

Utah Chess Association
Minutes of Meeting of
Board of Directors
November 23, 2013

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 Taylorsville Redwood Campus of Salt Lake Community College, 4600 South Redwood Road, Salt Lake City, Utah 84123 at approximately 11:00 a.m. on November 23, 2013. 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 & Scholastic Treasurer
Kari Roach, Scholastic Liaison
Allen Bolen
John Coffey

Bryan Leano and Robert Williams, representing the University of Utah Chess Team, were also in attendance for a portion of the meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes

The previously distributed draft minutes for the Board meeting held November 2, 2013, were discussed and, upon motion duly made, unanimously approved, 6-0, subject to corrections in the reported balances in the scholastic account and one of the sub-accounts (Junior High School). Gina Mason was briefly delayed in traveling to the meeting and had not yet arrived when this vote was taken; she was recorded as not present for this vote.

2. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, David Day, reported that profit and loss calculations for the several tournaments held during the weekend of November 15-17, 2013, were not yet complete. The most recent total balance in the Association's general account was \$3,158.49, with \$1,911.47 of such total held in the Association's checking account, and the remaining balance of \$1,247.02 currently held in the Association's PayPal account.

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Scholastic Report

In his capacity as Scholastic Treasurer, David Day reported that the balances in the scholastic accounts were unchanged from the amounts at the time of the previous meeting of the Board on November 2, 2013. The current total balance in the scholastic account is approximately \$14,754, of which \$2,550 is allocated to the high school account, \$2,670 to the Junior High School account, with a balance of \$9,534 being allocated to K through 6th.

Kari Roach reported that she had sent out an e-mail preliminary to scheduling a meeting of the Scholastic Committee requesting dates when various individuals would be available. Tom DeBord, David Day and Gina Mason had replied, but responses had not yet been received from other recipients. A meeting will be scheduled for a date sometime in January.

4. Recent Tournaments

Gina Mason, Chief Tournament Director, reported that the Utah State Championship held November 15-17, 2013, had been won by Enrique Arce-Larreta, with a perfect score of 5.0/5. Andrew Roach placed clear second on a score of 3.5/5. Five players placed equal third, as follows: Allen Bolen, John Coffey, Steve Gordon, Eric Hon and Randy Zumbrunnen.

Grant Hodson won the Amateur Championship held November 16, 2013, on a score of 4.5/5. Harrison Unruh placed clear second on 4.0/5. The Reserve Section (U-1400) of the Amateur was won by Stephen Yu on a perfect score of 5.0/5, with Joseph Garcia clear second on 4.0/5.

The Rated Scholastic Tournament held November 16, 2013, was won by Adrian Gushin on a score of 4.5/5. Austin Roach was clear second on 4.0/5.

Profit and Loss Statements for the several events held during the weekend of November 15-17, 2013, were still in preparation on the date of the meeting. Profit and Loss Statements subsequently prepared are attached as Appendices A-1 and A-2. The State Championship had a net loss of \$25.10, and the combined results for the other tournaments yielded a net profit of \$490.99. Thus, the aggregate financial result for the weekend was a net profit of \$465.89. Total participation in the several tournaments (including unrated sections of the Scholastic Tournament) exceeded one hundred (100) players.

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5. Schedule of Upcoming Tournaments

There was a discussion of the tournament schedule for the balance of the calendar year through mid-January 2014, as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event (Venue)</u>	<u>Organizer</u>
December 7	Beginner Brawl Olpin University Union, Panorama Room	Gina Mason (*)
December 7	Igor Ivanov Memorial Olpin University Union, Parlor "A"	Gina Mason (**)
January 11, 2014	Team Championships	TBD

Notes:

(*) – Gina Mason will be the organizer for this event. David Day will serve as tournament director.

(**) – Gina Mason will be the organizer for this event. Grant Hodson will serve as tournament director.

In the discussion of the Team Championships, a consensus was reached that the 2014 tournament should include an unrated K-6 section, in addition to an Open (Championship) and Reserve (U-1400) Section. Other issues were left for resolution at the next meeting. Gina Mason took an action item to determine whether Westminster College would be available as a venue on the scheduled date (January 11, 2014).

