

Utah Chess Association
Minutes of Meeting of
Board of Directors
April 13, 2013

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Utah Chess Association (hereinafter, the "UCA" or the "Association") convened 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 at approximately 11:00 a.m. on April 13, 2013. 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 March 14, 2013, were discussed and, upon motion duly made, unanimously approved, 7-0, subject to minor technical corrections.

2. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, David Day, reported that the balance in the Association's general account as of March 29, 2013, was \$2,884.39. He further reported that on April 5, 2013, he had made a deposit of entry fees from the Class Championships (net of cash paid out in prizes) in the amount of \$1,016.00. It was noted that after some earlier tournaments, entry fees had been deposited by the Board member who had organized and/or directed the event. Upon motion duly made, the Board voted 7-0 both (1) to authorize all Board members to make deposits to the Association's general account; and (2) to ratify any such deposits previously made by any Board member, including Board members not holding general signatory authority on the bank account.

3. Scholastic Report

George Jensen reported that the scholastic account had a current balance of \$13,613.43. The portion of the total balance allocable to the K through 6th grade (K-6) account is \$9,893.01, with \$2,650.42 being allocated to the high school account. The

remaining \$1,070 is allocable to the Junior High School account. The funds in the Junior High School account (previously held separately) are being consolidated in the central scholastic account. The reported balances reflected the recently completed state championship tournaments. The State Elementary Championships (K-6) generated a profit of \$2,412.67, and the State High School Championship generated a profit of \$812.12. The bottom-line result of the Junior High School Championship is still pending.

It was noted with respect to the one hundred seventy-five (175) USCF membership vouchers purchased by Bill Clark (reimbursement for which to be paid from the Scholastic Account was approved by the Board at the January meeting) that the seven (7) vouchers remaining as of the March Board meeting had now been sold.

4. Recent Tournaments

Steve Hoisington reported the results of the Class Championships held on March 30, 2013. The top section (combining Expert and Class A) finished in a three-way tie for first among (in tie-break order) José Garcia, John Coffey and Petro Gretchanei, each with a score of 3.0/4. Based on the terms of the flyer announcing the tournament, the Expert trophy and title were awarded to José Garcia, notwithstanding that his contemporaneously published rating placed him in Class B. (He had elected to “play up” one class – in Class “A” – and when sections were combined, he actually played in a section that included the Expert section, two classes above his rating.) The Class “A” trophy and title were awarded to Petro Gretchanei (who had the third-best, *i.e.*, lowest tie-break score of the section co-winners) because John Coffey, who had the second-best tie-break score, has a rating above 2000 and is not eligible for Class “A” prizes. In a discussion of these determinations, it was the consensus of the Board that the terms of the flyer required these results, but there was a general perception that it was not the most equitable outcome. (See summary of further discussion of this issue in final paragraph of this section.)

The other Class Champions for 2013 were: Class “B” – Clancey Black; Class “C” – Eric Hon; Class “D” – Joseph Garcia; Class “E” – Valerie Anne Hart; Class “F” – Timmy Tripp; Class “G” – Spencer Hindman; and Class “H” – Alan Zhao.

The Class Championships yielded a net profit of \$224.92. A Profit and Loss Statement for the event is attached as Appendix A, below.

Following a discussion of the different approaches to awarding class trophies and titles for the Class Championships tournament (for example, in the context of scenarios requiring the combining of classes to have a sufficient number of players in each section), upon motions duly made the Board voted unanimously, 7-0, on each of the following two resolutions for future Class Championship tournaments: (1) that playing “up” would not be allowed for future Class Championships, *i.e.*, each player with a published rating would be required to play in his or her own class, as determined by the

current published rating supplement, and each unrated player would be required to play in the class specified for his or her grade level or age (e.g., unrated adults must play in Class “E”); and (2) that each player would compete exclusively for trophies and titles in his or her own class (determined by currently published rating). No final decision was reached at this meeting with regard to how monetary prizes would be awarded for a section with combined classes.

