

Illinois Chess Association
Board Meeting Phone Conference
September 8, 2011, 7:30 p.m.

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Present: Carl Dolson, Jerry Neugarten, Mike Cardinale, Tom Sprandel, Maret Thorpe, Chris Merli, Bill Brock, David Long, Murrel Rhodes.

Absent: Andi Rosen, Garrett Scott.

August 11 minutes were approved with no corrections.

We had a quorum at 7:32 pm

2011 Illinois Open had one more person this year than last year, and organizers and players were satisfied with the event.

ICA Board election for board members at large: nominating petitions are due on October 10. The Election committee will be Maret Thorpe, Mike Cardinale and we need one other person.

USCF delegates from Illinois: self-nominations are due October 1. So far, six people have self-nominated and we can have up to six delegates and six alternates.

Treasurer's report: Carl Dolson had a report on how we're doing on budget versus actual. He is satisfied we are in good shape.

Metro Chicago Report: Mike Cardinale reported on the ICA tour. He has gotten tour T-shirts printed. Tour begins in January. There will be a kickoff benefit simul on a Saturday at the Marbles brain store on Grand Avenue in Chicago. He has lined up a social media person, a statistician, and a technical person to help with the tour. The Chicago Blaze matches are going well.

Downstate report: David Long reported on tournaments.

Warren Junior Program, no report.

Membership: Chris Merli reported 310 current members.

Web site: we could always use more articles, as well as games and analysis. ICA's site came in second in the Chess Journalists of America USCF chapter web site contest.

Youth Committee: Jerry Neugarten is still working on the CPS proposal.

Bid Committee: Murrel Rhodes reported there was no activity. Jerry Neugarten moved that we approve the revised Bid Guidelines. Approved unanimously.

We also talked about the process of adding members to the bid or youth committees.

Broughton Fund: Andrew Karklins is our honoree, and Carl Dolson will be sending out a supporting letter about that. We will invite our earlier winners to join us for the banquet as guests.

Next meeting: Thursday October 13, 2011

Meeting adjourned.