

Utah Chess Association  
Minutes of Meeting of  
Board of Directors  
May 3, 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 May 3, 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 April 5, 2012, were discussed and, upon motion duly made, unanimously approved.

2. **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer, Kevin Keyes, reported that the balance in the Association's general account was \$2,362.86.

Mr. Keyes also reported that a contribution to the UCA Chess Excellence Scholarship Fund had been received and deposited in the Scholarship Account, and that an application on behalf of Kayden Troff had been received for disbursement for the quarter ending March 31, 2012. No other applications had been submitted for that period. Upon motion duly made, the Board approved the immediate disbursement of the full contributed balance in the Scholarship Account (excluding a sum of \$5.95 representing funds initially deposited from the UCA general account required to open the Scholarship Account) to Kayden Troff by a vote of 5-0. Two Board members declared they had not been aware this matter was to be presented at the meeting and that (in light of the fact there was sufficient support from other members to carry the motion) rather than take the time required to review Kayden Troff's application during the meeting, they requested to be recorded as abstaining on this motion.



### **3. Scholastic Report**

George Jensen distributed a summary of the Scholastic Account as of the end of April. That summary, which reflected the financial results of the State Elementary Championship held on March 10, 2012, reflected a total balance of \$9,789.68, of which \$1,272.30 was allocated to the high school account, with the balance of \$8,517.38 being allocated to K through 6th.

### **4. Recent Tournaments**

Grant Hodson, who directed the Quick Championship on April 21, 2012, reported that the tournament had been won by David Vasquez with a perfect score of 4.0/4, and that David Catalini had finished clear second on a score of 3.5/4. Dietrich Geisler won the Reserve (Under-1400) Section with a score of 3.5/4.

### **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>
May 12	Class Championships (ECCU) (*)	Stephanie Pitcher
May 19	Barber Qualification Tournament	
June 9	Senior Championship ("U")	Gina Mason
[June 15-17]	National Open (Las Vegas)	(**)
July 28	Blitz Championship (G/5-no delay)	Grant Hodson
August 25	Amateur Championship ("U" – Panorama Room)	Steve Hoisington
September 29	Team Championship	
October 26-27	Utah Open	
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

(\*) – The ECCU is the Episcopalian Church Center of Utah, located at 75 South 200 East in Salt Lake City, UT.

(\*\*) – The National, Open is not a UCA-sponsored or UCA-sanctioned event, but that

tournament was discussed and is included in the above table due to the participation in that event of many Utah players.

## **6. Grand Prix Competition**

The Secretary, Steve Hoisington, reported Grand Prix results for the Quick Championship. After that tournament, the leaders in the cumulative Grand Prix standings were: (1) Alex Gustafsson 38.5; (2) David Catalini 31; (3) David Vasquez 30; (4) Kayden Troff 21; (5) Shahram Nazarinia 19.67; and (6) Randy Zumbrunnen 16. Complete Grand Prix results for the Quick Championship and standings after that event are attached as Appendices A-1 and A-2, below.

## **7. Special Matter: Shahram Nazarinia**

John Coffey reported that Shahram Nazarinia, who has applied for Tournament Director (TD) certification with the United States Chess Federation (the "USCF"), had requested that he be approved to direct USCF-rated tournaments sponsored or sanctioned by the UCA as soon as his TD certification had been approved for the purpose of satisfying a community service requirement. Upon motion duly made, the Board voted unanimously (7-0) to approve Mr. Nazarinia to serve as TD for such events.

## **8. Denker Representative**

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 Scott Treiman to subsidize partially his expenses for participating as the official representative for Utah at the Denker Tournament of High School Champions in August 2012.

## **9. Utah Chessplayer of the Year**

There was a discussion whether the Board would designate a Utah "Chessplayer of the Year" for 2011. It was noted that there had been expressions of support for making such a designation by various UCA general members. It was also noted that the selections of a Utah Chessplayer of the Year for 2009 and 2010 had generated considerable controversy, notwithstanding the outstanding accomplishments (a North American Gold Medal in 2009, and a World Silver Medal in 2010) of the player selected for those years. It was also noted that the Grand Prix competition inaugurated in 2011 had been intended to establish a more objective basis for recognizing outstanding achievement over the course of the year by Utah chessplayers, as well as to encourage participation in tournaments sponsored or sanctioned by the UCA. It was the consensus of the Board members that the Grand Prix competition should supersede the

Chessplayer of the Year award. Upon motion duly made, the Board voted 6-0 (with one member abstaining) that the Grand Prix competition would replace the Utah Chessplayer of the Year award, which would, accordingly, be discontinued.

#### **10. PayPal Account**

There was a discussion of the possibility of establishing a PayPal account for the Association for the purpose of receiving entry fees for future tournaments sponsored by the UCA. Upon motion duly made, the Board voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the establishment of such a PayPal account, with authority and responsibility for doing so delegated to Gina Mason.

#### **11. Next Board Meeting**

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled to be held on Thursday, June 28, 2012, starting at approximately 7:00 p.m. at the Coffee Club, 4879 South Redwood Road, Murray, Utah 84123.

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 Quick Championship (G/25)

April 21, 2012

1	David VASQUEZ	21
2	David CATALINI	15
3-6	Isaac BALTER	9
	John COFFEY	9
	Alex GUSTAFSSON	9
	Shahram NAZARINIA	9

Appendix A-2

**Utah Chess Grand Prix Standings**

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Standings through Utah Quick Championship (G/25)

April 21, 2012

1	Alex GUSTAFSSON	38.5
2	David CATALINI	31
3	David VASQUEZ	30
4	Kayden TROFF	21
5	Shahram NAZARINIA	19.67
6	Randy ZUMBRUNNEN	16
7	Ben BALTER	15
8	John COFFEY	13.67
9	Josh (J.D.) SMITH	13.5
10	Antonio PADRON	10
11	Isaac BALTER	9
12	Bryon DOYLE	6
13	Stephen GORDON	4.67