

**WCF Membership Meeting**

11/28/2009

All officers present except Member At Large. There were three members present.

The meeting was called to order at 4:19 pm. Minutes read, amended and approved.

Murlin Varner presented the following proposal: To sell shirts embroidered with Wash. Chess Federation on the pocket. This was discussed and a motion was made by Mr. Hendricks to accept Mr. Varner's proposal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Dorfner, passed.

David reported that there were 140 players in the scholastic section which was held on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a full page ad for the Wash. Challengers' Cup which will be held on Dec. 12-13 at the SCC. The WCF will pay for the ad which will appear in the Dec. issue of NWC.

Discussed the Wash. Jr. Closed. David to organize and run it. Will talk to Fred about holding it at the SCC. Discussed the Wash. Jr. Open. David to organize and run it. Date: Jan. 18, 2010.

Discussed the Wash. State Championship, Premier, Invitational. A motion was made by Mr. Mathews & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Hendricks that the prize fund be as follows:

Championship	\$1,500.00
Premier	\$1,000.00
Invitational	\$ 500.00
Misc.	\$ 500.00 (TD Fee, Rating Fee, Advertising, Refreshments, etc.)
Total	\$3,500.00

Passed.

Discussed the 2010 Harmon Memorial. A motion was made by Mr. Dorfner for Wash. to host it in 2010 in Olympia, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Dorfner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Allen, passed. It will be a WCF event and will be held in July. It will then alternate each year between Washington and Oregon. That is in 2011 it will be in Oregon, 2012 in Washington, etc. Gary to look into setting it up.

Discussed the WA-OR and the WA-BC matches being run as Internet matches. Josh to look into it.

Gary gave a report on reviving old long running tournaments. Tournaments being considered: Lake fair Open held in Olympia, Harvest Open held in Yakama, Lilac Open held in Spokane, the Columbia Cup held in Richland, the Strawberry Open held in Marysville and The Battle Of Maryhill held in Goldendale. It was suggested that the Harmon Memorial be combined with the Lake Fair Open. Gary is looking into these events.

Discussed the State Elementary Championship. It is being held at the Convention Center in Tacoma in April 2010. It may also be held there in 2011.

New Business:

Discussed the budget for the Wash. Jr. Closed. David wants to increase the budget this year. Prizes 1<sup>st</sup> \$175.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$150.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$125.00. A motion was made by Mr. Hendricks to do so, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Dorfner, passed.

It was decided to establish a fan page on Facebook. Robert to look into setting it up.

The Seattle Sluggers won their division title but lost the league championship.

Discussed amending the By-Laws and the Constitution. Gary and Robert are working on it, will report next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> at the Seattle Chess Club at 7:00 pm. Meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm.