

Utah Chess Association
Minutes of Meeting of
Board of Directors
December 6, 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 7:15 p.m. on December 6, 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
David Day, Treasurer
George Jensen
Gina Mason

Kari Roach, who was traveling out-of-town, attended the portion of the meeting described in Section 8 below (Special Matter: Eligibility Criteria for Utah State Chess Championship) via conference phone.

Robert Williams, Bryan Leano and Jeffery Scott, representing the University of Utah Chess Club, attended a portion of the meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes

The previously distributed draft minutes for the Board's regular meeting of November 3, 2012, were discussed and, upon motion duly made, unanimously approved, 6-0.

2. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, David Day, reported that the current balance in the Association's general account was \$2,794.17. The President, Grant Hodson reported that a contribution of \$500.00, which had not yet been deposited, had been received from an anonymous donor to subsidize the cash prizes for the 2012 Utah Chess Grand Prix competition.

3. Scholastic Report

George Jensen reported that the balance in the scholastic account was unchanged from the sum reported at the meeting of November 3, 2012, and currently had a total balance

of \$9,518.64, of which \$1,938.30 was allocated to the high school account, with the balance of \$7,580.34 being allocated to the K through 6th (K-6) account.

4. Recent Tournaments

Grant Hodson reported that the fifth annual Farewell Bobby Fischer tournament (“FBF-V”) held on November 10, 2012, had been won by Alex Gustafsson with a score of 5.0/6, that John Coffey had placed clear second on a score of 4.5/6, and that Shahram Nazarinia had placed clear third on 4.0/6. The first Reserve Section (U-1600) of FBF-V was won by Dietrich Geisler with a score of 5.0/6, with Isaac Balter and Eric Hon equal second on 4.5/6, and the lower Reserve Section (U-1000) was won by Carly Atkinson with a score of 5.0/6, with Joseph Kingston and Jacob Ari Nathan equal second on 4.5/6. The trivia contest was won by Steve Hoisington.

Grant Hodson reported that the Lowell Seach Cheap Charity Memorial tournament held November 30 – December 1, 2012, had been won by Alex Hall with a score of 3.5/4, with Petro Gretchanei and Charles Rasmussen equal second on 3.0/4. Steve Hoisington reported that the Reserve Section (U-1200) of that tournament had been won jointly by Joseph Blanton and Jacob Ari Nathan on scores of 4.5/5. The first-place trophy had been awarded to Joseph Blanton following a four-game quick tie-break playoff.

The Farewell Bobby Fischer tournament yielded a net loss of \$177.42. A Profit and Loss Statement for the event is attached as Appendix A-1, below. The Lowell Seach Memorial Charity tournament yielded a net profit of \$141.30, which was donated to the Red Cross. A Profit and Loss Statement for that event is attached as Appendix A-2, below.

5. Schedule of Upcoming Tournaments

There was a discussion of the tournament schedule for the balance of the calendar Year and for early 2013, as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event (Venue)</u>	<u>Organizer</u>
December 7-9	State Championship (Medical School – IRB Room)	Gina Mason
January 26, 2013	Speed Championship (G/5, d/2) (SLCC)	TBD
March 2, 2013	Girls’ Championship(Polgar Qualifier) (Newman Elementary)	Stephanie Pitcher

Gina Mason reported to the Board that she had met with representatives of the Medical School's IRB (Institutional Review Board) to discuss arrangements for the State Championship on December 7-9, and had confirmed that everything was in good order. The IRB representatives had asked that UCA provide miscellaneous supplies (paper towels, toilet paper and napkins) for use during the dates of the tournament rather than deplete the IRB's inventory of those items. She reported that she had paid \$20 to purchase such items in quantities projected to be sufficient for the three days of the tournament. Upon motion duly made, the Board voted 6-0 to reimburse her for that expense.

6. Grand Prix Competition

The Secretary, Steve Hoisington, reported Grand Prix results for the Farewell Bobby Fischer and Lowell Seaich Memorial Charity events. After those tournaments, the leaders in the cumulative Grand Prix standings are: (1) Alex Gustafsson 137; (2) John Coffey 91.17; (3) David Vasquez 89.21; (4) Alex Hall 61.25; (5) Bryan Leano 42.71; and (6) Petro Gretchanei 40.21. Complete Grand Prix results for those tournaments and standings after both of them are attached as Appendices B-1, B-2 and B-3, below.

