

Utah Chess Association
Minutes of Meeting of
Board of Directors
August 23, 2012

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 6:30 p.m. on August 23, 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
George Jensen
Gina Mason
Stephanie Pitcher

1. **Approval of Minutes**

The previously distributed draft minutes for the Board's regular meeting of July 21, 2012, were discussed and, upon motion duly made, unanimously approved by a vote of 6-0.

2. **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer, Kevin Keyes, was unable to attend this meeting. At the July meeting, he had reported that the balance in the Association's general account was \$2,335.69 as of the most recent bank account statement.

Steve Hoisington, the Secretary, presented to the meeting a receipt in the amount of \$38.18 for twenty (20) scorepads purchased on behalf of the UCA at Wholesale Chess for use by players at tournaments sponsored by the Association. Upon motion duly made, the Board by a vote of 6-0 approved the reimbursement of this expense.

3. **Scholastic Report**

George Jensen reported that the current balance in the Scholastic Account was \$10,002.89, of which \$1,938.30 was allocated to the high school account, with the remaining balance of \$8,064.59 being allocated to the K through 6th (K-6) account. The

decrease of \$365.00 from the previously reported amount in the K-6 balance reflected payments of \$100.00 each to Scott Treiman and Yvonne Ward to subsidize a portion of the expense for them to participate as the official State of Utah representatives, respectively, to the Denker Tournament of High School Champions and the Susan Polgar tournament. An additional \$100.00 was attributable to the check written in 2011 to Elisabeth Gondolo (as that year's Utah representative to the Polgar tournament) finally having been deposited and cleared through bank processing. The final \$65.00 decrease was for reimbursement of a miscellaneous expense (purchase of pizza for the volunteers) at the State Elementary Championships originally paid out-of-pocket by one of the volunteers.

There was a general discussion of scholastic tournaments for the forthcoming academic year. Stephanie Pitcher and George Jensen took an action item to schedule a meeting (targeted for September 8, 2012) to provide all interested parties an opportunity to discuss planning of the scholastic calendar.

4. Recent Tournaments

Grant Hodson reported that the Blitz Championship on July 28, 2012, had been won by Alex Gustafsson on a score of 11.5/14, with Josh (J.D.) Smith finishing in second place one-half point behind on a score of 11.0/14. The Under-1400 prize was won by Stetson Black on a score of 6.5/14.

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</u>	<u>Organizer</u>
August 25	Amateur Championship (< 1800) ("U" – Panorama Room)	Steve Hoisington
August 25	Igor Ivanov Memorial (>/=1800) ("U" – Panorama Room)	Grant Hodson/ Gina Mason (*)
September 22	Team Championship	Gina Mason (**)
October 26-27	Utah Open ("U" – Panorama & Saltair Rooms)	Grant Hodson

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Organizer</u>
November 10	Farewell Bobby Fischer – V (Venue: TBD)	Grant Hodson
December 7-9	State Championship (Medical School – IRB Room)(***)	Gina Mason
February 23, 2013	Girls' Championship (Polgar Qualifier)	Stephanie Pitcher

Notes

(*) – Grant Hodson will have primary responsibility for publicizing the Igor Ivanov Memorial tournament. Gina Mason will take advance entries and serve as tournament director.

(**) – Gina Mason will organize and publicize the Team Tournament; the tournament director for the event will be Bill Clark.

(***) – Tentative pending confirmation of availability.

Due to the unavailability of the preferred venue for the State Championship (the IRB Conference Room at the medical school of the University of Utah, as used for this event in 2010 and 2011) during the previously targeted dates (November 9-10), the Board decided by consensus to interchange the order of that tournament and the Farewell Bobby Fischer - V tournament. In addition, due to the unavailability of the IRB Conference Room on weekdays (e.g., on Friday) during business hours, it was determined to be infeasible to have more than one round on Friday, thus requiring at least one round to be played on Sunday in order to have a five-round tournament using a time control consistent with precedent and the prestige of the event. Although no final decision was reached at the meeting, the schedule generally considered best by most members of the Board was one game on Friday evening, with two games each on Saturday and Sunday. Accordingly, the State Championship was planned to be held December 7-9, 2012. A final point raised (but not decided) during the discussion of the State Championship involved the dissatisfaction of several members with the strategic, last-round half-point bye requested by last year's co-champion (and trophy-winner on tie-breaks). The possibility of disallowing last-round half-point requested byes in the State Championship was considered and tabled for future decision.

