

Utah Chess Association
Minutes of Meeting of
Board of Directors
October 20, 2012

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 Redwood Campus of Salt Lake Community College at approximately 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 20, 2012. 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
Kevin Keyes, Treasurer
George Jensen
Stephanie Pitcher

Gina Mason, who was out-of-town on the date of the meeting, participated in parts of the discussion by telephone.

Approval of Minutes

The previously distributed draft minutes for the Board's regular meeting of September 15, 2012, were discussed and, upon motion duly made, unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0, subject to the revision of Section 6 (State Championship) to state the time control to be used in the State Championship tournament (for all rounds) in the following format: "G/120, d/5" (in place of the former "G/2 – d5"). Stephanie Pitcher was delayed by a few minutes in arriving at the meeting, was not present at the time this vote was taken and was recorded as abstaining.

2. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Kevin Keyes, reported that the current balance in the Association's general account was \$2,322.09.

3. Scholastic Report

George Jensen reported that the current balance in the Scholastic Account was

\$9,518.64, of which \$1,938.30 was allocated to the high school account (unchanged from September), with the remaining balance of \$7,580.34 being allocated to the K through 6th (K-6) account. The balance in the scholastic account was reduced by \$484.25 from the amount reported at the September meeting. (See next paragraph.)

George Jensen also reported that the Association had operated a booth at the UEA Convention at the SouthTowne Expo Center in Sandy, Utah on October 18-19, 2012. The booth was used to distribute informational material and a questionnaire, to answer questions from convention participants and to raffle chess kits. The event generated considerable interest and seemed to be worthwhile, among other reasons, because a number of those who visited the booth were individuals who were from schools that had chess clubs, but who had previously been unaware of the existence of the UCA and its Scholastic Committee. The total cost to operate the booth for the two days was \$484.25 (comprising approximately \$250 for rental of the booth, approximately \$78 for a poster displayed at the booth, approximately \$128 for chess kits raffled off [which had been purchased from Wholesale Chess who had offered the UCA a substantial discount from their regularly quoted price], and miscellaneous expenses), which was charged to the Scholastic (K-6) account.

The Scholastic Committee has its next meeting scheduled for November 3, 2012, at 4:00 p.m. at 3305 South 500 East (former Granite High School).

4. Recent Tournaments

Grant Hodson reported that the Utah Chess Team Championship on September 22, 2012, had been won by Experts\3 comprising Steve Gordon, Alex Gustafsson, Randy Zumbrunnen and Sam Mason (alternate) on a score of 3.5/4. Second Place was taken by the Coffee Club team comprising John Coffey, Josh Hickenlooper and Bryan Leano on a match score of 3.0/4. Interestingly, the Coffee Club team had the best individual game score (8.5/12) slightly ahead of the winner on match score, Experts\3 (who scored 8.0/12 in individual games).

The Reserve (U-1400*) Section was won by the Chicago Bears comprising Allen Bolen, Brandon Jacobs and Jake Bolen on a match score of 3.0/4. The West Panthers (comprising Eric Hon, Alexander Anderl and Seth Zebrack) and the Braves (comprising Dietrich Geisler, Jonathan Warren and Joseph Kingston) also each had a match score of 3.0/4. The Chicago Bears were awarded first place based on their overall total game score of 8.5/12 compared to 8.0/12 for each of the West Panthers and the Braves.

* - *Note:* Reserve Section teams had to have an average team rating under 1400 based on the team's three highest-rated players.

The Team Championships yielded a net loss of \$219.58. The organizer of the tournament, Gina Mason, was unable to attend the meeting (as noted above in Section

1). A complete Profit and Loss Statement will be presented at a future meeting of the Board.

5. Schedule of Upcoming Tournaments

There was a discussion of the tournament schedule for the balance of the calendar year, as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event (Venue)</u>	<u>Organizer</u>
October 26-27	Utah Open ("U" – Panorama & Saltair Rooms)	Grant Hodson
November 10	Farewell Bobby Fischer – V (Westminster College, Converse Hall)	Grant Hodson(*)
December 7-9	State Championship (Medical School – IRB Room)	Gina Mason
March 2, 2013	Girls' Championship(Polgar Qualifier) (Newman Elementary)	Stephanie Pitcher

Notes

(*) – Grant Hodson will organize and publicize the Farewell Bobby Fischer tournament; the chief tournament director for the event will be Bill Clark.

In the discussion of the Utah Open Championship scheduled for the following Friday and Saturday, October 26-27, arrangements were discussed for the purchase of parking vouchers for sale to tournament participants. George Jensen agreed to handle the sign-up and receipt of payments from interested players during the on-site registration period Friday afternoon.

There followed a discussion of the Farewell Bobby Fischer – V memorial tournament scheduled for November 10, 2012. Steve Hoisington reported to the Board that he had visited the planned venue (Converse Hall at Westminster College) for visual confirmation of its suitability. Subject to confirmation that all the classrooms made available for the tournament on November 10th will be furnished with the same types of tables as the three classrooms he inspected, he said the venue appeared to be excellent. (Gina Mason subsequently confirmed in communications with Joe Ferrari of Westminster that all the rooms will be furnished in the same way.) The tournament will be held as a one-day, six-round event.

