

ICA Board Meeting Phone Conference
3/25/2010

Present: Jerry Neugarten, Tom Sprandel, Carl Dolson, Bill Barton, Maret Thorpe, David Long, Bill Brock (arrived 8:30)

Absent: Garrett Scott, Andi Rosen

We had a quorum.

Minutes from previous meeting were approved with a few typographic corrections noted by Jerry Neugarten.

Treasurer's Report: There were no updates at this point.

Membership: No report. Tom Sprandel wants to do a membership drive via email and regular mail.

Warren Program: Eric Rosen won the Denker Qualifier and Penny Xu won the Illinois Girls' invitational.

Web: Maret Thorpe has set up a test site to use for development and creating the new Youth Chess section of the site, and for revising the existing template.

ICB Schedule and Budget: Bill Brock was not present for much of the meeting; Tom Sprandel will contact Bill to follow up about the status of the ICB.

Bid Committee:

2010 All Grades: Bill Brock is the liaison and he is not present. As far as we know everything is going smoothly with that.

2011 K-8 Bids: There is at least one bid in for this. Garrett will be monitoring the bids while he is on a trip, is going to send the bids to the committee for review after the deadline has passed.

Youth Committee: Jerry Neugarten sent out a summary of March 14 Youth Committee meeting, held during the K-8 Championship. The committee approved an outline of the web content for the Youth Section. Jerry also met and talked with several present and past CoChess board members.

2010 Illinois Open: Carl Dolson and Tom Sprandel had a phone conference with Wayne Clark to explore ways ICA can help support the tournament. We'd like to attract more titled players (IM and GM). Any fundraising done for this would be done separately from the ICA general fund. We're also looking to get more youth players involved by running a simultaneous youth side event on that Saturday; there is precedent for such an event. We will also be giving three-month memberships to non-members who play at the IL open.

Other business: bios of officers...Jerry Neugarten would like to post a one-paragraph bio for each board member on the web site, so people can look us up. Each Board member should send a bio to Jerry.

Tom Sprandel noted that he will probably be moving this summer, though he will maintain legal residence in Illinois. Tom will remain active in ICA and keep his post as president; however, we would like to expand our board members and fill the Metro VP position. Jerry Neugarten suggested we get together a group of people to do some brainstorming and leadership development—both to expand involvement and to potentially fill vacancies.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be April 8.