

Minutes of the MCA Board of Directors Meeting, January 9th, 2016

The meeting was held via Skype for the first time and was called to order by President Selden Trimble at 2:05 pm.

Board members present were Jonathan Cannon, Bruce Cantwell, Bob Howe, Martin Stahl, Selden Trimble and Ken Jones. Absent: Thomas Rehmeier, John Sutton and Ken West.

The future meeting date was set for Saturday, April 9th, 2016, at 2 pm. Backup date is two weeks later, on Saturday, April 23rd.

A motion to accept the minutes of the September 2015 meeting as submitted by the Secretary was made by Bruce Cantwell and seconded by Martin Stahl. Approved by acclimation.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Martin Stahl. During the discussion of the report, two items were noted: 1) that C. J. Armenta had cashed the \$100 stipend check sent by the MCA for representing Missouri at the USCF Delegates meetings, and 2) that it appeared the St. Louis Chess Club was not collecting MCA membership dues. On the latter subject, Selden volunteered to contact Tony Rich for clarification. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted was made by Jonathan Cannon and seconded by Bruce Cantwell. Approved by acclimation. [Report attached.]

Webmaster Report: Martin Stahl (Web Content Manager) provided a report on MCA website traffic, unique visitors, links, etc. This report was accepted as submitted.

Election Commissioner: Ed Baur was nominated and approved *in absentia* at the September board meeting. Selden reported that Ed had since accepted the position. A motion to confirm Ed Baur as Election Commissioner was made by Ken Jones and seconded by Jonathan Cannon. Approved by acclimation.

Old Business:

MCA PayPal account: Martin Stahl reported that research on the requirements for establishing an MCA PayPal account was ongoing. Discussion included the possibility of automated renewal notices being sent by e-mail to each MCA member and how that could be coupled with PayPal for easier dues payment.

MCA Sponsored events: Bob Howe reported nothing new except to note that the Cape Girardeau area still had no events planned.

Ken Fee: Seeking a presence in the KC area, the Board asked Ken Jones and Bruce Cantwell to draft a letter to Ken Fee to see if there was a way to have him partner with the MCA in a manner that would be mutually beneficial.

Show-Me Games: There was a discussion on the possibility of having a chess tournament at this annual summer event in Columbia but no concensus on how to achieve this.

Scholastic Chess Sets: Selden Trimble confirmed that he had paid for and received the 100 chess sets that were to be made available at the March state scholastic championships. He had the sets re-shipped to Thomas Rehmeier.

Affiliate Memberships for Schools: It was determined that buying and donating USCF Junior memberships (with magazines) was too expensive, so to reach new scholastic members, Selden was to research the possibility of getting discounted Affiliate memberships for schools. [See addendum to Minutes, Motion 2.]

Missouri Chess Bulletin: Ken Jones agreed to submit regular articles to the MCB as well as search his archives for older paper copies of the magazine that could be scanned and put on the website.

New Business:

Since the MO Class Championship was scheduled to be held in KC but there was no organizer, Selden Trimble was to contact Bob Holliman, whom the MCA would pay to run this tournament. [See addendum to Minutes, Motion 1.]

The Missouri Open is scheduled to be held in St. Louis this year. No date has been set.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Bruce Cantwell at 3:40 pm, seconded by Ken Jones. Approved by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted, Ken Jones

ADDENDUM TO THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF 1-9-16:

Two motions were submitted by Selden Trimble to the rest of the Board in an e-mail dated February 19th, 2016, as established by the following MCA by-laws:

The Board of Directors may conduct regular business by email in the following manner:

Any Director can email a motion simultaneously to all of the other Directors.

Within 7 days, at least one Director must simultaneously email all of the other Directors with a second to this motion. If no such second is so emailed, the motion dies for lack of a second.

Within 7 days of the first second, each Director may simultaneously email a response to all of the other Directors with the answer to one question: (1) Are you in favor of the proposed motion?