7. Special Matter: Request for Sponsorship by University Chess Club

A delegation from the University of Utah Chess Club (the "Collegiate Chess Club") consisting of Robert Williams, Bryan Leano and Jeffery Scott attended a portion of the meeting to present a request for a contribution to underwrite a portion of the expenses for the club's planned participation in the 2012 Pan American Intercollegiate Chess Championship in Princeton, New Jersey during December 27-30, 2012. Following a presentation of the anticipated budget for such participation and a summary of the Collegiate Chess Club's participation in prior Pan American competitions, the Board held a discussion of the proposal. Following that discussion, upon motion duly made, the Board voted unanimously, 6-0, to approve a contribution from the Association's general account of \$100.00, and to approve two additional contingent contributions, each in the amount of \$100.00, respectively from the (i) K-6 and (ii) High School funds of the Scholastic Account, the latter two contributions being subject to the concurrence of the respective cognizant committees (K-6 and High School).

8. Special Matter: Eligibility Criteria for Utah State Chess Championship

There was a discussion of an issue that had arisen regarding eligibility criteria for the Utah State Chess Championship and the request by Alex Hall to be declared eligible for that tournament. The original basis for the request asserted by Alex Hall was that his Quick rating is above 1800, and the flyer announcing eligibility criteria for the tournament specifies only that a player's "USCF or FIDE rating" must be "at or above 1800", with no explicit specification that it must be a Regular rating. A second possible

basis for Alex Hall's eligibility was considered by the board, namely his clear first place finish at the Lowell Seaich Memorial Charity tournament held November 30 – December 1, 2012, which could be construed as qualifying him as the "winner of a 2012 UCA sanctioned or sponsored tournament".

Following a full discussion of the issues, and upon motions duly made, the Board voted 6-1 to reject Alex Hall's claim to be eligible for the State Championship tournament based on his Quick rating, and the Board voted 4-3 that the Lowell Seaich Memorial Charity tournament was not intended to be a qualifying tournament for the State Championship. Accordingly, the decision of the Board was to deny Alex Hall's request to be declared eligible for that tournament.

9. Scholarship Fund

The Treasurer, David Day, reported that a request had been submitted on behalf of Kayden Troff providing verification of his eligibility to receive funds for the fourth quarter of 2012 under the terms of the Association's Chess Excellence Scholarship Fund established by the Board pursuant to resolution approved at the meeting of May 15, 2010 (the "Scholarship Fund"). Although it appeared that Kayden Troff had qualified for a distribution, David Day reported that as of the date of the meeting, there were no funds available for distribution from the Scholarship Fund. [Secretary's note: A contribution to the Scholarship Fund was apparently received shortly after the meeting date, according to information subsequently provided by the former Treasurer, Kevin Keyes, on December 11, 2012.]

10. Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled to be held on Saturday, January 12, 2013, starting 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

Farewell Bobby Fischer - V

Saturday, November 10, 2012

Converse Hall
Westminster College
1840 South 1300 East
Salt Lake City, Utah

Profit and Loss Statement

Income:

• Income from entry fees:	880
• New USCF memberships (2x26+17):	<u>69</u>
Total gross receipts:	949

Expenses:

• Westminster room rental:	186
• Trophy Corner (6 plaques):	86.42
• TD fee to Bill Clark:	80
• Ratings fee reimbursed to Bill Clark):	30
• Membership reimbursement to Bill Clark:	69
• Cash prizes:	
○ Open	250
○ U1600	180
○ U1000	180
• Quiz (40+25):	<u>65</u>
Totals:	1126.42

***Net loss: 177.42**

Bank activity:

• Entry fees deposit (30 Oct):	55
• Entry fees deposit (9 Nov):	110
• Membership + EFs (19 Nov):	<u>122</u>
• Westminster room rental (ch 227):	186
• Trophy Corner (ch 229):	86.42
• Bryan Leano for 2 nd place quiz tie (ch 231):	12.50
• Bill Clark for 30 ratings fee+17 membership (ch 232):	47

- Bill Clark (ch 230): 132
(For TD fee of 80 + 52 for 2 memberships)
- Totals: 463.92 287

***Net loss: 176.92**

***The 0.50 difference is due to 12.50 being paid in cash to Alex Gustafsson for his share of 2nd place on the quiz, of which 0.50 was apparently paid out of pocket.**

Suggestions for next year:

- Reduce the open section prize fund to match the U1600 and U1000, which would save \$75. That is, \$100 1st and \$75 2nd.
- Award trophies instead of plaques. We could get 6 trophies for ~\$100, which is only a \$15 increase over plaques, but trophies are nicer and potentially recyclable.
- As advertised, pay 80% for sections of less than 20. For 3 sections at \$175 each, 80% payout would save \$105. For consideration, if we make it clear that the tournament is a booster event (free entry to new members) then we could exclude non-payers from the section count, but this may be splitting hairs.

