

Utah Chess Association  
Minutes of Meeting of  
Board of Directors  
February 14, 2013

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 7:00 p.m. on February 14, 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

John Coffey, who was detained at work in order to meet a deadline, arrived after the meeting was already in progress.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

The previously distributed draft minutes for the Board's regular meeting of January 12, 2013, were discussed and, upon motion duly made, unanimously approved, 6-0, subject to minor technical corrections in Appendix A. (John Coffey had not yet arrived when this vote was taken and was recorded as abstaining.)

**2. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer, David Day, reported that the current balance in the Association's general account was \$2,842.99.

**3. Scholastic Report**

George Jensen reported that there had been no change in the balance in the scholastic account since the January meeting of the Board and that the total balance remained \$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.

It was noted with respect to the Board's approval at the January meeting for Bill Clark to be provided UCA funding (to be paid from the Scholastic Account) to purchase one

hundred (100) USCF membership vouchers prior to the Utah State Preparation Tournament (K-12) to be held on February 2, 2013 that a total of one hundred seventy-five (175) such vouchers had actually been purchased, of which one hundred five (105) had already been sold.

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

Steve Hoisington reported that the Speed Championship held on January 26, 2013, had been won by Kayden Troff with a score of 13.0/14. Josh (J.D.) Smith was clear second on a score of 12.0/14, and Bryan Leano finished clear third on a score of 10.0/14.

The Speed Championship tournament yielded a net profit of \$36.50. A Profit and Loss Statement for the event is attached as Appendix A, below.

#### **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>
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 (Venue TBD)	Grant Hodson
April 20	Farewell, Bobby Fischer -- VI (Olpin University Union)	Grant Hodson
May 4	Game in Sixty (G/60, d/5) Chp. (Panorama Room & Parlor "A")	Steve Hoisington
June 29	Blitz Championship SLCC – Library at Redwood Campus	TBD

(\*) – The Senior Championship and the Nifty Under Fifty tournament were later rescheduled to March 2, 2013, due to the severe winter storm that occurred on the originally scheduled date.

(\*\*) – The Class Championships were later rescheduled to March 30, 2013, due to inability to arrange a suitable venue on the originally scheduled date. The Panorama and Collegiate Rooms at the Olpin University Union at the University of Utah were reserved for March 30, 2013.

In the discussion of the Girls' Championship, it was noted that USCF planned to run its own Girls' (K-12) Championship in 2013, to be held at the same location and concurrently with the U. S. Open Championship. By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted that

the Utah Girls' Championship on March 2, would also serve as the qualifying tournament for the USCF Girls' Championship.

## **6. Grand Prix Competition**

The Secretary, Steve Hoisington, reported Grand Prix results for the Speed Championship tournament and presented year-to-date standings for the Grand Prix competition (which are identical to the tournament Grand Prix results for the Speed Championship since this was the first Grand Prix Event of 2013). 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) Kayden Troff 21; (2) Josh (J.D.) Smith 15; (3) Bryan Leano 12; (4-5) Jose Garcia 9; Benjamin Tesch 9; (6-8) Isaac Balter 4.67; John Coffey 4.67; and David Vasquez 4.67.

Grant Hodson reported that he had secured a sponsor to contribute up to \$500.00 to the Grand Prix prize fund for 2013, and Steve Hoisington reported that Wholesale Chess had agreed to provide sponsorship in the amount of \$250.00 in gift certificates. Upon motion duly made, the Board voted 6-0 (with John Coffey recorded as abstaining) to approve a prize structure for 2013 identical to the prizes awarded to the top six finishers in 2012. A copy of the approved prize structure is attached as Appendix B-3, below.

The Secretary distributed a revised draft of proposed regulations for the 2013 Grand Prix competition. A copy of that proposal is attached as Appendix C, below. The new draft incorporated language to implement the proposal made by David Day at the January meeting to authorize 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. The new draft also included new language to exclude invitational events (such as the six-player round-robin tournament -- which was not UCA-sponsored or -sanctioned -- held on February 9, 2013) from being GP Events. Upon motion duly made, the Board voted unanimously, 6-0, with John Coffey recorded as abstaining, to approve the proposed regulations as set forth in Appendix C.

