

Northwest Chess Board Meeting, April 14, 2013 at Harmon Memorial Tournament in Portland, OR

In attendance: David Yoshinaga, Duane Polich, Josh Sinanan, Jeff Roland, Eric Holcomb, Grisha Alpernas, and Frank Niro (who arrived late).

The meeting was called to order by David Yoshinaga at 3:34 p.m.

NWC Grand Prix – There was a discussion about limiting GP points earned in Blitz or Quick events, both of which are now USCF-rated. Motion (Grisha) that NWC GP events cannot be faster than G/30 for now, until a committee studies the issue and makes a recommendation. The motion passed. The committee will consist of Josh (chair), Jeff and Grisha, and will consult with GP administrator Murlin Varner.

Also motion (Duane) to name the 2013 GP in honor of Elena Donaldson. Passed.

NWC Voting Board Members – Motion (Grisha) that the interim voting board consist of two reps each from Washington and Oregon, one from Idaho, plus the NWC Publisher and Business Manager, with the chair of the board (currently David) to break any ties. Passed. The intention is that Idaho will eventually have a second voting rep, which was previously approved, once that person is appointed.

Financial Report – Eric gave a report showing that NWC has a very limited “available balance” and is currently operating on a month-to-month basis. We need more members (especially scholastic) and more advertising. WCF might consider a full-page ad each month, similar to the Seattle Chess Club.

Membership – The current (end of March) membership/subscription total is 701, including all U.S. states, Canada, and one other foreign subscription.

Seattle PO Box – This box is getting expensive, and is mostly used for magazine returns. Eric will follow up with the post office about our options. [The Seattle business mail office phone is 206-768-4900, opt. 1.] This has been done, and it is acceptable to use a different address for magazine returns. Since the WCF also uses this box, they will make a final decision about closing the box.

Software – Jeff reported that the Adobe InDesign software he uses to edit the magazine is adequate for now. A so-called “cloud” version of the software might be considered in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Recorded and transcribed by Eric Holcomb.