Conclusion: Excluding the increase for trophies, based on the number of participants this year, the above changes would put the tournament in the black. Also, even one donated trophy would make the trophy option cheaper than plaques. In this vein, perhaps we could make a policy that trophies need to be picked up at the end of the tournament, since while it's not too difficult to mail checks for prize winnings, delivering trophies can be a hassle.

Lowell Seaich Memorial Charity Tournament

Friday and Saturday,
November 30 - December 1, 2012

University of Utah – A. Ray Olpin University Union
Panorama Room

Profit and Loss Statement

Note, this was a charity event for the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, so no profit was realized by the UCA.

Revenue

Entry fees and donations: \$331.25

Expenses

- Room rental: \$130.00 Pd. to Univ. of Utah Union, check 1003
- 4 trophies: 59.95 Paid to Trophy Corner
- Cash prizes 0.00 (none offered due to charitable purpose)
- Ratings fees: 0.00 (donated)

Total Expense: \$189.95

Net Profit: \$141.30 (donated to Red Cross)

Appendix B-1

Utah Chess Grand Prix Report

Sponsored by **Wholesale Chess**

Points Earned at Farewell Bobby Fischer – V
November 10, 2012

1	Alex GUSTAFSSON	21
2	John COFFEY	15
3	Shahram NAZARINIA	12
4-10	Enrique ARCE-LARRETA	5.71
	Grover BLESS	5.71
	Petro GRETCHANEI	5.71
	Steve HOISINGTON	5.71
	Bryan LEANO	5.71
	Abhinav MATHUR	5.71
	David VASQUEZ	5.71

Appendix B-2

Utah Chess Grand Prix Report

Sponsored by **Wholesale Chess**

Points Earned at Lowell Seach Memorial
Charity Tournament
November 30 – December 1, 2012

1	Alex HALL	21
2-3	Petro GRETCHANEI	13.5
	Charles RASMUSSEN	13.5
4-6	Joseph GARCIA	8
	Grant HODSON	8
	Vahan KARDZHYAN	8

Appendix B-3

Utah Chess Grand Prix Standings

Sponsored by **Wholesale Chess**

Standings through Lowell Seach Memorial

Charity Tournament

November 30 – December 1, 2012

1	Alex GUSTAFSSON	137
2	John COFFEY	91.17
3	David VASQUEZ	89.21
4	Alex HALL	61.25
5	Bryan LEANO	42.71
6	Petro GRETCHANEI	40.21
7	Stephen GORDON	40.17
8	Josh (J.D.) SMITH	39.5
9	Shahram NAZARINIA	38.67
10	David CATALINI	38
11	Grant HODSON	29.5
12	Isaac BALTER	28.88
13	Allen BOLEN	28
14-15	Josh HICKENLOOPER	27
	Charles RASMUSSEN	27
16-17	Sam MASON	21
	Kayden TROFF	21
18	Steve HOISINGTON	19.21
19	Scott TREIMAN	18
20-21	Hans MORROW	16
	Randy ZUMBRUNNEN	16
22	Jesse JOHNSON	15.75
23	Ben BALTER	15
24	Vishwa SRINIVASAN	14.5
25-26	Brad KNUTSON	13.5
	Jamie OLSEN-MILLS	13.5
27	Joseph GARCIA	11.38
28	Matthew BOREN	11.25
29-30	Garion GRUBAUGH	10.13
	Lillian RAUCH	10.13
31-32	Antonio PADRON	10
	Kayvon SOHRABI	10
33-34	Brenda AHLEMANN	9
	David DAY	9

35	Vahan KARDZHIAN	8
36	Stephen BLACK	7.5
37-38	Val BRADSHAW	6.75
	Ali MOMENI	6.75
39-43	Steve COOK	6
	Bryon DOYLE	6
	J. J. GARZELLA	6
	Michael MUNAFO	6
	Juan ZHANG	6
44-46	Enrique ARCE-LARRETA	5.71
	Grover BLESS	5.71
	Abhinav MATHUR	5.71
47-48	Clancey BLACK	5.5
	Samuel DEAN	5.5
49-50	Adam ASAY	5
	Darwin ("Hank") BEUNING	5
51-54	Carly ATKINSON	4.13
	Luocheng HUANG	4.13
	Jonathan WARREN	4.13
	Yianni ZIOURAS	4.13
55-56	Cordell CHIPMAN	3.38
	Dietrich GEISLER	3.38