

Utah Chess Association
Minutes of Meeting of
Board of Directors
October 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 7:00 p.m. on October 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 and Scholastic Treasurer
Kari Roach, Scholastic Liaison
Allen Bolen
John Coffey

Bryan Leaño was also in attendance at the meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes

The previously distributed draft minutes for the Board meeting held September 10, 2014, were discussed and, upon motion duly made, unanimously approved, 7-0, subject to the incorporation of several technical and editorial corrections, including a correction to the Profit and Loss Statement for the Farewell Bobby Fischer memorial tournament held August 23, 2014, to reflect the payment of a \$40 tournament director fee (which was one-half the TD fee that would normally have been payable under current Association policy).

2. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, David Day, reported that the balance in the Association's general account as of the meeting date is \$6,086.13, with \$1,108.60 of such total held in the Association's checking account at Zions Bank, and a balance of \$4,477.53 held in the Association's PayPal account. There is also a \$500.00 transfer in process from the PayPal account to the checking account, the withdrawal of which amount is already reflected in the above-reported balance for the PayPal account, but the deposit of which is not yet reflected in the balance of the checking account at Zions. (Mr. Day noted that

such transfers typically involve a “lag” period of a couple of days.) The \$500 amount in process is included in the aggregate balance of \$6,086.13 reported above.

Mr. Day commented that, aside from the fact that we have collected approximately \$500 in Utah Open entry fees and have not yet paid any Utah Open expenses, there are relatively few expected changes to that balance on the horizon. As compared with the prior month, the drop in the balance (from \$6,453.70) is explained largely by prize and other checks for the Farewell Bobby Fischer memorial tournament having cleared, a \$250 payment to the church for venue rental for the Friday Knight Fray (second edition), and the payment to the University Chess Club of the advance entry fees we had collected (just over \$100) for the Pan-Am charity event.

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 \$16,180.30, which is unchanged from the amount reported at the prior meeting. By subaccount, the balances are: \$2,429.48 allocated to the high school account, \$2,993.02 allocated to the Junior High School account, and \$10,757.80 allocated to the K through 6th (K-6) account.

4. Recent Tournaments

The Pan Am Fund-Raiser on September 13, 2014, held for the purpose of raising funds to support the participation of the University of Utah chess team at the 2014 Pan Am competition in December, was won by Vishwa Srinivasan on a score of 3.5/4, Eric Hon, Bryan Leño and Robert Williams finished equal second on scores of 2.0/4. The UCA Board in May voted unanimously (7-0) to make this tournament a UCA-sponsored event, making the top section of the tournament a Grand Prix event.

The reserve sections of the tournament were won by Isaac Balter (U-1500) on a score of 4.0/4 and Sraavya Pinjala (U-1000) on a score of 3.5/4. A total of 25 players competed in the three sections. The event raised approximately \$320, including some contributions from individuals who did not play in the tournament.

5. Schedule of Upcoming Tournaments

There was a discussion of the tournament schedule for the remainder of 2014 and early 2015, as follows:

[Tournament schedule begins on next page.]

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event (Venue)</u>	<u>Organizer</u>
<u>2014 Tournaments</u>		
October 24-25	Utah Open (Fri.: Warnock Engineering Building [WEB]) (Sat.: Olpin University Union, Panorama Room and Parlor 'A')	Grant Hodson
November 8	Amateur Championship (Olpin University Union, Panorama Room and Parlor 'A')	John Coffey
November 21-23	State Championship (Warnock Engineering Building [WEB])	Gina Mason Kari Roach
December 13	Three-Round Circus (Olpin University Union, Parlor 'A')	David Day
December 13	RBO(*) Throwdown (Olpin University Union, Panorama Room)	David Day

2015 Tournaments

January 24	Speed Championship	TBD
January 31	Igor Ivanov Memorial [Venue: TBD]	TBD
February 21	Tournament TBD	TBD
March 21	Salt Lake Open	Bryan Leaño
March 28	Barber Open Pre-Qualifier	TBD

Notes:

(*) – “RBO” = Rated Beginner Open

The Utah Open on October 24-25, 2014, will be held at the University of Utah. The two rounds on Friday (Open/Championship section only) will be in the Warnock Engineering Building (“WEB”), with the first round in room 126 and the second round in room 315. On Saturday, all sections will be held in the Union Building in the Panorama Room (“Pano East”) and Parlor ‘A’. Pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Board on May 29, 2014, a score of at least 3.5/5 in the top section of this tournament will constitute a qualifying result to be eligible to play in the State Championship on November 21-23, 2014.

The Amateur Championship on November 8, 2014, will be held in the Union Building in Panorama Room (“Pano East”) and Parlor ‘A’. The winner of this tournament will be eligible to play in the State Championship.

The discussion of tournaments to be held in 2015 began with a consideration of suitable venues. Bryan Leaño noted that reservations for rooms in the Warnock Engineering Building (“WEB”) could be requested starting in the second week of November. It was the consensus of the Board that space in the WEB should be reserved for at least one Saturday per month. Bryan Leaño agreed to arrange such reservations.

