. 2012

Appendix B-1

Utah Chess Grand Prix Report

Sponsored by **Wholesale Chess**

Points Earned at the Utah State Championship
December 7-9, 2012

1	Harold STEVENS	31.5
2	Stephen GORDON	22.5
3-4	Allen BOLEN	16.5
	Bryan LEANO	16.5
5-6	Alex GUSTAFSSON	10.5
	Scott TREIMAN	10.5

Utah Chess Grand Prix Standings

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Standings through Utah State Championship, December 7-9, 2012

Final Standings for 2012

(pending final approval by UCA Board)

1	Alex GUSTAFSSON	147.5
2	John COFFEY	91.17
3	David VASQUEZ	89.21
4	Stephen GORDON	62.67
5	Alex HALL	61.25
6	Bryan LEANO	59.21
7	Allen BOLEN	44.5
8	Petro GRETCHANEI	40.21
9	Josh (J.D.) SMITH	39.5
10	Shahram NAZARINIA	38.67
11	David CATALINI	38
12	Harold STEVENS	31.5
13	Grant HODSON	29.5
14	Isaac BALTER	28.88
15	Scott TREIMAN	28.5
16-17	Josh HICKENLOOPER	27
	Charles RASMUSSEN	27
18-19	Sam MASON	21
	Kayden TROFF	21
20	Steve HOISINGTON	19.21
21-22	Hans MORROW	16
	Randy ZUMBRUNNEN	16
23	Jesse JOHNSON	15.75
24	Ben BALTER	15
25	Vishwa SRINIVASAN	14.5
26-27	Brad KNUTSON	13.5
	Jamie OLSEN-MILLS	13.5
28	Joseph GARCIA	11.38
29	Matthew BOREN	11.25
30-31	Garion GRUBAUGH	10.13
	Lillian RAUCH	10.13
32-33	Antonio PADRON	10
	Kayvon SOHRABI	10

34-35	Brenda AHLEMANN	9
	David DAY	9
36	Vahan KARDZHIAN	8
37	Stephen BLACK	7.5
38-39	Val BRADSHAW	6.75
	Ali MOMENI	6.75
40-44	Steve COOK	6
	Bryon DOYLE	6
	J. J. GARZELLA	6
	Michael MUNAFO	6
	Juan ZHANG	6
45-47	Enrique ARCE-LARRETA	5.71
	Grover BLESS	5.71
	Abhinav MATHUR	5.71
48-49	Clancey BLACK	5.5
	Samuel DEAN	5.5
50-51	Adam ASAY	5
	Darwin ("Hank") BEUNING	5
52-55	Carly ATKINSON	4.13
	Luocheng HUANG	4.13
	Jonathan WARREN	4.13
	Yianni ZIOURAS	4.13
56-57	Cordell CHIPMAN	3.38
	Dietrich GEISLER	3.38

2012 Utah Chess Grand Prix

Prize Structure

Sponsored by **Wholesale Chess**

The following prizes shall be awarded for the top six finishers in the 2012 Utah Chess Grand Prix competition:

First place(*): \$50 WC Gift Certificate plus \$150 cash (**)

Second place(*): \$50 WC Gift Certificate plus \$100 cash (**)

Third place(*): \$45 WC Gift Certificate plus \$55 cash (**)

Fourth Place(*): \$45 WC Gift Certificate plus \$40 cash (**)

Fifth Place(*): \$35 WC Gift Certificate plus \$30 cash (**)

Sixth Place(*): \$25 WC Gift Certificate plus \$25 cash (**)

(*) Note: In the event of ties for final placements, those players will share the average (arithmetic mean) of the Gift Certificate and/or Cash prizes for those places. (No form of tie-breaks will be applied.)

(**) Note: Cash prizes will be funded by a second sponsor and the Utah Chess Association (from the General Account).

Appendix C
(SH proposal – Draft of 1/8/2013)

Regulations for
2013 Utah Chess Grand Prix

The Utah Chess Association (the “UCA” or the “Association”) shall sponsor a Grand Prix competition during 2013 (the “Utah Chess Grand Prix” or the “Grand Prix”) in accordance with the following rules (the “Utah Chess Grand Prix Regulations” or these “Regulations”):

