

Utah Chess Association  
Minutes of Meeting of  
Board of Directors  
June 28, 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 7:00 p.m. on June 28, 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  
Gina Mason  
Stephanie Pitcher

1. **Approval of Minutes**

The previously distributed draft minutes for the Board's regular meeting of May 3, 2012, were discussed and, upon motion duly made, unanimously approved subject to two additions being made, as follows, (i) in ¶8 the payment to subsidize partially the participation of the official Utah representative to the Denker Tournament of High School Champions will be specified as "to be paid from the Scholastic (K-6) account"; and (ii) in ¶9 the intended purposes of the Grand Prix competition will be amended to include mention of the Board's intent "to encourage participation in tournaments sponsored or sanctioned by the UCA" .

2. **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer, Kevin Keyes, reported that the balance in the Association's general account was \$2,331.61.

Mr. Keyes also reported that the Association's affiliateship with the U. S. Chess Federation (the "USCF") had come due for renewal and that he had made the required payment for a one-year renewal.

### **3. Scholastic Report**

George Jensen reported that the most recent statement for the Scholastic Account reflected a total balance of \$10,477.89, of which \$2,038.30 was allocated to the high school account, with the balance of \$8,439.59 being allocated to K through 6th (K-6). The High School balance reflected an increase of \$766.00 from the previously reported amount, whereas the K-6 balance reflected a decrease of \$77.79 attributable to an expenditure for containers and covers used to store chess sets. Mr. Jensen reported that he had made a payment in this amount from the Scholastic Account to Tom DeBorg, who had made the initial outlay out-of-pocket. Upon motion duly made, the Board unanimously ratified such payment to Mr. DeBorg.

Stephanie Pitcher reported that Yvonne Ward would be the official Utah representative for the Susan Polgar tournament to be held in late July. Yvonne Ward had placed fourth on tie-breaks in the Utah Girls Tournament (designated as the Polgar qualifier), but the three players who had finished ahead of her (Minna Wang, Jacinda Lee and Rachel Nelson) had all indicated they would be unable to participate in the Polgar tournament, and Yvonne Ward had confirmed her willingness and intention to do so. Upon motion duly made, the Board voted unanimously (7-0) to authorize the disbursement of \$100.00 to be paid from the Scholastic (K-6) account to Yvonne Ward to subsidize partially her expenses for participating as the official representative for Utah at the Susan Polgar Tournament in July 2012.

Mr. Jensen noted that the previously reported balance in the K-6 account would be reduced by the pending payments of \$100.00 each to the official Utah representatives to the Denker (as approved at the May meeting of the Board) and Polgar tournaments.

### **4. Recent Tournaments**

At the Class Championships held on May 12, 2012, the combined Expert/Class "A" Section had finished in a three-way tie among Steve Gordon, Alex Gustafsson and David Vasquez on scores of 3.0/4. The Class "B" Section was won by Petro Gretchanei with a perfect score of 4.0/4, and the combined Class "C"/Class "D" section was won by Alex Hall with a perfect score of 4.0/4. The combined Class "E"/Class "F"/Class "G"/Class "H" section was won by Jesse Johnson on a perfect score of 4.0/4.

The organizer of the Class Championships, Grant Hodson, reported that financial result of the tournament was essentially break-even (loss of \$1.00). He also noted that the combining of various classes into single sections (necessitated by the somewhat low turnout) led to some confusion and dissatisfaction with the way that class prizes were awarded, especially in the lowest section (which combined four classes).

The Barber Qualification tournament held May 19, 2012, had resulted in a first-place tie between Clancey Black and Andrew Roach, with the playoff held two days later having

been won by Andrew Roach, who thereby qualified to be the official Utah representative to the national Barber tournament to be held in Vancouver, Washington in August. Pursuant to the terms set forth in the announcement of the tournament, all proceeds will be contributed to the winner, Andrew Roach, to subsidize his participation in the national tournament.

Gina Mason reported that the Senior Championship on June 9, 2012, had been won by John Coffey on a score of 3.5/4, with Steve Gordon and Steve Hoisington tied for second place on scores of 3.0/4. Only six players entered the Senior Championship this year, with five of the six participants being rated above 1750. To encourage better turnout next year, it was suggested that a class prize (for players rated Under-1600) would likely attract more players from Class “C” and below.

The “Nifty Under 50” tournament held in conjunction with the Senior Championship had twenty-four (24) entrants and was won by Vincent Bazemore on a perfect score of 4.0/4, with Allen Bolen taking clear second on a score of 3.5/4. The Reserve (U-1400) section of that tournament was won by Mitchell Sailsbery on a perfect score of 4.0/4.

## **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>
July 28	Blitz Championship (G/5-no delay) (“SLCC”)	Grant Hodson
August 25	Amateur Championship (<= 1800) (“U” – Panorama Room) Igor Ivanov Memorial (>1800) (“U” – Panorama Room)	Steve Hoisington  Grant Hodson/ Gina Mason (*)
September 29	Team Championship	Gina Mason
October 26-27	Utah Open (“U” – Panorama & Saltair Rooms)	Grant Hodson
November 9-10	State Championship	Gina Mason
Nov. 30 – Dec. 1	Farewell Bobby Fischer - V (“U” – Panorama Room)	
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.

