



Illinois Chess Association

Illinois Chess Association Board of Directors Meeting Agenda: Telephonic “Regular Meeting” November 4th, 2020 7:30 PM

Meeting Facilitator: Stephen Plotnick, President

Invitees: Stephen Plotnick, Eric Ortega, Rachel Schechter, Patrice Connelly, Eva Harrison, Megan Chen, Patrick Cohen, Rose Grandy, Ren Escalera, Garret Scott, Darren Erickson

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:33 PM
- II. **Roll Call:** Stephen Plotnick, Eric Ortega, Patrice Connelly, Eva Harrison, Patrick Cohen, Garret Scott, Rachel Schechter
- III. **Approval of Agenda:** Approved Unanimously
- IV. **Discussion of minutes from prior meetings:** Approved Unanimously
- V. **Reports**
 - A. **Officer Reports**
 - a. **President (Steve)**
 - **Discuss ICC for WJS:** Steve feels interface is user-friendly for players and potential tool for WJS/RS. Patrick does not necessarily recommend. Steve will also look at other online platforms for potentially hosting online tournaments.
 - **Illinois Class:** Discussion on whether titles should be awarded since the tournament will be held remotely, board agreed to award titles.
 - **Stipend Winner:** Steve will has notified and awarded the Stipend Winner. The monetary award was mailed out earlier this week.
 - **WJS Director discussion:** Eric Luster is willing to accept the position of WJS Director, and A chess parent was recommended to board for potential candidate to head WJS. Rose will reach out to parent and inquire if he would be interested in position.

- **ICA Executive Board Election:** Some of the candidates running and re-running are still seeking nominations; deadline is 11/10. Patrice will follow up with respective candidates.

b. Metro VP (Eric): No Report; OTB play limited due to COVID.

c. Downstate VP (Rachel):

- **Article about Rose's Work with WJS/RS:** Rachel will interview Rose about her work with WJS/RS and draft an article thanking her for her work for the ICA website.
- **Article about Stipend Winner:** Rachel will also draft an article about the Stipend Winner once Steve provides information.
- **Potential Buy/Sell page for ICA website:** Rachel is still drafting/reviewing ideas.
- **Chess in the Park:** Rachel is looking for a potential indoor location that would follow protocols for OTB play.

d. Treasurer (Darren, via written report):

- The tax returns will be postmarked by November 8th.
- Darren presented the point that as the Treasurer he will need to be an additional signatory on all accounts (he has not yet been added) and made a motion to add him. Steve recommended postponing the addition of Darren as signatory until the new director (and main signatory) for the WJS/RS account is also confirmed so the account can be updated at one time. The board agrees to table the motion until the December or January board meeting at which time the new WJS Director will be voted in.

B. Committee Reports

a. WJP/RS (Rose): No Report

b. Youth (Steve and Rachel):

- There is discussion of creating a local Urbana-Champaign youth scholastic league. Rachel would welcome any recommendations

c. **Veterans (Open): No Report**

d. **Membership (Eva):**

- Darren recommended posting an article on the ICA website or elsewhere thanking current members for renewing their membership. Eva and Rachel discussed potential ideas for drafting an online article thanking members and reminding them of membership benefits including the tournament discount (applicable to ICA online tournaments as well) as well as the opportunity for discounted ChessBase purchases via the ICA. Rachel will also work with Eric to post on Facebook as well. The board discussed the current discount rate for ChessBase and current rates for our version and agreed to offer the purchases for \$45.00. Rachel and Steve will draft article.

VI. **Open Issues**

- a. **ICA Website Article Editor:** Position still open; would include editing and writing articles about current tournaments, interviewing players, etc. **MOTION:** Pay an editor's position of \$40 a month. **MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.**

VII. **New Business**

VIII. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM

Next meeting Wednesday, December 2nd, 2020