1. A. The Utah Chess Grand Prix competition shall involve the awarding of “Grand Prix” points (“GP Points”) based on placements of players in individual tournaments sponsored or sanctioned by the UCA during 2013. Participation in the Utah Chess Grand Prix shall be open to all current members in good standing of the United States Chess Federation (“USCF”) who are residents of the State of Utah (as reflected in USCF records). Players ineligible for the Utah Chess Grand Prix (for example, USCF members who are not residents of the State of Utah) may participate in GP Events (assuming they meet the requirements to participate in the tournament, for example, current membership in the USCF, timely submission of entry and payment of entry fee) and claim prizes awarded for the individual tournament, but for the purpose of awarding GP Points, the names of such players ineligible for the Utah Chess Grand Prix shall be stricken when preparing the list of final placements in the tournament. For example, if the top three placements are taken by players eligible to participate in the Utah Chess Grand Prix, but an ineligible player takes fourth place in a GP Event, he or she shall be entitled to receive the cash prize (if any) awarded for fourth place in the tournament, but shall not receive any GP Points; the players who finished fifth through seventh in the final placements for that event (assuming they are all Utah residents and otherwise eligible to participate in the Utah Chess Grand Prix) shall be deemed as having finished, respectively, in fourth through six places for the specific purpose of awarding GP Points. Issues

of residence shall be presumptively determined by the crosstable for the event as initially published on-line at the official USCF website (www.uschess.org).

B. For purposes of Section 1.A. and other provisions of these Regulations that refer to tournaments sponsored or sanctioned by the UCA,

(i) a tournament “sponsored” by the UCA means a tournament (a) more than one-half (1/2) of whose costs are underwritten by the UCA and/or parties who (1) donate funds for such purpose at the solicitation of the UCA or otherwise for the specific purpose of providing financial assistance to the UCA in organizing tournaments; and (2) may (or may not) receive promotional consideration for such sponsorship but do not directly participate in the distribution of profits (if any) resulting from such tournament; and (b) all or a proportionate share (*i.e.*, in proportion to the share of costs underwritten) of the profits (if any) from which are either (1) retained by the UCA or (2) donated to a charitable or other beneficiary of the tournament (*e.g.*, the Red Cross) as designated by the Board of the UCA;

(ii) a tournament “sanctioned” by the UCA means a tournament (a) that is not sponsored by the UCA (*e.g.*, a tournament at least one-half [1/2] of the costs of which are underwritten by a person or entity *other than* the UCA [and/or another party or parties as described in clause (a) of paragraph (i) of this Section 1.B.] who has a claim to all or a share of resulting profits [if any]), but (b) the organizing and running of which is specifically approved in advance (*i.e.*, by vote taken prior to the start of play of the first round thereof) by resolution of the Board of the UCA; and

(iii) the fact that the UCA is the sponsoring affiliate of a tournament for purposes of rating report submittal (i) shall not *ipso facto* render such tournament one “sponsored” by the UCA; and (ii) shall not otherwise have any bearing on the determination whether such tournament is “sponsored” by the UCA for purposes of Section 1. A. or any other provision of these Regulations.

2. Except as otherwise specifically provided, GP Points shall be awarded for all quick-rated, regular-rated and dual-rated tournaments sponsored or sanctioned by the UCA during the year (“GP Events”) in accordance with the schedule set forth in section 5, below. Notwithstanding the foregoing or any other provision of

these Regulations, the Board of Directors of the UCA (the “Board of the UCA”) shall have final authority to determine whether any particular tournament shall be a GP Event by vote taken prior to the start of play of the first round thereof, and the Board of the UCA shall also have final authority to determine (notwithstanding any contradictory or inconsistent provision set forth in these Regulations) whether GP Points for any particular GP Event shall be awarded at the nominal rate specified in section 5, below, or at a reduced (less than 100%) or increased (more than 100%) rate relative to the nominal rate, *provided* such determination is made by vote taken prior to the start of play of the first round thereof. No GP Points shall be awarded for events that are unrated. GP Points shall generally be awarded only for the top section of each GP Event. Unless otherwise specifically determined by the Board of the UCA, GP Points for the Utah Open Championship and the Utah Chess State Championship shall be awarded at one hundred fifty per cent (150%) of the nominal rate set forth in section 5, below. Notwithstanding the general restriction on the awarding of GP Points to the top section of each tournament, for the Class Championships, the top two sections shall award GP Points at the nominal rate specified in section 5, below, the next two sections shall award GP Points at seventy-five per cent (75%) of the nominal rate, and the remaining sections shall award GP Points at fifty per cent (50%) of the nominal rate.

3. Unless otherwise specifically determined by the Board of the UCA, the Senior Championship shall not be a GP Event, and no GP Points shall be awarded based on placements in that tournament. Similarly, the Utah Team Championship tournament shall not be a GP Event, and no GP Points shall be awarded based on placements therein. The reason for the planned exclusion of the Senior Championship is the age restriction upon participation therein.