## **6. Grand Prix Competition**

The Secretary, Steve Hoisington, reported Grand Prix results for the Class Championships, the Senior Championship and the Nifty Under 50 tournament. After those tournaments, the leaders in the cumulative Grand Prix standings were: (1) Alex Gustafsson 54.5; (2) David Vasquez 52; (3) John Coffey 44.67; (4) David Catalini 38; (5) Stephen Gordon 34.17; and (6) Alex Hall 29.25. Complete Grand Prix results for those tournaments and cumulative year-to-date standings are attached as Appendices A-1 through A-4, below.

## **7. Next Board Meeting**

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled to be held on Saturday, July 21, 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,

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Steve Hoisington  
Secretary

Appendix A-1

**Utah Chess Grand Prix Standings**

Sponsored by **Wholesale Chess**

Points Earned at Utah Chess "Class" Championships  
May 12, 2012

Expert / Class "A"

1-3	Stephen GORDON	16
	Alex GUSTAFSSON	16
	David VASQUEZ	16
4	John COFFEY	10
5-6	Allen BOLEN	7
	David CATALINI	7

Class "B"

1	Petro GRECHANEI	21
2-3	Grant HODSON	13.5
	Bryan LEANO	13.5
4-5	Brenda AHLEMANN	9
	Vishwa SRINIVASAN	9
6-7	Adam ASAY	5
	Darwin ("Hank") BEUNING	5

(Results for remaining sections continue on the next page.)

Class "C/D"

1	Alex HALL	15.75
2	Matthew BOREN	11.25
3	David DAY	9
4-5	Val BRADSHAW	6.75
	Ali MOMENI	6.75
6-9	Isaac BALTER	3.38
	Cordell CHIPMAN	3.38
	Joseph GARCIA	3.38
	Dietrich GEISLER	3.38

Classes "E/F/G/H"

1	Jesse JOHNSON	15.75
2-3	Garion GRUBAUGH	10.13
	Lillian RAUCH	10.13
4	Stephen BLACK	7.5
5-8	Carly ATKINSON	4.13
	Luocheng HUANG	4.13
	Jonathan WARREN	4.13
	Yianni ZIOURAS	4.13

Note: GP Points for the Class Championships were calculated pursuant to the following provision in Section 2 of the "Regulations for 2012 Utah Chess Grand Prix", as approved by the Board of the UCA: "Notwithstanding the general restriction on the awarding of GP Points to the top section of each tournament, for the Class Championships, the top two sections shall award GP Points at the nominal rate specified in section 5, below, the next two sections shall award GP Points at seventy-five per cent (75%) of the nominal rate, and the remaining sections shall award GP Points at fifty per cent (50%) of the nominal rate." There were four (4) sections in this event.



Appendix A-2

**Utah Chess Grand Prix Standings**

Sponsored by **Wholesale Chess**

Points Earned at Utah Senior Championship - 2012

June 9, 2012

1	John COFFEY	21
2-3	Stephen GORDON	13.5
	Steve HOISINGTON	13.5
4	Hans MORROW	10
5	Grant HODSON	8
6	Steve COOK	6



**Utah Chess Grand Prix Standings**

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Points Earned at Utah Chess "Nifty Under 50" Tournament

June 9, 2012

NR*	Vincent BAZEMORE	---
1	Allen BOLEN	21
2-3	Alex HALL	13.5
	Josh HICKENLOOPER	13.5
4	Kayvon SOHRABI	10
5-7	J. J. GARZELLA	6
	David VASQUEZ	6
	Juan ZHANG	6

\* - Non-residents (NR) of Utah do not receive Grand Prix Points. Vincent Bazemore, who took clear first 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-4

## **Utah Chess Grand Prix Standings**

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Standings through Utah Chess Senior Championship

and "Nifty Under 50" Tournament

June 9, 2012

1	Alex GUSTAFSSON	54.5
2	David VASQUEZ	52
3	John COFFEY	44.67
4	David CATALINI	38
5	Stephen GORDON	34.17
6	Alex HALL	29.25
7	Allen BOLEN	28
8	Grant HODSON	21.5
9-10	Petro GRECHANEI	21
	Kayden TROFF	21
11	Shahram NAZARINIA	19.67
12	Randy ZUMBRUNNEN	16
13	Jesse JOHNSON	15.75
14	Ben BALTER	15
15-18	Josh HICKENLOOPER	13.5
	Steve HOISINGTON	13.5
	Bryan LEANO	13.5

	Josh (J.D.) SMITH	13.5
19	Isaac BALTER	12.38
20	Matthew BOREN	11.25
21-22	Garion GRUBAUGH	10.13
	Lillian RAUCH	10.13
23-25	Hans MORROW	10
	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