

Illinois Chess Association
Board Meeting Phone Conference
July 14, 2011, 7:30 CDT

Present: Tom Sprandel, Bill Brock, Maret Thorpe, Carl Dolson, Jerry Neugarten, David Long, Chris Merli

Absent: Garrett Scott, Andi Rosen, Michael Cardinale

Minutes for the June 30 meeting were approved unanimously.

Tom Sprandel moved we reduce the meetings to once a month except as needed, with a suggested minimum of one week's notice. We will attempt to hold extra meetings on Thursdays. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Dolson is bringing the books up to date. Our funds already in the treasury will meet our budget for this year.

Metro Report: No report.

Downstate Report: David Long reported on tournament activity downstate. He is encouraging other organizers south of Springfield to list their tournaments with us.

Warren Junior Program: No report

Membership: Chris Merli has entered about 150 memberships from Sevan Muradian that came in from the Illinois Class, and the Chicago Open/Bill Goichberg. He's catching up on PayPal memberships. Sevan Muradian will be paying ICA memberships on any non-members at the Continental Amateur he organized in July. Membership data from organizers is sometimes not complete when it comes in--we need email addresses at minimum.

Web Site: Maret Thorpe reported that Tom Sprandel and Bill Brock have gotten the games database live with 20,000 games. Advise Tom if any of the games don't display properly. Send more games to Bill Brock. We now have an ad rate card up, Google AdSense is in process, and we have the Tournament Director and Coach listing up.

Youth Committee: Jerry Neugarten reported that they're working on a meeting with the Mayor's office, as well as looking for endorsements of the proposal from various people in the chess world, and working on longer-term organizational issues for the Chicago proposal.

Bid Committee: The bid committee received proposals from Mikhail Korenman's group and Joliet Junior College. The bid committee is recommending Korenman's proposal. David Long moved we accept the recommendation of the bid committee and reward the bid to Korenman. Motion approved unanimously.

Fall Elections: Jerry Neugarten, Chris Merli, Bill Brock are running. We will be seeking other candidates, and putting a notice up on the web site and in the email newsletter.

Broughton Fund: Carl Dolson reports that the nominating committee (Carl, Bill Brock and Hector Hernandez) and settled on Andrew Karklins as the award recipient. Jim Brotsos would be the MC of the presentation. Tom Sprandel moved we accept the nomination, and it carried

unanimously. Carl is working on getting the Broughton Fund Winners and info on Natalie Broughton for the web site.

Next meeting August 11.

Meeting adjourned.