6. Grand Prix Competition

The Secretary, Steve Hoisington, reported Grand Prix results for the Pan Am Fundraiser tournament held September 13, 2014, 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) Bryan Leaño 173.33; (2) Eric Hon 85.19; (3) John Coffey 71.5; (4) Michael Morris-Pearce 55.86; (5) Steve Gordon 46; (6) Vishwa Srinivasan 41.5; (7) Andrew Roach 39.86; (8) Sam Mason 37.86; (9) Clancey Black 36.86; and (10) Josh (J.D.) Smith 36.

7. Miscellaneous Topics

There were brief discussions of several additional topics, as summarized below.

A. Website

Allen Bolen, chair of the website redesign subcommittee, reported that since the start of the school year, he had found Bill Clark to be essentially unreachable. It was noted that the first several weeks of a new school year are especially busy and that Mr. Clark’s schedule might soon enable him to re-focus his attention on this progress. Mr. Bolen commented that proposed terms that had been prepared by David Day and him had been sent to Mr. Clark, whose responsive comments were awaited.

B. Partial Sponsorship of University Chess Team at 2014 Pan American Intercollegiate Championships

Bryan Leaño, representing the University of Utah Chess Team (the “University Chess Team” or the “Team”), presented a summary of the Team’s plans to participate in the Pan American Intercollegiate Championships at South Padre Island, TX, from December 27-30, 2014. Following a general discussion, the Board approved a total subsidy of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) for such participation by the University Chess Team, to be allocated as follows: \$200.00 from the K-6 Scholastic Account; and \$200.00 from the UCA General Account. The agreed *quid pro quo* was that the University Chess Team would, if requested by the tournament organizer, provide (i) at least three (3)

representatives (and make a good faith effort to have at least one [1] additional representative) to assist in floor direction at the 2014 K-6 Scholastic Championships.

8. Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled to be held on Saturday, October 25, 2014, to convene at approximately 1:20 p.m. (between the third and fourth rounds of the Open Section of the Utah Open) in or near the lounge area outside Parlor "A" on the mezzanine floor of the A. Ray Olpin University Union on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, Utah. This meeting will be held pursuant to Article IV, Section 4 of the Association's By-Laws, and its principal business will be to confirm scheduling of the next regular plenary meeting of the Board.

The date for that next following regular meeting of the Board was tentatively set (subject to confirmation or change at the meeting of October 25, 2014) for Wednesday, November 19, 2014, to convene at approximately 7:00 p.m. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hoisington
Secretary

Utah Chess Grand Prix Report

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Points Earned at Pan Am Fundraiser

September 13, 2014

1	Vishwa SRINIVASAN	21
2-4	Eric HON	12.33
	Bryan LEAÑO	12.33
	Robert WILLIAMS	12.33
5-6	Ben BALTER	7
	Michael MORRIS-PEARCE	7

Utah Chess Grand Prix Standings

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Standings through Pan Am Fundraiser

September 13, 2014

1	Bryan LEAÑO	173.33
2	Eric HON	85.19
3	John COFFEY	71.5
4	Michael MORRIS-PEARCE	55.86
5	Steve GORDON	46
6	Vishwa SRINIVASAN	41.5
7	Andrew ROACH	39.86
8	Sam MASON	37.86
9	Clancey BLACK	36.86
10	Josh (J.D.) SMITH	36
11	Steve HOISINGTON	35
12	Patrick BLESS	31.75
13	Ben BALTER	26
14	Wesly HARSTON	24.44
15	Allen BOLEN	24
16	Grant HODSON	22.86
17	Kayden TROFF	21
18	Jeffery SCOTT	18
19	Justin Mc GEE	16
20	David DAY	15
21	Brendon YOUNG	14.75

22-23	Jose GARCIA	13.5
[22-23]	Chad KELLEY	13.5
24	Isaac BALTER	12.38
25	Robert WILLIAMS	12.33
26	Dominic CROCE	11
27-28	Anoushka KHARKAR	10.5
	Fernando RODRIGUEZ	10.5
29	Alexander QI	10.38
30-31	Darwin ("Hank") BEUNING	10
	Bradley TEW	10
32-33	Bryan GUO	9
	Alex HALL	9
34-36	Valerie Anne HART	8.44
	Spencer HINDMAN	8.44
	Matt LARSON	8.44
37-39	Adrian GUSHIN	8
	Chenkai LUO	8
	Abhinav MATHUR	8
40-42	Daniel CARPENTER	6.75
	Jacinda LEE	6.75
	William WOOLDRIDGE	6.75
43-44	Greg LEE	6
	Benjamin TESCH	6
45-48	Ethan McCULLOCH	5.63
	Ujan RAY	5.63
	Madeline ROACH	5.63
	Lillian RYSKAMP	5.63
49	David CATALINI	5
50	Donald KITCHEN	4.86

51-53	Craig BAINUM	4.67
	Frank MONTIERTH	4.67
	Marti OLSEN	4.67
54-56	David HAGLUND	4.5
	Phillip LIU	4.5
	Alan ZHAO	4.5
57-58	Samuel DEAN	3.38
	Scott LUNDSKOG	3.38
59-61	Andy HUO	2.33
	Kunal KAMTEKAR	2.33
	Matthew SNYDER	2.33
62-66	Wyatt BLESS	2.2
	Randy HUO	2.2
	Jonah TREILTER	2.2
	Audrey YOUNG	2.2
	Henry ZHENG	2.2