

**Illinois Chess Association**

Board Meeting Phone Conference

July 11, 2013

**Call To Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 P.M. Present were Bill Brock, Mike Cardinale, Carl Dolson, Jerry Neugarten, Murrel Rhodes, Tom Sprandel, Will Tseng and Pattie Zinski, Warren Jr. Program Director. Absent were Chris Merli and Mark Nibbelin. A quorum was established.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes from the June 13, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously. Minutes from the May 9, 2013 meeting were approved previously by email vote on June 17, 2013.

**Warren Junior Program Report:**

Pattie Zinski, Warren Junior Program Director, reported on the group's recent and planned activities. These included a community outreach at the Chicago Gospel Music Festival on June 18; another upcoming outreach at the Taste of Chicago Family Village; and two planned clinics – one in Chicago, and one downstate.

Pattie also reported that David Peng, the country's #1 ranked 9 year-old, has been chosen to represent the U.S. at the Pan American Games at the end of July, and will be unable to represent Illinois at the upcoming Barber tournament. Alex Bian will replace David at the Barber, and will be joined by Jonathan Kogen, representing Illinois at the Denker, and Madeline Reiches, representing Illinois at the Girls' Invitational.

**Youth Committee Report:**

Jerry Neugarten provided an update on ongoing discussions with Chicago Public Schools regarding the Board's Chicago scholastic chess initiative.

**President's Report:**

Carl Dolson reported that Jeff Wiewel has been appointed and has agreed to serve as chairman of the Bid Committee. The Board reviewed appropriate recusal procedures during bid review.

Carl opened a discussion of the USCF Annual Meeting and the role of Illinois delegates. Mike suggested an email to delegates requesting feedback to the Board following the meeting; Carl agreed to handle the email. Tom inquired about the appropriate time for a delegates call for 2014, and suggested 9/1/13. The Board agreed unanimously with this suggestion.

Carl reported on two upcoming awards at the USCF Annual Meeting – a lifetime achievement award for Eric Karklins, and an award to Chicago as Chess City of the Year. The Board discussed whom might accept this award at the awards banquet.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Bill discussed the costs and options involved for using USCF email lists for email blasts for both the Illinois Open and for the board's *Why Join ICA?* document.

**Metro Report:**

Mike reported on the just completed new event on the calendar, the Greater Midwest Classic, and on the upcoming Chicago Class tournament.

**Downstate Report:**

Murrel reported on various downstate camps and tournaments, including the upcoming 50<sup>th</sup>(!) annual Bradley Summer Open on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Bid Committee Report:**

Murrel and Tom discussed the upcoming bid schedule posted on the website. The Board discussed potential formats for the 2014 Illinois Class tournament.

**Membership Report:**

Carl reported that membership has remained steady, and was at 245 as of July 2.

**Web Report:**

Tom reported that the search for a webmaster is ongoing.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be on August 8. Meeting was adjourned at 9:04.

Minutes submitted by Mike Cardinale