5. Schedule of Upcoming Tournaments

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event (Venue)</u>	<u>Organizer</u>
April 20	Farewell, Bobby Fischer -- VI (Olpin University Union) (Panorama Room & Parlor “A”)	David Day/John Coffey(*)
May 4	Game in Sixty (G/60, d/5) Chp. (Olpin University Union) (Panorama Room & Parlor “A”)	Steve Hoisington
June 1	Barber K-8 Open Preliminary Qualifier (Olpin University Union)	Gina Mason
June 1	Charity Tournament Support Utah Youth (Olpin University Union)	Gina Mason
[June 7-9]	National Open (Las Vegas, NV)	(**)
June 22	Final Barber Qualifier (round robin) (Venue: TBD)	TBD(***)
June 29	Blitz Championship SLCC – Library at Redwood Campus	TBD

(*) – David Day prepared the flyer for the Sixth Annual Farewell, Bobby Fischer tournament, and John Coffey is taking advance entries. The Chief Tournament Director for the event will be Shahram Nazarinia.

(**) – The National Open is not a UCA-sponsored or UCA-sanctioned event, but that tournament was discussed and is included in the table due to the participation in that event of many Utah players

(***) – Gina Mason expressed her willingness to help organize the Final Barber Qualifier (six-player, single round robin), but indicated that due to conflict of interest concerns, she considered it inappropriate for her to be the tournament director.

The Barber Preliminary Qualifier tournament on June 1, 2013, will be an open tournament for players in grades K-8 (i.e., those eligible to be the state representative at the national Barber tournament in the summer of 2013). The top two finishers in this tournament will qualify to participate in the Final Barber Qualifier (single round robin), together with four players who qualify by rating (April Supplement). This format was

approved by the Scholastic Committee. Upon motion duly made, the Board voted 7-0 to ratify this decision by the Scholastic Committee.

Other tournaments that have been preliminarily discussed (but not finally scheduled) at this meeting and/or the meeting of the Board held March 14, 2013, are a "Summer Sizzle" tournament for July, the Team Championships in August, and the Amateur Championship in September. There was also discussion of the possibility of holding concurrently an Igor Ivanov Memorial tournament and a Rookie Rumble in the late summer or early autumn.

There was a discussion of the merits of obtaining a new copy of SwissSys pairing/tournament organizing software for the Association. David Day reported to the Board that he had held discussions via e-mail with Thad Suits (the programmer and owner of the supplier of SwissSys) and that he had reached an understanding with Mr. Suits for discounted rates to use a single disc to download to several laptops to be used to run UCA-sponsored tournaments, subject to specified conditions. Upon motion duly made, the board voted unanimously to purchase a new copy of SwissSys in the current revision and to obtain multiple licenses in accordance with the terms agreed between David Day and Mr. Suits. Steve Hoisington said he planned to make a trip to Wholesale Chess during the upcoming week, and he agreed to make a purchase of SwissSys for the Association, to be paid for initially by himself and to be subsequently reimbursed

6. Grand Prix Competition

The Secretary, Steve Hoisington, reported Grand Prix results for the Utah Class Championships held March 30, 2013, and presented year-to-date 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) John Coffey 41.67; (2) David Vasquez 35.67; (3-4) José Garcia and Petro Gretchanei 25; (5) Enriqu  Arce-Larreta 21.5; (6) Kayden Troff 21; (7) Charles Rasmussen 19.17; (8) Shahram Nazarinia 18.17; and (9-11) Isaac Balter, Eric Hon and Bryan Leano 16.67.

7. Scholarship Fund

The Treasurer, David Day, reported that all available funds in the Association's Chess Excellence Scholarship Fund established by the Board pursuant to resolution approved at the meeting of May 15, 2010 (the "Scholarship Fund") for both (i) the fourth quarter of 2012; and (ii) the first quarter of 2013, have been distributed to Kayden Troff, in accordance with the resolution approved by the Board on March 14, 2013.