Notwithstanding the foregoing or any other provision of these Regulations, if a contemporaneous tournament to the Senior Championship (*i.e.*, a tournament whose playing schedule coincides at least partially with the playing schedule of the Senior Championship) is held in which any player otherwise eligible to participate in the Utah Chess Grand Prix who is excluded from the Senior

Championship tournament **solely on the basis of age** can compete for GP Points, the Senior Championship tournament **shall in such event be** a GP Event. The reason for the planned exclusion of the Team Championship tournament is that it is not an individual event.

4. GP Points shall be awarded based on players' placements in GP Events before applying any tie-break procedures. Specifically, players with equal total tournament point scores for any GP Event shall be considered as tying for the relevant placements for that event for the purpose of awarding GP Points, and all such players shall receive equal GP Points for that event in an amount equal to the average (arithmetic mean) of points awarded for the several placements for which they tied. For example, if two players tie for first and second places in a GP Event that awards GP Points at the nominal rate, each shall receive eighteen (18) GP Points $[(21 + 15) / 2 = 36 / 2 = 18]$ (See section 5, below.); if three players tie for first through third places in a GP Event that awards GP Points at the nominal rate, each shall receive sixteen (16) GP Points $[(21 + 15 + 12) / 3 = 48 / 3 = 16]$. Tournament points earned in any GP Event for games won by forfeit or for scheduled byes (either half-point or full-point byes) shall be fully equivalent to tournament points earned for games played for the purpose of determining placements and for all other purposes of calculating awards of GP Points.
5. The nominal rate for awarding GP Points shall be in accordance with the following scale: First place – 21 points; second place – 15 points; third place – 12 points; fourth place – 10 points; fifth place – 8 points; sixth place – 6 points. In the event the final placements in a GP Event involve a tie among several players including sixth place and one or more places lower than sixth, each place below sixth for which a player has a score tied for sixth place shall be awarded 4 points. The foregoing scale shall be adjusted in accordance with section 2, above, for the Utah Open Championship and the Utah Chess State Championship. [For example, a player taking clear first in the Utah Open would earn 31.50 GP Points (150% of the nominal rate)]. If fewer than six players participate in any GP Event, the foregoing scale shall apply only through the number of placements equal to the number of participants. A player who plays at least one move in one

scheduled game shall be deemed to be a participant in the tournament. A player scoring zero tournament points in any GP Event in which fewer than six players score one-half or more tournament points shall be entitled to receive GP Points in accordance with the foregoing scale based on his or her placement in the tournament *provided* he or she played at least one game during such tournament. For the purpose of applying the foregoing proviso, a player shall be deemed to have “played” a game if he or she completed at least one move on the board. In the absence of clear evidence to the contrary, a game shall be presumed to have been “played” if it appears in the relevant crosstable as a rated game (as opposed to a game lost by forfeit by a player who has played no moves, which is not eligible to be rated pursuant to USCF Rules, Article 8 [The USCF Rating System], section 1).

6. To illustrate further the calculation of points for tied placements, if four (4) players tie for fifth through eighth places in a GP Event (other than the Utah Open or Utah Chess State Championship), each of those players shall receive 5.50 GP Points, calculated as follows: $(8 + 6 + 4 + 4) / 4 = 22 / 4 = 5.50$. [Note that since this example assumes a tie involving sixth place and extending through eighth place, each of seventh and eighth places was awarded 4 GP Points pursuant to the second sentence of section 5, above.] To give another example, if five players tie for sixth through tenth places in a GP Event (other than the Utah Open or Utah Chess State Championship), each such player shall receive 4.40 GP Points, calculated as follows: $(6 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 4) / 5 = 22 / 5 = 4.40$. [Pursuant to the second sentence of section 5, above, each of seventh through tenth places was awarded 4 GP Points in this example.]
7. GP Points shall be awarded based on points scored and placements as reflected in the crosstable for the event as published on-line at the official USCF website (www.uschess.org), regardless of any restrictions applicable for purposes of awarding prizes for the particular tournament. For example, a player who revokes a previously requested half-point bye and is only entitled pursuant to USCF Rule 22C5 to be credited with a maximum of one-half point for that round

for the purpose of awarding tournament prizes, shall be entitled to a full point for any game actually played and won for the purpose of awarding GP Points.

8. The Secretary of the Association shall have responsibility **to calculate GP Points awarded for each GP Event;** to keep a **cumulative** record of GP Points earned by all players; and to keep the **UCA** webmeister informed of current GP Point totals and standings for posting on the UCA website. Fractional awards of GP Points shall be recorded as estimated to the second decimal place. (See examples, above.) If the actual calculation yields a third decimal place precisely equal to five (5), the second decimal place shall be rounded up. (For example, one-eighth of a point shall be rounded up to 0.13.) The resolution of all disputes and all other interpretations of these rules shall be subject to final decision and determination by the Board of the UCA. Prizes for year-end placements in the Grand Prix competition shall be as determined by the Board of the UCA.