

Illinois Chess Association
Board Meeting Phone Conference
February 9, 2012, 7:30 PM CST

Present: Carl Dolson, Mark Nibbelin, Mike Cardinale, Jerry Neugarten, Maret Thorpe, Tom Sprandel, Murrel Rhodes

Absent: Chris Merli, David Long, Bill Brock

Bill Brock will get us minutes from the January board phone conference.

President's Comments, Tom Sprandel: Illinois Open 2012 RFP is posted on the web site and was emailed to all Affiliate members. Bidding closes on February 29, 2012.

Tom Sprandel has been sending a monthly newsletter by email to members; it now includes linked listings of affiliate events.

Treasurer's report: Budget is not complete yet. Carl Dolson still seeks contact info from seven prizewinners from the Illinois Class so we can write them replacement checks. Mikhail Korenman has partially reimbursed ICA for the checks we've issued.

Metro VP report: Mike Cardinale reported on the Illinois Tour. FM Al Chow annotated many games from the first tour event and these are on our web site. Next events: Greater Peoria Open and Normal April Open. Bill Feldman has offered to run a 2013 tour event in DeKalb. USAT-North is coming up, along with the Illinois State Blitz Championship.

Downstate Report : David Long was absent, but sent this report: "There was a tourney on Jan. 28 in Peoria, and I understand it was well attended (I wasn't able to make it there myself.) There is an upcoming tourney Feb. 11 in Decatur, and the Greater Peoria Open in March, which is part of the new Illinois Tour. The next Springfield tournament is May 19. I would also like to mention the death of Dr. Richard Kujoth, in December at age 80, who lived these last few years in Urbana but was a longtime fixture at the Jacksonville chess club, and before that, a four-time Wisconsin state champion. He wrote and self-published the book "Chess Is An Art". Also a reminder to those interested, the Springfield Chess Club's new internet site is www.springfieldchessclub.com; be sure to update your bookmarks as needed."

Warren Junior Scholar Program: Tom Sprandel has been in touch with Pattie Zinski about Warren Junior Scholar matters.

Membership: No report.

Web: Maret Thorpe reported that some camp listings have come in, as well as more ads. Content is moving along as usual.

Youth Committee: Jerry Neugarten reported that two letters have been sent to the mayor of Chicago on behalf of ICAs proposal for the Chicago Public Schools. Other letters in support of the project are also in the works, as well as networking efforts.

Bid Committee: Murrel Rhodes reviewed the bid for the 2013 Illinois K-8 Championship to be held downstate. Will be posted tomorrow, due date for bids is April 1 and decision made by May

15. We also need to send out a call for bids on the 2012 Illinois All Grades, which would be upstate (Chicago area).

Mike Cardinale suggested a four-round 2-day Illinois Class. Three rounds on Saturday, one round on Sunday followed by the ICA Banquet at a nearby location.

Broughton Fund: No report.

We adjourned at 8:50 p.m.