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8. Certification of State Representatives

Upon motion duly made, the Board voted unanimously, 7-0, (i) to authorize Bill Clark, qualification tournaments organizer, Grant Hodson, UCA President, David Day, UCA Treasurer, and Steve Hoisington, UCA Secretary, to execute documents required to designate and authenticate the credentials of the official State of Utah representatives to (a) the Denker Tournament of High School Champions; and (b) the Dewain Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions; and (ii) to authorize Stephanie Pitcher, qualification tournament organizer, Grant Hodson, UCA President, David Day, UCA Treasurer, and Steve Hoisington, UCA Secretary, to execute documents required to designate and authenticate the credentials of the official State of Utah representatives to (a) the Susan Polgar Girl's Invitational Tournament; and (b) the USCF National Girls Invitational Tournament.

9. Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled to be held on Thursday, May 9, 2013, to convene at approximately 7:00 p.m. at the Coffee Club, 4879 South Redwood Road, Murray, Utah 84123.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hoisington
Secretary

2013 Utah Chess “Class Championships”

Saturday, March 30, 2013

University of Utah - Student Union Bldg.
Panorama and Collegiate Rooms

Profit and Loss Statement

Revenue

Entry Fees

Advance	\$555.00	
Cash on-site	470.00	
Checks on-site	110.00	
TOTAL ENTRY FEES		\$1,135.00

Expense

Cash Prizes (*)

Expert	(\$150.00)	
Class A	(\$120.00)	
Class B	(90.00)	
Class C	(75.00)	
Class D	(70.00)	
Class E	(45.00)	
Class F	(35.00)	
Class G	(30.00)	
Class H	(20.00)	
TOTAL CASH PRIZES		(\$635.00)

Trophies (149.33)

Room Rental Allocation (**)

Panorama Room	(65.00)	
Collegiate Room	(30.00)	

Total Rental (95.00)

Rating Report (30.75)

TOTAL EXPENSE (\$910.08)

NET PROFIT \$224.92

Appendix A

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Notes:

(*) – Prizes for the tournament were advertised as “b/50”. There were sixty-four (64) paid entries in total. Prizes for all classes were paid at least in the full announced amount and in some cases were rounded up.

(**) – The room rental rates reflect university-affiliated renter discounts available due to the reservation being placed by Bryan Leano in the name of the University of Utah Chess Club.

Utah Chess Grand Prix Report

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Points Earned at Utah Chess "Class" Championships

March 30, 2013

Expert / Class "A"

1-3	John COFFEY	16
	Jose GARCIA	16
	Petro GRETCHANEI	16
4	David VASQUEZ	10
5	Enrique ARCE-LARRETA	8
6-8	Alex GUSTAFSSON	4.67
	Bryan LEANO	4.67
	Shahram NAZARINIA	4.67

Class "B"

1-4	Ben BALTER	14.5
	Clancey BLACK	14.5
	Charles RASMUSEN	14.5
	Harrison UNRUH	14.5
NR*	Brandon PACKARD	--
5-6	Darwin ("Hank") BEUNING	7
	Greg LEE	7

* - Note re: Class "B": Non-residents (NR) of Utah do not receive Grand Prix Points. Brandon Packard, who finished clear fifth in the overall Class "B" standings, was listed as a resident of Texas in the crosstable for the event as initially published on-line at the official USCF website. The two players who placed equal sixth (through seventh) in the Class "B" standings were deemed to have shared fifth through sixth places for the purpose of awarding Grand Prix Points.

