

Utah Chess Association
Minutes of Meeting of
Board of Directors
July 18, 2015

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Utah Chess Association (hereinafter, the "UCA" or the "Association") convened in the Saltair Room of the A. Ray Olpin University Union on the campus of the University of Utah, 200 Central Campus Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah 84112, at approximately 5:15 p.m. on July 18, 2015. The following Board members, constituting a quorum for holding the meeting and for the regular conduct of business, were in attendance:

David Day, President
Steve Hoisington, Secretary
Kari Roach, Treasurer
Bryan Leaña
Jeffery Scott

1. Approval of Minutes

The previously distributed draft minutes for the Board meeting held June 13, 2015, were discussed and, upon motion duly made, approved, 5-0, subject to revising the table in Section 5 (Schedule of Upcoming Tournaments) to reflect that the date for which the 2015 Amateur Championship is planned is November 21, and that the venue for that tournament will be the Warnock Engineering Building [WEB].

2. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Kari Roach, reported that the balance in the Association's general account as of the meeting date was \$6,865.12, with \$3,934.80 of such total held in the Association's checking account at Zions Bank, and a balance of \$2,930.32 held in the Association's PayPal account.

3. Scholastic Account

The Treasurer, Kari Roach, reported that the aggregate balance in the Association's scholastic accounts was unchanged from the previous meeting and remained \$16,851.69. By subaccount, the balances are: \$2,741.31 allocated to the high school account, \$2,946.95 allocated to the Junior High School account, and \$11,163.43 allocated to the K through 6th (K-6) account.

4. Recent Tournaments

The winner of the Walter Browne Memorial tournament (originally announced as the Wasatch Open*) held June 26-27, 2015, was Bryan Leaña on a score of 3.5/4. Ben Balter, Steve Gordon and Stephen Yu were equal second on scores of 2.5/4. The Novice (U-1000) Section was won by Oliver Diaz Moore on a score of 4.5/5. Andrew Bergenthal was clear second in the Novice section on a score of 4.0/5. The advertised Reserve (U-1500) Section was combined into the Open section due to low turnout. [* - Note: Following the untimely death of Grandmaster Walter Browne on June 24, 2015, it was decided to dedicate this tournament to his memory, and on the day the tournament started it was re-named the “Walter Browne Memorial”.]

In the Blitz Championship held on the same date as and immediately prior to the meeting, July 18, 2015, Eric Hon took clear first in the Open Section on a score of 12.0/14. Matthew Boren and Bryan Leaña placed equal second on scores of 10.0/14. The Reserve (U-1200) Section was won by Jonathan Williams on a perfect score of 10.0/10, with Benjamin Watanabe and Brendon Young equal second on scores of 6.0/10. The Reserve Section, originally announced as being in the format of a 7-double round Swiss, was reduced to five rounds due to the fact that only six players had entered that section. This made the Reserve section a round-robin tournament in effect, but pairings were done pursuant to a standard Swiss System algorithm for two reasons: (1) to preserve the double-round format (*i.e.*, to have paired players play two consecutive games, with colors reversed in the second game, rather than play through two cycles of pairings, as would be typical for double round-robin pairings); and (2) to preserve the validity of the announced tie-break methods (*e.g.*, cumulative score).

The Walter Browne Memorial had a net profit of \$71.00. The Blitz Championship had a net loss of \$24.20. The loss for the Blitz Championship was in part attributable to the fact that due to the double-round format, the number of games played and, thus, the rating fee (\$39.00), was unusually high for a tournament with 25 entrants. 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 through the end of 2015, as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event (Venue)</u>	<u>Organizer</u>
August 22	Farewell Bobby Fischer – VIII	Bryan Leaña

September 19

(WEB)
Fall Classic
(Ecker Hill Middle School,
Park City, UT)

Gina Mason

Schedule of Upcoming Tournaments (continued)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event (Venue)</u>	<u>Organizer</u>
October 9-10	Utah Open (G/75, inc/30 for Open Section) (Fri. - Open section only & Sat.:) (LDS Church, 1750 So. 1500 East, SLC)	David Day <u>Asst. TD:</u> Kari Roach (Sat.)
November 21	Amateur Championship (Venue: Warnock Eng. Bldg. [WEB])	Gina Mason Kari Roach
November 20-22	State Championship (Fri. – Union Bldg., Parlor “A”) (Sat. & Sun. - Warnock Eng. Bldg. [WEB])	
December 12	RBO Throwdown 3-Round Circus (?) [Venue: TBD]	David Day

The Warnock Engineering Building (“WEB”) has been reserved for the Eighth Annual Farewell Bobby Fischer Memorial tournament on August 22, 2015. Gina Mason will reserve Ecker Hill Middle School in Park City for the September tournament (“Fall Classic”) tentatively planned for September 19th.