The President, Grant Hodson proposed that this year's trivia contest award \$40 for first place and \$25 for second place. Several Board members expressed concurrence with this proposal with no objections being raised. In a general discussion of the format of

the trivia contest, a consensus was reached that consistent with the tight round schedule, the contest should be held in the form of a written contest along the lines of the trivia contest run by Gina Mason at the Igor Ivanov Memorial tournament in August. Steve Hoisington took an action item to contact Morry Holland to invite him to contribute some of the questions to be used for the contest.

Stephanie Pitcher reported that the date for the 2013 Girls' Tournament had been changed to March 2, 2013. The planned venue remains Newman Elementary.

6. Annual General Membership Meeting

The President, Grant Hodson, noted that the UCA's Annual General Membership Meeting was scheduled to convene on Saturday morning, October 27, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., prior to the start of play of the morning rounds of the various sections of the Utah Open Championship. The Secretary confirmed that the Board seats that would be expiring at that time were those of Grant Hodson, Steve Hoisington, Kevin Keyes and Stephanie Pitcher. Messrs. Hodson and Hoisington expressed their respective interest in seeking a new two-year term, while Mr. Keyes and Ms. Pitcher expressed to the Board their respective intentions to retire from the Board at this time. In the ensuing discussion, David Day and Kari Roach were identified as two well-qualified individuals who had previously expressed their willingness to serve on the Board.

7. Grand Prix Competition

The Secretary, Steve Hoisington, reported that no Grand Prix events had been held since the date of the September Board meeting. (The Team Championships held September 22, 2012, not being an individual competition, do not award Grand Prix points.) The year-to-date standings accordingly remain as they were after the Utah Chess Amateur Championship and the Igor Ivanov Memorial Tournament, both held August 25, 2012. After those tournaments, the leaders in the cumulative Grand Prix standings were: (1) Alex Gustafsson 93.5; (2) John Coffey 62.67; (3) David Vasquez 52; (4) Alex Hall 40.25; (5) Stephen Gordon 40.17; and (6) Josh (J.D.) Smith 39.5. Complete Grand Prix standings after the Utah Chess Amateur Championship and the Igor Ivanov Memorial Tournament are attached as Appendix A, below.

The Secretary, Steve Hoisington, distributed a proposed prize structure for the 2012 Utah Chess Grand Prix identical to the proposal briefly discussed at the September meeting. A copy of the proposal is attached as Appendix B, below. Upon motion duly made, the Board voted 6-0 to approve the proposed prize structure for the 2012 Utah Chess Grand Prix.

8. Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Board was tentatively scheduled to be held on Saturday, November 17, 2012, at approximately 5:00 p.m. on the second floor of the Abraham

Markosian Library at the Redwood Campus of Salt Lake Community College. Pursuant to Article IV, Section 4 of the Association's By-Laws, a meeting is to be held as soon as possible following the annual General Membership Meeting, which is scheduled for October 27, 2012. (Pursuant to that provision, a Board meeting was convened at approximately 1:20 p.m. on Saturday, October 27, 2012, near the Saltair Room on the main floor of the A. Ray Olpin University Union on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, Utah.)

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hoisington
Secretary

Appendix A

Utah Chess Grand Prix Standings

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Standings through Utah Chess Amateur Championship
and Igor Ivanov Memorial Tournament

August 25, 2012

1	Alex GUSTAFSSON	93.5
2	John COFFEY	62.67
3	David VASQUEZ	52
4	Alex HALL	40.25
5	Stephen GORDON	40.17
6	Josh (J.D.) SMITH	39.5
7	David CATALINI	38
8	Isaac BALTER	28.88
9	Allen BOLEN	28
10	Shahram NAZARINIA	26.67
11	Bryan LEANO	23.5
12	Grant HODSON	21.5
13-15	Petro GRECHANEI	21
	Sam MASON	21
	Kayden TROFF	21
16	Scott TREIMAN	18
17-18	Hans MORROW	16
	Randy ZUMBRUNNEN	16
19	Jesse JOHNSON	15.75
20	Ben BALTER	15
21	Vishwa SRINIVASAN	14.5
22-25	Josh HICKENLOOPER	13.5
	Steve HOISINGTON	13.5
	Brad KNUTSON	13.5
	Charles RASMUSSEN	13.5
26	Matthew BOREN	11.25
27-28	Garion GRUBAUGH	10.13
	Lillian RAUCH	10.13

29-30	Antonio PADRON	10
	Kayvon SOHRABI	10
31-32	Brenda AHLEMANN	9
[31-32]	David DAY	9
33	Stephen BLACK	7.5
34-35	Val BRADSHAW	6.75
	Ali MOMENI	6.75
36-40	Steve COOK	6
	Bryon DOYLE	6
	J. J. GARZELLA	6
	Michael MUNAFO	6
	Juan ZHANG	6
41-42	Clancey BLACK	5.5
	Samuel DEAN	5.5
43-44	Adam ASAY	5
	Darwin ("Hank") BEUNING	5
45-48	Carly ATKINSON	4.13
	Luocheng HUANG	4.13
	Jonathan WARREN	4.13
	Yianni ZIOURAS	4.13
49-51	Cordell CHIPMAN	3.38
	Joseph GARCIA	3.38
	Dietrich GEISLER	3.38

Appendix B

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).