

**Illinois Chess Association, Inc.**  
Board Meeting  
March 14, 2013

**Call to Order:**

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes from the Feb 21, 2013 conference were unanimously approved as amended.

**New Board Member:**

Carl Dolson nominated Will Tseng to fill the vacant director's spot on the ICA Board, seconded by Mike Cardinale and unanimously approved. *Note: A board position was vacated when Bill Brock became Treasurer. The term runs until the end of 2013.*

**2013 IL Open:**

After discussing the details of a summary circulated by Carl, it was agreed that Carl will complete the negotiations with Wayne and Tim. Carl confirmed that all the details will be committed to writing after the negotiations.

**2013 IL Class:**

After some discussion, Jerry moved that we make this a one day event this year and that we form a committee to pursue organizing the event. Carl seconded and the motion was carried with Murrel abstaining. The committee consists of Tom, Mark, Mike and Jerry.

**2013 IL K-8:**

Mark reported that the K-8 had 594 participants. He also reported that Pattie Zinski announced the WJP awards at the tournament. Jerry told us that he had talked to a number of parents who attended the tournament, and that they were happy with the event. Several board members complimented BNASC and Chris Merli (chief TD) for their management of the event.

**2013 All Grade:**

Murrel reported that the Bid Committee had received a bid from Mark Nibbelin for the event. There are some issues to resolve, but they had held off in view of Mark's being busy with the 2013 K-8.

**Bid Committee:**

Murrel reported that the bid committee members recommend bidding events 15 to 18 months in advance. The board agreed that this reinforces our feeling that this is advisable and that we intend to begin the next bidding cycle as soon as we finalize plans for the current round.

**Metro Report:**

Mike reported that we have a full tournament calendar. The Aurora – Naperville Club is active.

The Tour held a simul featuring NM Sam Schmakel and it was a success. Traffic at the simul was good, and Marbles the Brain store (who sponsored the event) were happy. The tour will receive 15% of store sales during the event, amount to be announced later.

Tour T-Shirts will be available shortly.

**Next Meeting:** April 14, 2013

**Submitted by:** Tom Sprandel