Class "C/D"

1-3	Isaac BALTER	12
	Joseph GARCIA	12
	Eric HON	12
4	Dietrich GEISLER	7.5
5-7	Gatlin BLACK	4.5
	Brian JOHNSON	4.5
	Alexander QI	4.5

Class "E/F"

1	Valerie Anne HART	15.75
2-3	Michael MORRIS-PEARCE	10.13
	Timmy TRIPP	10.13
4-5	Ethan BAKER	6.75
	Parth SHAH	6.75
6-10	Stephen BLACK	3.3
	Lynn DENG	3.3
	Wesly HARSTON	3.3
	Anna LEE	3.3
	Paul RETZ	3.3

Class "G"

1	Spencer HINDMAN	10.5
2-5	Bryan GUO	5.63
	Anthony LIU	5.63
	Austin ROACH	5.63
	Stephen YU	5.63
6-11	Youlmin CHOI	2.17
	Jack DENG	2.17
	Andy HUO	2.17
	Ethan LYNSKY	2.17
	Sraavya PINJALA	2.17
	Chitra SATYANARAYAN	2.17

Class "H"

1	Alan ZHAO	10.5
2-3	Jacob YOUNG	6.75
	Josef YOUNG	6.75
4-7	Christian MURPHY	3.5
	Connor MURPHY	3.5
	Madeline ROACH	3.5
	Brendon YOUNG	3.5

Note: GP Points for the Class Championships were calculated pursuant to the following provision in Section 2 of the "Regulations for 2013 Utah Chess Grand Prix", as approved by the Board of the UCA: " 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. " There were six (6) sections in this event. Expert / Class "A" and Class "B" awarded points at the nominal rate; Class "C/D" and Class "E/F" awarded points at 75% of the nominal rate; and the Class "G" and Class "H" sections awarded points at 50% of the nominal rate. For the Class Championships, GP Points are awarded by section, notwithstanding that tournament prizes are awarded by class.

Appendix B-2

Utah Chess Grand Prix Standings

Standings through Utah Chess "Class" Championships

March 30, 2013

1	John COFFEY	41.67
2	David VASQUEZ	35.67
3-4	José GARCIA	25
	Petro GRETCHANEI	25
5	Enrique ARCE-LARRETA	21.5
6	Kayden TROFF	21
7	Charles RASMUSSEN	19.17
8	Shahram NAZARINIA	18.17
9-11	Isaac BALTER	16.67
	Eric HON	16.67
	Bryan LEANO	16.67
12	Valerie Anne HART	15.75
13-14	David CATALINI	15
	Josh (J.D.) SMITH	15
15-17	Ben BALTER	14.5
	Clancey BLACK	14.5
[15-17]	Harrison UNRUH	14.5
18	Darwin ("Hank") BEUNING	14
19-20	Joseph GARCIA	12
	Steve HOISINGTON	12
21-22	Spencer HINDMAN	10.5
	Alan ZHAO	10.5
23-24	Michael MORRIS-PEARCE	10.13
	Timmy TRIPP	10.13
25	Stephen GORDON	10
26-27	Sam MASON	9

[26-27]	Benjamin TESCH	9
28	Dietrich GEISLER	7.5
29-30	Kim BARNEY	7
	Greg LEE	7
31-34	Ethan BAKER	6.75
	Parth SHAH	6.75
	Jacob YOUNG	6.75
	Josef YOUNG	6.75
35-38	Bryan GUO	5.63
	Anthony LIU	5.63
	Austin ROACH	5.63
	Stephen YU	5.63
39-40	Alex GUSTAFSSON	4.67
	Vahan KARDZHIAN	4.67
41-43	Gatlin BLACK	4.5
	Brian JOHNSON	4.5
	Alexander QI	4.5
44-47	Christian MURPHY	3.5
	Connor MURPHY	3.5
	Madeline ROACH	3.5
	Brendon YOUNG	3.5
48-52	Stephen BLACK	3.3
	Lynn DENG	3.3
	Wesly HARSTON	3.3
	Anna LEE	3.3
	Paul RETZ	3.3
53-58	Youlmin CHOI	2.17
	Jack DENG	2.17
	Andy HUO	2.17
	Ethan LYNSKY	2.17
	Sraavya PINJALA	2.17
	Chitra SATYANARAYAN	2.17