



ICA Meeting Minutes from 6.7.23

1. In attendance: Steve Plotnick, Eric Ortega, Emily Dawson, Sean Hennessy, Larry Cohen, Eva Harrison, William Blackman, Amy Green, Eric Luster, Patrick Cohen.
2. The Executive Board accepted the Illinois All Grade bid submitted by the GPCF given that it was the only bid.
3. Eric Luster clarified his statement for the board and confessed to making "unwise" decisions, then followed up by email to the secretary on June 11, 2023. In April 2023, Shakira Luster was rated 1800 and Marina Putinceva was provisionally rated 1786. If 26 rating points were taken from Shakira's rating due to allegations of rating manipulation, Marina would have been the higher rated player. As for why he felt the 2019-2020 games were unwise but the 2023 games weren't, Mr. Luster confirmed all those tournament games that were rated actually took place. He also disagreed that the 26 points should be deducted, and saw nothing wrong with his most recent rated event at Marist High School. "I just was saying that perhaps it was unwise to play multiple rated games with my daughter and no other adult was present several years ago. As far as the recent tournament I felt that the conversation about invalidating the points she gained from that tournament by the ICA was not valid as it is not unusual for this type of event to occur and someone else was present. Finally I believe the board felt that Martina's provisional rating with one tournament was not a valid basis to state that she was number 2 in Illinois." The following board members voted to reaffirm Shakira as the WJS invite for the Susan Polgar tournament: Steve Plotnick, Eric Ortega, Emily Dawson, Larry Cohen, Eva Harrison, William Blackman, Amy Green, Eric Luster, and Patrick Cohen. Sean Hennessy voted to change the invitation to Marina Putinceva.
4. From the ICA Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2023, Eric Luster's report included that one of the highest rated players in the state was asked to become an ICA member to be selected for WJS, but declined. Luster clarified this was a male.

5. Eric Luster reported a breakdown of the roughly \$3,000 WJS budget: ICA will pay \$125 per lecture for lectures from GM Yaroslav Zherebukh, and there was the \$531.13 Crown Awards invoice from May 3, 2023. The rest goes to the tournament site (\$2,400), banquet, etc. No prize money or stipend.
6. Eric Ortega expressed excitement about Chessplosion on July 1, which will be epic.
7. Emily Dawson reported 2022 revenue was \$3,600. Current account balances are:
 - a. Associated Bank (Checking): \$35,239.96
 - b. Associated Bank (WJS Checking): \$9,070.18
 - c. PayPal: \$10,175.68
 - d. PayPal (WJS): \$513.58
 - e. Vanguard 1: \$3,004.49
 - f. Vanguard 2: \$8,404.06
8. Upcoming meetings:
 - a. July 5
 - b. August 2
 - c. September 6
 - d. October 4
 - e. November 1
 - f. December 6