Also in connection with the Team Championships, it was discussed that Grandmaster Rashad Babaev (who will be moving to Utah in mid-December 2013) will give a simultaneous exhibition (a "simul") in the Den at the University Union on the evening of January 10, 2014. Although GM Babaev has offered to hold this simul for free, the Board following a discussion of the subject (including consideration of the tendency of consumers to correlate price with perceived value) reached a consensus that there should be a nominal charge of \$10 per participant and that only players pre-registered for the Team Championships would be eligible to participate. Due to schedule and space considerations, the number of participants in the simul will be limited and determined by lottery.

6. Grand Prix Competition

The Secretary, Steve Hoisington, reported Grand Prix results for the Utah State Championship, in which GP Points were awarded at a fifty per cent (50%) premium, *i.e.*, at one hundred fifty per cent (150%) of the nominal rate, pursuant to specific provision of Section 2 of the governing Regulations for 2013 Utah Chess Grand Prix. After that tournament, the leaders in the cumulative Grand Prix standings are: (1) John Coffey 114; (2) David Vasquez; 109.92; (3) Bryan Leano 80.92; (4) Shahram Nazarinia 80.82;

(5) Enrique Arce-Larreta 73.25; (6) Andrew Roach 60.95; (7) Eric Hon 59.67; (8) Petro Gretchanei 51.2; (9) José Garcia 46; and (10) Randy Zumbrunnen 43.5. Complete Grand Prix results for the Utah State Championship and standings after that tournament are attached as Appendices B-1 and B-2, below.

7. Special Matter: Pan American Intercollegiate Championships

Bryan Leano and Robert Williams, 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 Texas Tech in Lubbock, TX, from December 27-30, 2013. 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; \$100.00 from the High School Account; and \$100.00 from the UCA General Account. The agreed *quid pro quo* was that the University Chess Team would 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; and (ii) at least one (1) representative at the 2014 High School Championship.

8. Special Matter: Grandmaster Rashad Babaev

Allen Bolen reported that Grandmaster Rashad Babaev has made the decision to relocate to Utah in mid-December 2013. In addition to the simul mentioned in paragraph 5, above, early plans for GM Babaev include running chess camps during the year-end holiday period.

9. Special Matter: Restatement and Amendment of By-Laws

David Day reported that the existing printed copy of the Association’s By-Laws had been scanned and converted to Word® format, which would be distributed electronically to members of the committee (David Day, Grant Hodson and Steve Hoisington) that had been appointed to prepare a draft of proposed restated and amended By-Laws for consideration by the full Board and eventual presentation at the next Annual General Membership Meeting.

10. Special Matter: Goals

Due to constraints of time, general discussion of the Association’s goals for the coming year was not taken up at this meeting.

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11. Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled to be held on Thursday, December 5, 2013, to convene at approximately 6:30 p.m. at a venue to be determined. The location eventually arranged for the meeting was the Sizzler Restaurant, 371 East 400 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hoisington
Secretary

2013 Utah State Championship

Friday - Sunday, November 15-17, 2013

Ecker Hill Middle School
2465 Kilby Road
Park City, Utah 84098

Profit and Loss Statement

Revenue

Total entry fees: **\$345.00**

Expenses

Cash prizes:	(\$275.00)
Trophies:	(95.10)
Rating fee	0.00(*)
<u>Room rental</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenses	(\$370.10)

Net profit (loss): **(\$25.10)**

Notes:

(*) – The rating report for this tournament was submitted together with the rating report for the Amateur Championship. The aggregate rating fee for the two tournaments is reflected in the combined Profit and Loss Statement for the Amateur and Scholastic Tournaments. See Appendix A-2, below.

