

## **Northwest Chess Board Meeting, August 31, 2014 at Oregon Open in Portland, OR**

In attendance: David Yoshinaga, Duane Polich, Eric Holcomb and Grisha Alpernas. This is not a quorum of the board. It was suggested that the board follow-up by email if needed.

The meeting was called to order by David Yoshinaga at 2:30 p.m.

Bylaws – Northwest Chess bylaws are needed in order to apply for Federal (IRS) non-profit status. The USCF or other similar bylaws could possibly serve as an example. The current NWC board should adopt the bylaws with a set of minutes documenting this action. An executive committee could also be established.

Duane offered to draft bylaws before the next board meeting scheduled for Nov. 1 at the Oregon Class tournament in Portland. Ideally, there should be time to review these bylaws before the meeting. Eric will locate a record of the original 2006 or 2007 officers if needed. (This was the date when we registered as a non-profit corporation in Washington State.)

Membership – The current (end of June) membership/subscription total is 707, including all U.S. states, Canada, and one other foreign subscription. This is down a bit from last year, but still OK.

Financial Report – Eric reported a NWC “available balance” (excluding amounts reserved for taxes or the Grand Prix) of \$2,954.07 at the end of 2013, and \$1,616.36 as of 8/30/2014. Receipts from the Oregon Open will improve this number, although we are still operating on nearly a month-to-month basis.

Magazine – Duane reported that content is more "consistent and stabilized," and that the editor is doing a good job. There was some discussion of advertising discounts.

Online Registration – Washington is currently using the system developed by David Hendricks, but not Oregon. One issue is that connections to the system should be secure (https). We will check with our hosting company, Dreamhost, to see if this can easily be accomplished without disrupting David's database, or requiring additional coding.

Business Planning – See above. Establishing appropriate non-profit corporate bylaws is currently the key issue, and a business plan, etc., would also be desirable.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Recorded and transcribed by Eric Holcomb.