

OCF Board Meeting

5/20/2012

Present:

President Dave Yoshinaga

Treasurer Mike Morris

Vice President Richard Gutman

Tournament Coordinator Dale Wentz

Member at large Grisha Alpernas (arrived 10:28)

Absent:

Secretary Daniel Gay

Scholastic Coordinator Tony Hann

Quorum present, 10:05 a.m.

Opened with discussion of upcoming tournaments. Eugene bid for Oregon Open is not going forward. Portland Chess Club will handle, waiting for Mt. Hood Community College to confirm the reservation of the space, which will not be certain until July.

Junior Closed was held in January and won by David Wen. The rotating trophy has been engraved with his name and delivered to him. The 2013 championship was discussed and tentatively scheduled for early next year, with no specific date set.

The Oregon Class Championships were held the first weekend of May and were a success with 48 paid entries. OCF realized a profit of \$312.71. It was decided that the Class Championships would be held in early May again next year.

Discussion of Junior Open and Denker qualifier. Determined by checking the USCF website for tournament results that this had been won by Alexandra Botez. After discussion she was also named as Oregon's representative to the Susan Polgar Girl's invitational should she choose to attend.

Frank Niro is Organizing the Oregon Senior Open to be held in Oregon City on July 7-8.

Discussion turned to issues surrounding the Oregon Championship and a protest of the result. While agreed that circumstance had led to a situation that may not have been fair to all participants, it did not rise to the level of overturning the results. Discussion then turned to by-laws change to avoid having this issue in the future. Mike Morris had sent out a by-law change suggesting that any games not played at the scheduled time must be played in advance of the scheduled round. Grisha Alpernas suggested that it read that all other games be played and finished prior to the final round of the tournament. Dale Wentz suggested that the final game, usually held on the President's Day Holiday Monday be scheduled for the evening, rather than during the day, both to allow for time for make-up games, and to accommodate those that may have to work during the day. Discussion ensued regarding what could be considered an

emergency to delay a game; that both players should be agreeable to the change, and the TD insofar as he is reasonably able to do so, should consult with all players regarding schedule changes. Mike will present a formal revision for the Annual Membership Meeting, to be voted on at that time.

Discussion of announcement for Class Championships, which required players to play in the section of their published rating. In the past, players have been allowed to play up one section. Decided that players who have an unofficial rating that is up a section will be allowed to play up, if they so choose. This allows players who are advancing quickly to play up, but keeps players looking for comparable opposition from playing players of noticeably lower rating.

Mike has been authorized to check into a replacement for the perpetual Trophy for the state championship, get estimates for Trophy and engraving the names of the champions since left off on the last trophy.

Discussion of USCF Rule 32-C-1. Suggestion that OCF adapt the rule, as Portland Chess Club has, that "No Player who has not completed all scheduled rounds of a tournament shall be eligible for prizes." A short investigation of the USCF official rules shows that this is addressed and left to Organizer's or Tournament Director's discretion. Agreed that this should be in force for OCF tournaments.

Lastly discussed which officers were willing to continue in their positions when elections are held at the Oregon Open in September. Dave Yoshinaga, Richard Gutman, and Mike Morris are all willing to continue in their positions. Dale Wentz declines to continue as Tournament Coordinator citing family pressures. Grisha Alpernas indicated he will be willing to take over as Tournament Coordinator. Tony Hann has not interacted with the Board for a year. We take that as an indication that he is no longer interested in the position of Scholastic Coordinator. We need a Member at Large and a Scholastic Coordinator. As non-board positions we will need a new Webmaster, and an Oregon editor for *Northwest Chess*. Anyone interested in these positions should contact the Board and make the membership aware before or during the General Membership Meeting in September.

Meeting concluded at 11:55 a.m.