For the Utah Open, Jeffery Scott confirmed the availability of his church located at 1750 South 1500 East in Salt Lake City for October 9th and 10th. The Board determined by consensus at the meeting of June 13, 2015, that the time control for the open (championship) section would be G/75, inc/30, with round times set for 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Friday, and for 9:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, with the annual general membership meeting to be held at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.

6. Grand Prix Competition

The Secretary, Steve Hoisington, reported Grand Prix results for the Walter Browne Memorial held June 26-27, 2015, and presented year-to-date standings for the Grand Prix competition. (Grand Prix results for the just-completed Blitz Championship had not been compiled at the time of the meeting.) Copies of those results and standings are attached as Appendices B-1 and B-2, below. After the Walter Browne Memorial, the leaders in the cumulative Grand Prix standings (Premier Competition) were: (1) Bryan Leaño 111.16; (2) David Vasquez 83.83; (3) Eric Hon 81; (4) Steve Gordon 76.16; (5) Ben Balter 66.83; (6-7) Clancey Black 25; and Alexander Qi 25; and (8-11) Gatlin Black 21; Brandon Clarke 21; John Coffey 21; and Scott Treiman 21.

The leaders in the Reserve Section of the Grand Prix competition (Scholastic division) were: (1) Gatlin Black 61; (2) Oliver Diaz Moore 60; (3) Jonathan Williams 47.5; (4) Ujan Ray 42; (5) Brendon Young 33.58; (6) Josef Young 29; (7) Kyle Reeder 25.5; (8) Sraavya Pinjala 24; and (9-11) Luis Goodrich 21; Wesly Harston 21; and Jacob Young 21; and the leaders in the Adult division are: (1-2) Stetson Black 21; and Matthew Boren 21; (3) Charles T. Evans 20; (4) Richard Handoko 19.66; (5) Stephen Black 18; (6) Charles Rasmussen 12.33; (7) John Oldroyd 11; (8-9) Isaac Balter 7.33; and Bradley Tew 7.33; and (10-11) Jordan Bigelow 5; and Spencer Feldt 5.

As noted above, Grand Prix results for the Blitz Championship held immediately preceding the meeting during the afternoon of July 18, 2015, had not yet been fully compiled. The Secretary reported preliminarily that from the GP Points they had earned that afternoon, the winners of the two sections of the Blitz Championship, Eric Hon (Open) and Jonathan Williams (Reserve) would advance, respectively to second place in the Premier Competition (Hon) and first place in the Scholastic Division of the Reserve Competition (Williams) in the year-to-date standings after the "Blitz".

7. Miscellaneous Topics

There were discussions of several additional topics, as summarized below:

A. USCF Unrated Pilot Program

At the meeting of June 13, 2015, the Board decided by consensus that the UCA should participate in the Unrated Pilot Program announced by the United States Chess Federation ("USCF"), which involves no expense or other commitment by participating associations, and does provide an opportunity to encourage new players to compete in rated tournaments. The President, David Day, undertook to make an evaluation of utilizing the USCF Pilot Program at the Rated Beginner Open ("RBO Throwdown") planned for December 12, 2015.

B. Decker Lake Youth Center

The Decker Lake Youth Center (a correctional facility) has contacted the UCA requesting assistance in organizing and running a tournament for youth in residence there. David Day reported to the Board that he had been unable to assist the Center in running a tournament on the originally planned date of July 11, 2015, due to reasons of health, but that he was intending to run on a tournament there on a rescheduled date before the end of July.

C. Website Committee

Allen Bolen, chair of the website committee, was on extended travel at the time of the meeting and unable to attend. The President, David Day, undertook to communicate with Satya Janakiram, who, as previously reported, has offered to provide his services in creating a new website and writing some of the required code, in an effort to make whatever progress was possible during Mr. Bolen's absence.

D. On-Going Topics

The following topics of on-going consideration by the Board were not addressed at this meeting and will be considered at a later date: (1) Mission Statement/Vision Statement (See section 7. B. of minutes for the meeting of January 29, 2015); (2) Regional Liaisons (See section 7. B. of minutes for the meeting of December 6, 2014); (3) Outdoor Event for Summer of 2015 (See section 7.A. of minutes for the meeting of April 11, 2015; (4) Membership Survey (See section 7.D. of minutes for the meeting of April 11, 2015; and (5) Membership Criteria (See section 7.E. of minutes for the meeting of April 11, 2015.

8. Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled to be held on Saturday, August 29, 2015, to convene at approximately 11:00 a.m. in the first floor conference room (Room 146) of the Abraham Markosian Library on the Taylorsville Redwood Campus of Salt Lake Community College, 4600 South Redwood Road, Salt Lake City, Utah 84123.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hoisington
Secretary

Walter Browne Memorial Tournament

Friday - Saturday, June 26-27, 2015

Warnock Engineering Building ("WEB")
University of Utah
Salt Lake City, UT 84112

Profit and Loss Statement

Revenue

Entry Fees

PayPal	\$240.00	
Cash	<u>80.00</u>	
TOTAL ENTRY FEES		\$320.00

Membership fees

Vouchers	<u>22.00</u>	
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP FEES		\$22.00

TOTAL REVENUES	\$342.00
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Expense

Cash Prizes (*)

Open Section	(\$152.00)	
Novice section	(90.00)	
TOTAL CASH PRIZES		<u>(\$242.00)</u>

Voucher reimbursement	(22.00)
Room Rental (**)	0.00

<u>Rating Report</u>	<u>(7.00)</u>
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TOTAL EXPENSE	(\$271.00)
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NET PROFIT

\$71.00

Notes:

(*) – Prizes for the tournament were advertised as “b/20 paid entries” for the Open section. Prizes for the Open Section (11 paid entries) were paid at 55% of the nominal amount, rounded **up** to the closest even multiple of \$1; Prizes for the Novice Section (5 paid entries) were paid at 50% of the nominal amount, rounded **up** to the closest even multiple of \$1. For further detail on cash prizes, see Appendix A, below.

(**) – There was no charge for the rooms used for the tournament due to their having been reserved by a University-affiliated member of the UCA Board.

Appendix A

Detail of Prizes Awarded

Open Section

Cash Awards

First Place	Bryan Leano	\$55
Second Place; Class “B”	Ben Balter	\$25
	Steve Gordon	\$25
	Stephen Yu	\$25
Class “C” and below	Charles Evans	\$22

Novice Section

Cash Awards

First Place	Oliver Diaz Moore	\$30
Second Place	Andrew Bergenthal	\$20
Class “G”	Ben Watanabe	\$20

Class "H"

Kyle Reeder

\$20

2015 Utah Chess Blitz Championship (G/5 d/0)

Saturday, July 18, 2015

Saltair Room

Olpin University Union
200 South Central Campus Dr.
Salt Lake City, Utah 84112

Profit and Loss Statement

Revenue

Entry Fees (*)		
PayPal	\$276.03	
Cash	185.00	
<u>Checks</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL ENTRY FEES		\$461.03

TOTAL REVENUES		\$461.03
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Expense

Cash Prizes (**)		
Open Section	(\$290.00)	
Reserve (U-1200)	(70.00)	
TOTAL CASH PRIZES		(\$360.00)

Trophies	(21.23)
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Room Rental (***)	(65.00)
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<u>Rating Report</u>	<u>(39.00)</u>
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TOTAL EXPENSE	(\$485.23)
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NET LOSS	(\$24.20)
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Notes:

(*) –Cash entry fees (“EF”) were received on-site for five players (3 in the Open Section and 2 in the Reserve Section; total = \$140.00). Two players in the Open Section paid their advance EF in cash (total = \$40.00). Cash EF also include \$5.00 received on-site from a player who originally registered on-line for the Reserve Section and then requested to be moved to the Open Section. Two other players in the Open Section received free entries pursuant to the provision in the flyer advertising the tournament as a

Notes (continued):

Booster event. A third player in the Open Section (Josh Smith) received free entry in lieu of refund of an advance EF paid for another tournament in which he became unable to play due to reasons of health. Net EF of \$276.01 were received in the PayPal account for 15 advance entries (10 in the Open Section and 5 in the Reserve Section).

(**) – Prizes for the tournament were advertised as “b/20 paid entries” for the Open Section and “b/12 paid entries” for the Reserve Section. Prizes for the Open Section (16 paid entries) were paid at 80% of the nominal amount, rounded **up** to the closest even multiple of \$5; and prizes for the Reserve (U-1200) Section (6 paid entries) were paid at 50% of the nominal amount, rounded **up** to the closest even multiple of \$5. For further detail on cash prizes, see Appendix A, below.

(***) – The Saltair Room was rented at a discounted rate of \$65.00 for the tournament due to its having been reserved by a University-affiliated member of the UCA Board. The rate actually paid also reflected the fact that UCA had originally reserved the Panorama East Room (“Pano East”) and had moved the venue to the Saltair Room at the request of the University Union management, who retained the rate normally applicable for the Panorama East Room.

