

Utah Chess Association
Minutes of Meeting of
Board of Directors
February 4, 2012

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 Redwood Campus of Salt Lake Community College at approximately 5:00 p.m. on February 4, 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

Kevin Keyes was several minutes late in arriving and did not participate in the vote on one matter, as noted below.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

The previously distributed draft minutes for the Board's regular meeting of January 5, 2012, were discussed and, upon motion duly made, unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0 prior to the arrival of Kevin Keyes.

2. **Treasurer's Report**

At the January meeting, Kevin Keyes had reported that the balance in the Association's general account was \$2,470.03. No updated report was presented at this meeting.

3. **Scholastic Report**

George Jensen reported that the scholastic account was unchanged from the report at the January meeting and currently had a total balance of \$6,573.68, of which \$1,272.30 was allocated to the high school account, with the balance of \$5,301.38 being allocated to K through 6th. He noted that the State Elementary Championships were scheduled for March 10, 2012, and were being organized by Donald Morris. Crown Trophy had

been chosen as the supplier of trophies for that event.

4. Recent Tournaments

Grant Hodson reported that Kayden Troff had won the Utah Chess Speed Championship held January 21, 2012 on a score of 13.0/14. Alex Gustafsson and Josh Smith had finished equal second on scores of 10.0/14. The second place trophy was awarded to Alex Gustafsson following a two-game playoff in which he scored 1.5/2. Ben Balter won the Under-1800 prize on a score of 9.0/10.

5. Schedule of Upcoming Tournaments

There was a discussion of the tournament schedule for early 2012, as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Organizer</u>
March 17, 2012	Game-in-Sixty Championship (G/60 – d5) (Panorama Room)	Grant Hodson (*)
April 21, 2012	Quick Championship (G/25 – d4) (SLCC)	Grant Hodson
May 12, 2012	Class Championships	Stephanie Pitcher (**)

(*) -- Grant Hodson will prepare publicity for the G/60 Championship. The tournament will be directed by Steve Hoisington (Open section) and Gina Mason (Reserve section). At the meeting, the G/60 was scheduled for March 31, 2012, but was subsequently rescheduled for March 17, 2012.

(**) – Responsibility for organizing the Class Championships was tentatively assigned to Stephanie Pitcher (who was unable to attend the meeting) pending confirmation of her availability to do so. At this time, due to difficulty in reserving a suitable venue, the planned date of May 12, 2012 remains tentative.

6. Grand Prix Competition

The Secretary, Steve Hoisington, reported Grand Prix results for the Utah Chess Speed Championship held January 21, 2012. After that tournament (the first Grand Prix event of the year) the leaders in the Grand Prix standings are: (1) Kayden Troff 21; (2-3) Alex Gustafsson 13.5; (2-3) Josh Smith 13.5; (4) Antonio Padron 10; (5-7) Ben Balter 6; (5-7) Bryon Doyle 6; and (5-7) Shahram Nazarinia 6.

Complete Grand Prix results for the Utah Chess Speed Championship and current 2012 Standings are attached as Appendices A and B, below.

7. Isaac Sloan Issue

There was a discussion of the letter to be sent to Isaac Sloan to provide a warning in connection with the incident that occurred at the Quick tournament held November 12, 2011, on the second floor of the library at the Redwood Campus of Salt Lake Community College. At that tournament, Mr. Sloan had engaged in protracted arguments with his first-round opponent and later threw a punch at him outside the building. The Secretary, Steve Hoisington, reported he had not yet prepared a revised draft pursuant to the discussion at the January meeting. The President, Grant Hodson, said he could and would finalize the letter on the basis of the drafts already prepared.

8. Next Board Meeting

At the conclusion of the meeting, the next meeting of the Board was originally scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 17, 2012, starting at approximately 4:45 p.m. on the second floor of the Abraham Markosian Library at the Redwood Campus of Salt Lake Community College. Due to the rescheduling of the Game-in-Sixty (G/60) Championship to that date, the date for the Board meeting was advanced to March 3, 2012, at the same time and location.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hoisington
Secretary

Appendix A

Utah Chess Grand Prix Report

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Points Earned at the Utah Chess Speed Championship
January 21, 2012

1	Kayden TROFF	21
2-3	Alex GUSTAFFSON	13.5
	Josh (J.D.) SMITH	13.5
4	Antonio PADRON	10
5-7	Ben BALTER	6
	Bryon DOYLE	6
	Shahram NAZARINIA	6

Appendix B

Utah Chess Grand Prix Standings

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Standings through Speed Championship
January 21, 2012

1	Kayden TROFF	21
2-3	Alex GUSTAFFSON	13.5
	Josh (J.D.) SMITH	13.5
4	Antonio PADRON	10
5-7	Ben BALTER	6

Bryon DOYLE	6
Shahram NAZARINIA	6