

Utah Chess Association
Minutes of Meeting of
Board of Directors
March 22, 2014

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Utah Chess Association (hereinafter, the "UCA" or the "Association") convened 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 at approximately 11:00 a.m. on March 22, 2014. The following Board members, constituting a quorum for holding the meeting and for the regular conduct of business, were in attendance:

Grant Hodson, President
Gina Mason, Vice President
Steve Hoisington, Secretary
David Day, Treasurer
Kari Roach, Scholastic Liaison
Allen Bolen
John Coffey

1. **Approval of Minutes**

The previously distributed draft minutes for the Board meeting held February 15, 2014, were discussed and, upon motion duly made, unanimously approved, 7-0.

2. **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer, David Day reported that the balance in the Association's general account as of the meeting date was \$3,243.10, with \$1,612.37 of such total held in the Association's checking account, and the remaining balance of \$1,630.73 held in the Association's PayPal account. He noted that a check written to Westminster College for rental of the venue used for the Team Championships in January (which check had remained outstanding for a number of weeks) had finally cleared.

3. **Scholastic Report**

The Scholastic Treasurer, David Day, reported that the aggregate balance in the Association's scholastic accounts as of the meeting date was \$14,727.30, of which \$2,722.42 is allocated to the high school account, \$2,670.87 to the Junior High School account, with a balance of \$9,334.01 being allocated to K through 6th. He further

advised the Board that the calculation of financial results (as well as the depositing of entry fees received) for the several scholastic state championship tournaments (all of which tournaments had been completed) were still in-process and such results were not reflected in the above-reported account balances. He noted that each of those tournaments had yielded a profit and that each of the account balances was expected to increase when such processing had been completed.

It was further reported that this year the All-Girls tournament was being treated as a UCA-sponsored event (albeit not a USCF-rated event) and that the financial results would impact the Association's general account.

Finally, it was reported that Fox13-TV had included in its evening newscast for Saturday, March 15th, a segment of the K-6 State Championship tournament held that day.

4. Recent Tournaments

The Speed Championship Tournament on February 15, 2014, was won by Kayden Troff on a score of 13.0/14. Josh Smith was clear second on 11.5/14, and Andrew Roach was clear third on 9.0/14. Greg Lee (on 7.5/14) won the prize for best score U-1800, and Bradley Tew (on 6.0/14) won the prize for best score U-1600.

The Speed Championship Tournament yielded a net profit of \$26.55. A profit and loss statement is attached as Appendix A, below.

5. Schedule of Upcoming Tournaments

There was a discussion of the tournament schedule through mid-2014, as follows:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event (Venue)</u> | <u>Organizer</u> |
|------------------|--|------------------|
| March 29 | Barber K-8 Open Preliminary Qualifier | Gina Mason |
| March 29 | Spring into Chess | Gina Mason |
| April [11-](*)12 | Class Championships (Olpin University Union, Parlor 'A' and Panorama Room) | David Day |
| May 3-4 | Final Barber Qualifier (round robin) (Venue: Orson Spencer Hall) | TBD |
| May 10 | Game in Sixty (G/60, d/5) (Olpin University Union, Parlor 'A' and Panorama Room) | Steve Hoisington |

[Tournament schedule continues on next page.]

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event (Venue)</u> | <u>Organizer</u> |
|-------------|--|-----------------------------|
| June 21 | Senior Championship (Ecker Hill Middle School, Park City) | Gina Mason |
| June 21 | Nifty Under Fifty (Ecker Hill Middle School, Park City) | Gina Mason |
| July 26 | Blitz Championship (G/5, d/0) | Grant Hodson Allen Bolen |
| August 23 | Farewell Bobby Fischer – VII | David Day |

Notes:

(*) – Only the Expert and Class “A” Sections will have a round on Friday, April 11. Those sections will offer an alternative schedule with all four rounds on Saturday, April 12 (and with a faster TC for rounds 1 & 2 of the alternate schedule). For Sections “B” and lower, this will be a **one-day** tournament on Saturday, April 12. The location for the Friday round in Classes Expert and “A” will be the AMP headquarters in American Fork.

The Barber K-8 Open Preliminary Qualifier will use a TC of G/60, d/5. The Spring into Chess tournament to be held the same day will use a TC of G/40 **if** a simul by Grandmaster Rashad Babeev (currently under preliminary consideration) will be held during the morning of that day, but if no simul is scheduled, then it will use the same TC as the Barber Preliminary Qualifier (G/60, d/5).

Pursuant to the decision of the Board at the previous meeting, the Expert and Class ‘A’ sections of the Class Championships will use a time control of G/90 +30, with one round Friday evening (at the AMP Building in American Fork) and three rounds on Saturday, with an alternative schedule for those who cannot (or do not wish to) play Friday evening with rounds one and two on Saturday morning at a faster TC of G/45, d/5. The two schedules will merge for rounds three and four. Sections ‘B’ and below will have four rounds all on Saturday using TCs to be determined by the organizer.

The Final Barber Qualifier Closed Tournament to be held May 3-4, will be a six-player single round robin. The six participants shall include Sam Mason, Vishwa Srinivasan, Joseph Garcia and Jacinda Lee, who were selected on the basis of highest regular rating in the January 2014 Supplement among players in grades K-8; and two (2) players who qualify based on highest placements in the Barber K-8 Open Preliminary Qualifier scheduled for March 29. The time control for the Final Barber Qualifier Closed Tournament will be G/90 +30 (Game in 90 minutes with 30-second increment per move).

6. Grand Prix Competition

The Secretary, Steve Hoisington, reported Grand Prix results for the Speed Championship 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 2014). 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) Andrew Roach 12; (4) Bryan Leano 10; (5-7) John Coffey 6; Eric Hon 6; and Greg Lee 6.

The Vice President, Gina Mason, reported on her dialogue with Zaniac (Zane Prep, Inc.) for possible sponsorship of Utah Chess in 2014, including, but not limited to, prizes for the Grand Prix competition. She reported that Zaniac had informed her that pursuant to their corporate policy, any such sponsorship would be limited to \$250 per year. It was the consensus of the Board that she should reply to Zaniac to the effect that the UCA would be pleased to accept their sponsorship in the amount of \$250.

7. Miscellaneous Topics

There were brief discussions of several additional topics, as summarized below. In each case, the subject was tabled for later consideration at a future meeting.

A. Facebook/Twitter

There was a discussion of the potential benefits of establishing a presence for the UCA on Facebook and/or Twitter.

B. Logo

There was a discussion of options for creating a logo for the UCA with consideration given to the likely cost of the various options and potential benefits in terms of promoting interest in the Association's activities (especially as might potentially be reflected in higher turnouts at future UCA tournaments).

C. Website

There was a discussion of options for upgrading the Association's website, with specific emphasis on improving capabilities for taking tournament advance registrations on-line.

8. Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled to be held on Saturday, May 3, 2014, to convene at approximately 11:00 a.m. with the venue for the meeting being originally

specified as Orson Spencer Hall on the Campus of the University of Utah at 260 Central Campus Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah 84112. The meeting location was later changed to

Room 1460 of the Warnock Engineering Building (WEB) at the University of Utah, 72 South Central Campus Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah 84112, such change being due to change in venue of the Final Barber Qualifier Closed Tournament.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hoisington
Secretary

2014 Utah Chess Speed Championship

Saturday, February 15, 2014

Salt Lake Community College
Abraham Markosian Library

Profit and Loss Statement

Entry Fees:

- 15 per PayPal
- 55 Checks
- 200 Cash

Total: 270

Expenses:

- 33.50 USCF for Rating fee (Reimbursed from cash to Grant Hodson)
- 49.95 Trophy Corner for trophies
- 160 Cash prizes [80 to Kayden Troff for 1st place; 40 to Josh Smith for 2nd place; 20 to Greg Lee for 1st U1800; 20 to Brad Tew for 1st U1600]

Total: 243.45

Net profit: 26.55

Bank deposit: 61.50

- $61.50 - 49.95 \text{ (Trophy Corner)} + 15 \text{ (PayPal)} = 26.55$

Utah Chess Grand Prix Report

Sponsored by **Zaniac**

Points Earned at Speed Championship February 15, 2014

| | | |
|-----|-------------------|----|
| 1 | Kayden TROFF | 21 |
| 2 | Josh (J.D.) SMITH | 15 |
| 3 | Andrew ROACH | 12 |
| 4 | Bryan LEANO | 10 |
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| | Eric HON | 6 |
| | Greg LEE | 6 |

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