

ICA Board Meeting by Phone Conference
February 25, 2010, 7:30 PM

Present: Garrett Scott, Carl Dolson, Tom Sprandel, Maret Thorpe, Jerry Neugarten, Bill Brock, David Long, Bill Barton

Meeting was called to order. Minutes from the past two phone conferences were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Dolson has written some checks, ICA still has approximately \$5,000 in the operating fund.

Membership: Tom Sprandel will enter memberships from the Warren/ICA benefit and is now set up to enter batch memberships.

Web Report: Maret Thorpe is tuning the web site.

ICB Schedule and Budget: Bill Brock will put together an 8-page ICB on Sunday. He needs someone to put together the four-page bulletin in April. Several names were mentioned. Garrett will call someone he knows.

Bid Committee: The idea of a standard-form bid contract came up for accepted tournament bids. Jerry Neugarten, who is a lawyer, said if we have a bid and an acceptance, we have an effective contract.

2011 K-8 Championship Bid Specs have been approved with changes after Jerry Neugarten, Maret Thorpe and Garrett Scott worked on them. This will be posted in the next couple of days.

A motion to require organizers to post a pre-registration list on the internet for all state title events passed with one opposed.

Youth Committee: Mark Nibbelin says he will be adapting BNASC's registration software for tournament registration and let other tournament organizers use it. Youth Committee Chicago subgroup will meet this coming Monday and the entire Youth Committee will meet March 14 during the State K-8 tournament.

2010 K-8 Liaison Report: Bill Barton says it seems to be going along just fine. Bill has not received a copy of the space contract, but Blair Machaj says he has a contract.

2010 Illinois Open: Tom Sprandel reported that Wayne Clark and Tim Just will run it for 2010, but have until December 31, 2010 to decide whether to opt out of the contract for the 2011 event. ICA is considering finding a way to provide honorariums for Illinois titled players at the Illinois Open. Jerry Neugarten said he'd also talk to Wayne about increasing youth participation in the open.

Bill Brock proposed that we give the Broughton award to Helen Warren and organize a banquet for it, but he can't do it. We would need to make a committee to do this and someone to chair it. Bill and Tom Sprandel will try to pull together a group to do this along with a chair to lead the effort.

2010 All Grade Liaison Report: Bill Brock will get a letter of understanding from the organizers to confirm outstanding issues on the bid we accepted.

2012 US Open. Bill Brock proposed that ICA study the idea of advocating for the 2012 US Open to be held in Chicago. ICA actually organizes the event. Bill will explore this idea further.

Warren Program. Andi Rosen reported there are about 30 Warren Scholars attending to an all-day seminar Sunday with GM Gurevich, GM Mitkov and GM Amanov. Andi will be giving out K8 Warren Scholar awards at the State K-8 Tournament. The Denker Qualifier and State Girls Invitational will begin March 19.

Meeting adjourned. Our next meeting will be March 11, unless cancelled by group agreement.