[End of notes]

Appendix A

Detail of Prizes Awarded

Open Section

First Place Trophy	Eric Hon
Second Place Trophy	Bryan Leaña

Cash Awards

First Place	Eric Hon	\$80
Second Place & Class “A” – 1 st	Bryan Leaña	\$55

Second Place & Class "A" – 1 st	Matthew Boren	\$55
Class "B" – 1 st (equal)	Jesse Johnson	\$25
	Jeffery Scott	\$25
Class "C" and below – 1 st	Adam Isom	\$50

Appendix A (continued)

Detail of Prizes Awarded

Reserve Section (U-1200)

First Place Trophy	Jonathan Williams
Second Place Trophy	Brendon Young

Cash Awards

First Place	Jonathan Williams	\$30
Second Place (equal) & Class "G" and below – 1 st	Brendon Young	\$20
Second Place (equal) & Class "G" and below – 1 st	Benjamin Watanabe	\$20

Appendix B-1

Utah Chess Grand Prix Report

Sponsored by **AMP Security** and **UCA Scholastic Account**

Points Earned at the Walter Browne Memorial

June 27, 2015

Premier Competition

1	Bryan LEAÑO	21
2-4	Ben BALTER	12.33
	Steve GORDON	12.33
	Stephen YU	12.33
5	Alexander QI	8
6	Charles T. EVANS	6

Reserve Competition (*)

Novice Section

1	Oliver DIAZ MOORE (S)	21
2	Andrew BERGENTHAL (S)	15
3	Kyle REEDER (S)	12
4	Benjamin WATANABE (S)	10
5	Shiva YESHLUR (S)	8

(*) - Note: In the results for the Reserve Competition each player's presumed status as either Adult (A) or Scholastic (S) is indicated after his name. A final determination of each player's status for prize purposes shall, in accordance with the rules of the 2015 Utah Chess Grand Prix, be made as of December 31, 2015, based on whether the player is pre-school through grade 12 (Scholastic Division) or neither pre-school nor a student in K-12 (Adult Division).

Appendix B-2

Utah Chess Grand Prix Standings

Sponsored by **AMP Security and UCA Scholastic Account**
Premier Standings through the Walter Browne Memorial

June 27, 2015

Premier Competition

<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Total GP Points</u>	<u>Year-end Prize (*)</u>
1	Bryan LEAÑO	111.16	\$200
2	David VASQUEZ	83.83	\$150
3	Eric HON	81	\$100
4	Steve GORDON	76.16	\$75
5	Ben BALTER	66.83	\$50
6-7	Clancey BLACK	25	\$12.50
	Alexander QI	25	\$12.50
8-11	Gatlin BLACK	21	
	Brandon CLARKE	21	
	John COFFEY	21	
	Scott TREIMAN	21	
12-13	Gabriel ZHAO	18	
	Bobby ZHOU	18	
14	Stephen YU	17.33	
15	Sam MASON	16	
16-17	Hans MORROW	15	

	Bradley TEW	15	
18-20	Jarod BUUS	13.5	
	Brett MERRILL	13.5	
	Charles RASMUSSEN	13.5	
21	Steve HOISINGTON	13	
22-23	James GUYMON	12.33	
<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Total GP Points</u>	<u>Year-end Prize (*)</u>
[22-23]	Philip HUMPHERYS	12.33	
24-27	Bryan GUO	11.25	
	Jacob LYONS	11.25	
	Brendon YOUNG	11.25	
	Wensen ZHANG	11.25	
28-30	Matthew BOREN	11	
	Grant HODSON	11	
	Frank ROCKWOOD	11	
31	Charles T. EVANS	10.5	
32-33	Shahram NAZARINIA	9	
	Jeffery SCOTT	9	
34	Michael MORRIS-PEARCE	8	
35	Nadew HAILE	7	
36-39	Dietrich GEISLER	6	
	Jamie OLSEN-MILLS	6	
	Andrew ROACH	6	
	Jonathan WILLIAMS	6	
40-42	David CATALINI	5	
	Vishwa SRINIVASAN	5	
	Harrison UNRUH	5	
43-44	Stephen BLACK	4.5	

Note to Premier Standings:

(*) – Prizes are listed for illustrative purposes only to indicate the amount of the prize to be awarded at the end of the year to whoever holds the associated place in the year-end standings. **No prizes have yet been earned by the players currently holding those places.**

Utah Chess Grand Prix Standings

Sponsored by **AMP Security** and **UCA Scholastic Account**

Reserve Standings through the Walter Browne Memorial

June 27, 2015

Reserve Competition **Adult Division (*)**

<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Total GP Points</u>	<u>Year-end Prize (**)</u>
1-2	Stetson BLACK	21	\$112.50
	Matthew BOREN	21	\$112.50
3	Charles T. EVANS	20	\$75
4	Richard HANDOKO	19.66	\$50
5	Stephen BLACK	18	\$30
6	Charles RASMUSSEN	12.33	\$20
7	John OLDROYD	11	
8-9	Isaac BALTER	7.33	
	Bradley TEW	7.33	

10-11	Jordan BIGELOW	5
	Spencer FELDT	5

[Reserve Standings for Scholastic Division begin on next page.]

Reserve Competition
Scholastic Division (*)

<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Total GP Points</u>	<u>Year-end Prize (**)</u>
1	Gatlin BLACK (***)	61	\$125
2	Oliver DIAZ MOORE (***)	60	\$100
3	Jonathan WILLIAMS (***)	47.5	\$75
4	Ujan RAY (***)	42	\$50
5	Brendon YOUNG (***)	33.58	\$30
6	Josef YOUNG	29	\$20
7	Kyle REEDER	25.5	
8	Sraavya PINJALA	24	
9-11	Luis GOODRICH	21	
	Wesly HARSTON	21	
	Jacob YOUNG	21	
12	Jacob LYONS	20.83	
13-15	Benjamin JARDINE	18	
	Austin ROACH	18	
	Jonah TREITLER	18	
16-18	Spencer HINDMAN	16	
	Benjamin WATANABE	16	
	Wentao ZHANG	16	
19-20	Andrew BERGENTHAL	15	
	David TROTTIER	15	
21-23	Will LARSEN	13.5	
	Ethan LYONS	13.5	
	Alan ZHAO	13.5	
24	Alexander QI	12.33	
25-26	Benjamin BRISENO	10	
	Tom ZHANG	20 10	

<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Total GP Points</u>	<u>Year-end Prize (**)</u>
[27-33]	Henry CHEN	9	
	Zoe DIAZ MOORE	9	
	Bryan GUO	9	
	Trey HAIGHT	9	
	Matthew SNYDER	9	
	Wensen ZHANG	9	
34-36	Emily HOGUE	8	
	William WOOLDRIDGE	8	
	Shiva YESHLUR	8	
37	Jack FAN	7.33	
38-42	Andres IBARRA	7	
	Thomas JARDINE	7	
	Leya JOSEPH	7	
	Anthony LIU	7	
	Jacob NATHAN	7	
43-48	Michael FOUTZ	6	
	Alex LARSEN	6	
	Shayan PANDIT	6	
	Joseph STAY	6	
	George WINTRISS II	6	
	Zachary WOOLDRIDGE	6	

Notes to Reserve Standings:

(*) – Standings for the Reserve Competition are presented based on each player’s presumed status as either Adult or Scholastic. A final determination of each player’s status for prize purposes shall, in accordance with the rules of the 2015 Utah Chess Grand Prix, be made as of December 31, 2015, based on whether the player is pre-school through grade 12 (Scholastic Division) or neither pre-school nor a student in K-12 (Adult Division).

(**) – Prizes are listed for illustrative purposes only to indicate the amount of the prize to be awarded at the end of the year to whoever holds the associated place in the year-end standings. **No prizes have yet been earned by the players currently holding those places.**

(***) – Five players have met the convertibility criterion under Section 5.C. (also see Sections 5.D. and 5. E.) of the Regulations for 2015 Utah Chess Grand Prix and become entitled to convert Premier GP Points earned in other tournaments to count also in the Reserve competition. Gatlin Black’s total of 61 Reserve GP Points includes 21 Premier GP Points that became convertible to Reserve GP Points when he earned Reserve GP Points in his third event during 2015 by his equal fifth placement in the Class C/D section of the 2015 Utah Class Championships. Jonathan Williams’s total of 47.5 Reserve GP Points includes 6 Premier GP Points that became convertible to Reserve GP Points when he earned Reserve GP Points in his third event during 2015 by his clear first placement in the Reserve section of the 2015 Utah Quick Championship. Brendon Young’s total of 33.58 Reserve GP Points includes 11.25 Premier GP Points that became convertible to Reserve GP Points when he earned Reserve GP Points in his third event during 2015 by his clear fifth placement in the Reserve section of the 2015 Utah Quick Championship. Oliver Diaz Moore has earned 60 Reserve GP Points in three separate events (thereby meeting the convertibility criterion). Ujan Ray has earned 42 Reserve GP Points in three separate events (thereby meeting the convertibility criterion). Oliver Diaz Moore and Ujan Ray have not yet earned any Premier GP Points in 2015.