There followed a discussion of the Farewell Bobby Fischer – V memorial tournament. It was discussed that when Morry Holland (a former Board member and the organizer of the first four "Farewell Bobby Fischer" tournaments, now living in Tucson, Arizona) had granted the UCA the right to continue organizing an event using that name, he had established as the principal condition that it remain a six-round tournament (to honor Fischer's two match wins, each by perfect 6-0 scores, against Taimanov and Larsen in the 1970 Candidates Quarterfinal and Semifinal Matches). Notwithstanding the arduous challenge of running or playing six rounds in one day, the consensus of the Board was that a one-day (Saturday) event would probably be the most popular format among potential participants and would likely generate the largest turnout. Accordingly, the

tournament was scheduled for November 10, 2012.

6. Grand Prix Competition

The Secretary, Steve Hoisington, reported Grand Prix results for the Utah Chess Blitz Championship held July 28, 2012. After that tournament, the leaders in the cumulative Grand Prix standings were: (1) Alex Gustafsson 75.5; (2) David Vasquez 52; (3) John Coffey 51.67; (4) Alex Hall 40.25; (5) David Catalini 38; and (6) Stephen Gordon 34.17. Complete Grand Prix results for the Blitz Championship and standings after that event are attached as Appendices A-1 and A-2, below.

7. Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled to be held on Saturday, September 15, 2012, to convene at approximately 11:00 a.m. on the second floor of the Abraham Markosian Library at the Redwood Campus of Salt Lake Community College.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hoisington
Secretary

Appendix A-1

Utah Chess Grand Prix Report

Sponsored by **Wholesale Chess**

Points Earned at Utah Chess Blitz Championship

July 28, 2012

1	Alex GUSTAFSSON	21
2	Josh (J.D.) SMITH	15
3-4	Isaac BALTER	11
	Alex HALL	11
NR*	William BAREFIELD	---
5-6	John COFFEY	7
	Shahram NAZARINIA	7

* - Non-residents (NR) of Utah do not receive Grand Prix Points. William Barefield, who finished equal third (tied for 3rd through 5th places) in this tournament, was listed as a resident of New Mexico in the crosstable for the event as initially published on-line at the official USCF website.

Appendix A-2

Utah Chess Grand Prix Standings

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Standings through Utah Chess Blitz Championship

July 28, 2012

1	Alex GUSTAFSSON	75.5
2	David VASQUEZ	52
3	John COFFEY	51.67
4	Alex HALL	40.25
5	David CATALINI	38
6	Stephen GORDON	34.17
7	Josh (J.D.) SMITH	28.5
8	Allen BOLEN	28
9	Shahram NAZARINIA	26.67
10	Isaac BALTER	23.38
11	Grant HODSON	21.5
12-13	Petro GRECHANEI	21
	Kayden TROFF	21
14	Randy ZUMBRUNNEN	16
15	Jesse JOHNSON	15.75
16	Ben BALTER	15
17-19	Josh HICKENLOOPER	13.5
	Steve HOISINGTON	13.5
	Bryan LEANO	13.5
20	Matthew BOREN	11.25
21-22	Garion GRUBAUGH	10.13

	Lillian RAUCH	10.13
23-25	Hans MORROW	10
[23-25]	Antonio PADRON	10
	Kayvon SOHRABI	10
26-28	Brenda AHLEMANN	9
	David DAY	9
	Vishwa SRINIVASAN	9
29	Stephen BLACK	7.5
30-31	Val BRADSHAW	6.75
	Ali MOMENI	6.75
32-35	Steve COOK	6
	Bryon DOYLE	6
	J. J. GARZELLA	6
	Juan ZHANG	6
36-37	Adam ASAY	5
	Darwin ("Hank") BEUNING	5
38-41	Carly ATKINSON	4.13
	Luocheng HUANG	4.13
	Jonathan WARREN	4.13
	Yianni ZIOURAS	4.13
42-44	Cordell CHIPMAN	3.38
	Joseph GARCIA	3.38
	Dietrich GEISLER	3.38