The proposed motion passes if the returned emails show an affirmative vote of at least five directors.

The Secretary shall record all such motions, seconds, and votes in the minutes of the next regular meeting

The two motions with results follow.

Motion 1:

Selden Trimble moves that the MCA authorize Bob Holliman to organize and direct the 2016 Missouri Class Championship in Kansas City this year, following the guidelines listed below. The MCA will pledge \$1,500 to cover expenses, with the hope that it will not be necessary to spend this. It is understood that the amounts listed below may be changed slightly at the discretion of Bob Holliman in order to avoid losses.

Time of event: No earlier than mid August. No later than the end of Sept.

Classes: Master, Expert, A, B, C, D, E and below (same as last year)

Prizes in each class: 1st - \$150, 2nd - \$80, 3rd - \$50 (one more prize than last year)

Plaques: one to the winner of each division (playoffs not decided yet) (presumably, Ed Baur will get them; MCA pays for them)

Entry fee: \$40 at door, \$35 advanced (same as last year)

Costs: (total of \$3,310)

hotel: \$600

advertising: \$400

Bob's fee: \$350

prizes: \$1,960

Money coming in (based on 70 players): 50 advanced = \$1,750; 20 at the door = \$800; TOTAL = \$2,550

Loss of \$760, based on 70 entries. Plus, the MCA has to come up with 7 plaques.

Motion 1 was seconded by Bob Howe on February 19th, 2016. After one week, there were three votes in favor (Selden Trimble, Ken West, and Ken Jones) and 6 abstentions. Since the minimum of 5 favorable votes were not delivered in the prescribed time frame, Motion 1 failed on February 26th, 2016.

Motion 2:

The MCA shall provide to the organizers of the upcoming State Scholastic Championships one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to provide Missouri schools with a USCF scholastic affiliation, provided such a school does not already have one. This money shall be spent at the discretion of the organizers of this event. In particular, the organizers may require a school to put up part of the money to buy such an affiliation. The organizers themselves shall send such affiliations, with the money for them, directly to the USCF. Any money not so spent shall be returned to the MCA Treasurer for deposit back in the MCA bank account.

Motion 2 was seconded by Bruce Cantwell on February 20th, 2016. After one week, there were eight votes in favor (Jonathan Cannon, Bruce Cantwell, Bob Howe, Ken Jones, Thomas Rehmeier, Martin Stahl, Selden Trimble and Ken West), with John Sutton abstaining. Since the minimum of 5 favorable votes were delivered in the prescribed time frame, Motion 2 passed.

In an e-mail dated March 3rd, 2016, Selden Trimble made the following motion (now referred to as Motion 3):

Motion 3: At this year's Scholastic Championship, the MCA will give two each of its sets and boards to any school that signs up to become a USCF affiliate and that is not eligible to receive the ten (10) free sets and boards directly from the USCF as part of the USCF's promotion.

The motion was seconded by Martin Stahl on March 3rd. After one week, there were six votes in favor (Bruce Cantwell, Bob Howe, Ken Jones, Thomas Rehmeier, Martin Stahl and Selden Trimble) and three abstentions. Since the minimum of 5 favorable votes were delivered in the prescribed time frame, Motion 3 passed.

(end of Addendum)

The Missouri Chess Association

Treasurer's Report: September 24th, 2015 - January 7th, 2015

Account Summary

Beginning Balance: \$ 15,722.67

Total Deposits: \$ 847.00

 \$ 620.00 membership dues

 \$ 227.00 Class Championship profit

Total Expenses: \$ 1558.60

 \$ 100.00 CJ Armenta -- Delegate Stipend

 \$ 37.24 Jim Davies -- Ballot Postage

 \$ 14.95 Check Order

 \$ 931.41 Chess Sets

 \$ 475.00 Event Insurance

Closing Balance: \$ 15,011.07

MCA Balance: \$ 5,802.61

MCA Scholastic Balance: \$ 9,208.46

Respectfully,

Martin Stahl
Treasurer