2013 Utah Amateur Championship; and Scholastic Just-for-Fun Tournament

Saturday, November 16, 2013

Ecker Hill Middle School
2465 Kilby Road
Park City, Utah 84098

Profit and Loss Statement (combined)

Revenue

Total entry fees:	\$1,116.79
<u>Voucher Sales</u>	<u>66.00</u>
Total Revenue	\$1,182.79

Expenses

Cash prizes/Amateur:	(\$314.00)
Trophies (Trophy Corner):	(89.75)
Trophies (Crown Trophy):	(149.80)
Rating fee	(42.25) (*)
Room rental	(30.00) (**)
<u>Voucher reimbursement</u>	<u>(66.00) (***)</u>
Total Expenses	(\$691.80)

Net profit **\$490.99**

Notes:

(*) – The rating report for the Amateur Championship was submitted together with the rating report for the State Championship. The aggregate rating fee for the two tournaments is reflected in this combined Profit and Loss Statement for the Amateur and Scholastic Tournaments.

(**) – Gift cards were purchased as a token of appreciation for the building custodian and teacher whose classroom was used. The facility was otherwise available without cost.

(***) – Voucher purchase proceeds were remitted to David Day, who had personally advanced the funds for their purchase from the U. S. Chess Federation (USCF).

Appendix B-1

Utah Chess Grand Prix Report

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Points Earned at the Utah State Championship

November 15-17, 2013

1	Enrique ARCE-LARRETA	31.5
2	Andrew ROACH	22.5
3-7	Allen BOLEN	12
	John COFFEY	12
	Steve GORDON	12
	Eric HON	12
	Randy ZUMBRUNNEN	12

Utah Chess Grand Prix Standings

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Standings through Utah State Championship

November 15-17, 2013

1	John COFFEY	114
2	David VASQUEZ	109.92
3	Bryan LEANO	80.92
4	Shahram NAZARINIA	80.82
5	Enrique ARCE-LARRETA	73.25
6	Andrew ROACH	60.95
7	Eric HON	59.67
8	Petro GRETCHANEI	51.2
9	José GARCIA	46
10	Randy ZUMBRUNNEN	43.5
11	Steve GORDON	37
12	Steve HOISINGTON	34.33
13	Alex GUSTAFSSON	27.87
14	Isaac BALTER	25.74
15	Ben BALTER	24.9
16-17	Gatlin BLACK	22.5
	Alexander QI	22.5
18	Kayden TROFF	21
19	Josh (J.D.) SMITH	19.67
20	Charles RASMUSSEN	19.17
21	Joseph GARCIA	16.67

22	Valerie Anne HART	15.75
23-24	Bryan GUO	15.63
[23-24]	Stephen YU	15.63
25	David CATALINI	15
26	Michael MORRIS-PEARCE	14.53
27-28	Clancey BLACK	14.5
	Harrison UNRUH	14.5
29	Darwin ("Hank") BEUNING	14
30-31	Allen BOLEN	12
	Terrell KERBY	12
32	Abhinav MATHUR	11.25
33	Grant HODSON	11.2
34-35	Spencer HINDMAN	10.5
	Alan ZHAO	10.5
36	Timmy TRIPP	10.13
37-38	Jake BOLEN	10
	Scott TREIMAN	10
39	Alex HALL	9.67
40-41	Sam MASON	9
	Benjamin TESCH	9
42	Anna LEE	7.97
43	Dietrich GEISLER	7.5
44-45	Kim BARNEY	7
	Greg LEE	7
46-49	Ethan BAKER	6.75
	Parth SHAH	6.75
	Jacob YOUNG	6.75
	Josef YOUNG	6.75
50-51	Anthony LIU	5.63

	Austin ROACH	5.63
52	Jesse JOHNSON	5.2
53-56	Matthew BOREN	4.67
	Josh HICKENLOOPER	4.67
[53-56]	Vahan KARDZHIAN	4.67
	Jacinda LEE	4.67
57	Brian JOHNSON	4.5
58	Vishwa SRNIVASAN	4.4
59-62	Christian MURPHY	3.5
	Connor MURPHY	3.5
	Madeline ROACH	3.5
	Brendon YOUNG	3.5
63-66	Stephen BLACK	3.3
	Lynn DENG	3.3
	Wesly HARSTON	3.3
	Paul RETZ	3.3
67-72	Youlmin CHOI	2.17
	Jack DENG	2.17
	Andy HUO	2.17
	Ethan LYNSKY	2.17
	Sraavya PINJALA	2.17
	Chitra SATYANARAYAN	2.17