There was a discussion of additional ways (besides the Grand Prix competition) to recognize notable achievements by Utah Chessplayers. Following a discussion of several concepts, and upon motion duly made, the Board voted 6-0 (with John Coffey recorded as abstaining) to approve the implementation as soon as feasible of a new feature on the website to recognize periodically a "Spotlight Player", which recognition would include a narrative summary of that player's notable achievements (successful tournament results, reaching new rating heights, etc.).

## **7. Next Board Meeting**

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled to be held on Thursday, March 14, 2013,

starting at approximately 7:00 p.m. at the Coffee Club, 4879 South Redwood Road, Murray, Utah 84123.

Respectfully submitted,

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Steve Hoisington  
Secretary

# 2013 Utah Chess Speed Championship

Saturday, January 26, 2013

Salt Lake Community College  
Redwood Campus  
Markosian Library

## Profit and Loss Statement

### Revenue

#### Entry Fees

Advance	\$135.00	
Cash on-site	310.00	
Checks on-site	20.00	
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TOTAL ENTRY FEES		\$465.00

### Expense

#### Cash Prizes

First Place	(\$132.00)	
Second Place	(66.00)	
U-1800	(33.00)	
U-1600	(33.00)	
U-1400	(33.00)	
U-1200/UNR	(33.00)	
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TOTAL CASH PRIZES		(\$330.00)

Trophies	(50.00)	
Room Rental (*)	(0.00)	
Rating Report	(48.50)	
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TOTAL EXPENSE (\$428.50)

**NET PROFIT \$36.50**

#### Notes:

(\*) – There was no rental charge for the space used on the second floor of the Markosian Library.

# Utah Chess Grand Prix Report

Sponsored by **Wholesale Chess**

## Points Earned at Speed Championship January 26, 2013

1	Kayden TROFF	21
2	Josh (J.D.) SMITH	15
3	Bryan LEANO	12
4-5	Jose GARCIA	9
	Benjamin TESCH	9
6-8	Isaac BALTER	4.67
	John COFFEY	4.67
	David VASQUEZ	4.67

Appendix B-2

**Utah Chess Grand Prix Standings**

Standings through Speed Championship  
January 26, 2013

1	Kayden TROFF	21
2	Josh (J.D.) SMITH	15
3	Bryan LEANO	12
4-5	Jose GARCIA	9
	Benjamin TESCH	9
6-8	Isaac BALTER	4.67
	John COFFEY	4.67
	David VASQUEZ	4.67

**2013 Utah Chess Grand Prix**

**Prize Structure**

Sponsored by **Wholesale Chess**

The following prizes shall be awarded for the top six finishers in the 2013 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/or the Utah Chess Association (from the General Account).



Appendix C  
(SH Draft of 2/14/2013)

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](http://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. A. Except as otherwise specifically provided, GP Points shall be awarded for all quick-rated, regular-rated and dual-rated tournaments **during the year that are (i) sponsored or sanctioned by the UCA; and (ii) either open or closed by qualification tournaments** (“GP Events”) in accordance with the schedule set forth in section 5, below. **A tournament is “closed by qualification” if eligibility to participate is contingent upon a player’s meeting specified objective qualification**

criteria, e.g., meeting a rating limitation, winning or achieving another specified result (such as achieving “plus” score) in another tournament designated as a qualifying event., etc. The term “closed by qualification” does not include a tournament that is closed by invitation, e.g., a tournament in which eligibility to participate is subject to the subjective selection of the organizer(s).

B. 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. Any such vote to determine (i) whether a particular tournament shall be a GP Event and/or (ii) the rate at which GP Points shall be awarded for any particular GP Event may be taken either (a) in the manner generally prescribed for action by the Board of Directors in the Association’s By-laws or (b) by the vote of a majority of Directors recorded by e-mail sent to the Secretary prior to the applicable deadline. 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](http://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.