

Illinois Chess Association, Inc.
Board Meeting
February 21, 2013

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM CST. Present were Bill Brock, Mike Cardinale, Carl Dolson, Jerry Neugarten, Mark Nibbelin, Murrel Rhodes, and Tom Sprandel, Pattie Zinski; absent were Chris Merli and Josh Rohrscheib.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the Jan 10, 2012 conference were unanimously approved.

Warren Junior Scholars Report:

Pattie Zinskie reported:

- Awards will be presented at the upcoming K-8
- Twelve high school and twenty-five elementary school scholars have been selected for this year's program.
- Traveling cups will be used instead of trophies in WJSP championship events.
- Consideration will be given to modifying the WJSP qualification standards.

President's Report:

Carl continues to work with the nominating committee in regard to filling the open upstate board position. Carl has established a Facebook page for the ICA, it will be used to help replace the ICA Forum which has been shut down.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill reported that Carl has forwarded 2012 data to him. Bill will get up to speed shortly on financial reports, nothing is late for filing now and funds are sufficient for current needs.

Illinois Chess Tour:

Michael Cardinale reported that dates nearly all events for the 2013 now have been scheduled. A couple still need exact dates.

Sam Schmakiel will give a simul to help publicize the tour.

Downstate Report:

Murrell reported that the MLK did well. He also reported that the Greater Peoria Open will be held on April 20-21.

Web Report:

Tom reported that we have switched our Joomla version to 2.5 and that this should make us much more secure. There will be some minor problems while we clean up some links, but the article submission and the Events Page are working now. The board thanks Maret Thorpe for her hard work and dedication. Tom also reported that the Forum has finally been shut down; as previously reported, this was done for security reasons.

Bid Committee Report:

2014 K-8: Murrel reported that the bid committee recommends acceptance of Chess Weekend's bid for the 2014 K-8. He said that the committee felt the other bid submitted by ICT was also good. Murrel will circulate the recommended bid for approval by the full board. We agreed to vote by email in order to speed the process.

2013 All Grade: The BC has a bid, but is soliciting some additional details.

2013 Illinois Open: No bids were submitted by the deadline. Carl is in negotiations with some organizers. It is hoped that we can hire them to run the event with the ICA taking the financial risk (and reward).

2013 Illinois Class: Bidding will close on Feb 28th. It was been agreed that, if we have just one bid, we will circulate it early on March 1st and deal with it as appropriate. On the other hand, if we get any additional bids, we will turn it over to the Bid Committee as usual.

We also discussed the general lack of interest shown by organizers in conducting our events. While we considered many possible causes for this situation, we informally agreed that we could help the situation by bidding the events further in advance. Once the above events are resolved, we intend to begin bidding the next round.

Next Meeting: March 14, 2013

Submitted by: Tom Sprandel