

Illinois Chess Association
Board Meeting Phone Conference
December 16, 2011, 2:00 p.m. CST

Present: Maret Thorpe, Bill Brock, Tom Sprandel, Carl Dolson, Mike Cardinale, Jerry Neugarten.

Absent: Chris Merli, Garrett Scott, Murrel Rhodes, Andi Rosen, Mark Nibbelin, David Long.

A quorum was established.

Minutes from the 10/13/2011 were approved.

Minutes from the 11/06/2011 were approved as amended.

Tom Sprandel reviewed the agenda.

Election results: The top five vote getters were Bill Brock, Jerry Neugarten, Murrel Rhodes, Chris Merli, and Mark Nibbelin. The geographic composition of the winners is in line with our Constitution and Bylaws. We also discussed ways of holding elections by email that might produce a larger election turnout. Tom Sprandel moved we certify the election results as presented. Maret Thorpe seconded. Approved unanimously.

Jerry Neugarten moved that we form an election committee to review the voting process and create mail, email and internet options, and give voters the option to maintain anonymity. Mike Cardinale seconded the motion. Approved unanimously. Tom Sprandel, Jerry Neugarten and Maret Thorpe volunteered for the committee.

We need to put the 2012 Illinois Open up for bid. We discussed what specifications we would like for this event.

We returned to Keith Ammann's motion from the 11/6/2011 meeting: To amend the ICA bid guidelines to include a requirement that organizers submitting tournament bids specify in their bids whether score sheets will be collected from players for analysis in post-event publicity and for archival purposes. Bill Brock added a friendly amendment: "collected from players and submitted to ICA." Motion passed unanimously.

Illinois Class: there was a total of 82 players. Carl Dolson, who attended, said it was a well-run event at a good site. The organizer inadvertently wrote the prize checks on checks for an account that had been closed, so the prize checks are bouncing. Jerry Neugarten moved that ICA get substitute checks out immediately to the winners, and state ICA will cover the bounce fees; ICA will then seek reimbursement from Mikhail Korenman (the organizer) and coverage of the bounce fees, and get word out to the winners as soon as possible. Bill Brock and Carl Dolson will make sure this happens. Motion carries unanimously.

December Newsletter—Tom Sprandel will be sending this out in the next few days.

Treasurer's Report--Carl Dolson submitted a Treasurer's report at the Annual Meeting. He will email it to the entire board and we will formally vote on it at January's meeting.

Downstate Report--David Long was not present so there was no downstate report.

Warren Junior Program—No report. Pattie Zinski and Andrea Rosen are working on this and Tom Sprandel will be in contact with them on various issues including fund raising, upcoming programs and web site coverage of events. We referred the following motion to the Warren Junior Program and its advisory committee "Tom Sprandel moved that we review how funds are spent in the Warren Program.

Vyto Vytkauskas seconded the motion. Keith Ammann offered a friendly amendment: The Warren Advisory Committee should do a cost/benefit analysis to see if more value can be obtained by hiring IM or FM instructors instead of GM instructors.”

Membership: No report.

Web Report: Maret Thorpe is working with Mike Cardinale on a new page for the ICA Tour.

Youth Committee: Jerry Neugarten reported on the CPS chess meeting, and will follow up further in January.

Bid Committee—No report. A discussion of a possible Illinois Senior Open was tabled.

Broughton Fund—No report

Metro Report—Tour is about to start with the Tim Just Winter Open, and Mike Cardinale is working on the content for the web page for the tour. Mike will also get something into the web newsletter.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be January 12, 2012.