

All officers present except Treas. who was excused.

**Correction by Duane Polich: James Stripes, member at large also was not in attendance at the meeting and did not participate via phone.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 pm. The minutes were read & approved.

Discussed the Silverdale Beach Hotel tournament to be held on Oct. 10-11. The board voted to make up the deficit if any for this event.

**Correction by Duane Polich: The board did not vote to make up any deficit for this event.**

Discussed Northwest Chess. Gary gave a financial report (supplied by NWC Business Manager Eric Holcomb). This showed \$1,368.52 in checking, \$536.05 in savings, \$76.35 in PayPal and \$340.53 in the Postage Account. There is also \$1,056.00 in the Grand Prix account.

**Correction by Eric Holcomb: The amounts in checking and savings include the \$1,056.00 reserved for the Grand Prix, along with \$373.15 reserved for WA sales tax.**

Discussed setting up a promotional one-time membership for those who have never been members for \$15.00. There will be no online memberships. A motion was made by Mr. Sinanan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Dorfner to do so, passed. It is hoped that the WCF can get more members this way.

Josh gave a report on the equipment on loan to WCF from America's Foundation for Chess: 55 clip boards, 8 computers, 40 digital boards, 27 digital sets, 100 simul boards and sets, 30 clocks, 16 keyboards/mice, computer video cable and 20 ac adapters.

Gary reported on the Wash. Women's Championship and the Wash. Sr. Adult championship. Only one player showed up for the Woman's Championship, Kate Tokareva, who was awarded the title through default. She was also seeded into the Invitational Section of the State Championship. There were 8 players in the Sr. Adult Championship. Paul Bartron was the winner. The tournament broke even.

Discussed the Wash. Class. The prize fund of \$5,000.00 is guaranteed. Dan to work up the flyer and then send it out for approval. Once approved he will send it to Eric who will make up the final flyer. The side events will be the same as last year. Officers will be reimbursed for travel expenses.

Discussed the Wash. Challengers Cup. It will be held at the Seattle Chess Club. Gary will organize and direct it. Discussed holding the Hall of Fame and Awards Dinner at the Wash. Class. Dan to talk to Rusty about it.

A committee was formed to look into reviving old long-running tournaments around the state. Gary and Dan are Co-Chairmen. It is hoped that the work that Mr. Pitre and Mr. Golden are doing can be tied into this and that they will serve on this committee.

A membership meeting will be held during the Wash. Class.

Discussed WA/OR/BC matches: It was suggested that these matches be run as internet matches. Duane to contact Dan Scones in B.C. and discuss it with him. Gary to contact OCF Pres. and discuss it with him.

Discussed the Wash. State Elementary Championship.

Gary said he is working with the Tacoma Libraries on National Gaming Day activities. He is also working with the Boys & Girls Clubs and with Metro Parks on chess related events.

Discussed the proposed Wash. Team Championship Tournament. Gary and Dan's tournament committee is looking into it.

David to do the Wash. Jr. Closed in December and the Jr. Open in January.

Next meeting will be at the Wash. Class. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Gary J. Dorfner Secretary.