

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

The meeting was held via Skype and was called to order by President Selden Trimble at 2:06 pm.

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

The future meeting date was set for Saturday, July 9th, 2016, at 2 pm. Backup date is two weeks later, on Saturday, July 23rd. The decision whether to hold the meeting via Skype again or meet in person in Columbia will be decided at a later date.

A motion to accept the minutes of the January 2016 meeting as submitted by the Secretary was made by Bruce Cantwell and seconded by Martin Stahl. Approved by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Martin Stahl. It was noted during discussion that it is advisable to have a balance of about \$10,000 in the MCA account prior to Missouri Scholastic Championships because many of the expenses incurred for this event must be pre-paid. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted was made by Bob Howe and seconded by Bruce Cantwell. Approved by acclamation. [Report attached.]

Auditor's Report: Submitted by Thomas Rehmeier. As established by the MCA Board in September 2015, the Treasurer's reports must be audited at least once a year. After examining the MCA bank statements, Thomas determined that they matched the information given in the earlier Treasurer's reports. A motion was made to accept the Auditor's report was made by Bruce Cantwell and seconded by Ken Jones. Approved by acclamation.

Webmaster Report: Martin Stahl (Web Content Manager) provided a report on MCA website traffic, unique visitors, links, etc. It was noted during discussion that website traffic spiked just before the state scholastic championships and that the MCA would be well served to promote itself to scholastic players during this time period. It was also noted that some of the information on the website was out of date; examples given were the tournament schedule and the list of current MCA Board and Officers. It was suggested that Randy Merrell could be approached as a volunteer to update the website. In passing, after updating the current membership list, it was noted that two current Board members needed to renew their memberships (as a requirement for holding office.) It was also agreed that e-mail addresses for current Board members should be included on the website; it was not clear if we could use @mochess.org for this or if each Board member would have to provide an e-mail address. The Webmaster report was accepted as submitted.

Old Business:

Missouri Scholastic Championship: We had 17 schools sign up for USCF affiliation. They also received sets and boards (as described in MCA minutes of January 9, 2016, Motion 2.) Next year's event is projected to be held March 11, 2017, pending confirmation of site availability from the Columbia school district. It was noted that

most schools now do not pay entry fees by check, but by purchase orders, but that we already have the mechanism in place to process these. Tom Rehmeier made a motion to purchase 100 sets and boards from the same vendor for next year's tournament; seconded by Martin Stahl. Motion passed by acclimation. The boards will have the MCA personalization added by someone else. It was also noted that ziplock bags and plastic totes should be purchased for the sets, with the MCA reimbursing the cost. During discussion, it was also noted that the MCA currently gives a \$100 stipend to both Missouri's representatives to the Denker Tournament of High School Champions. This amount is far below what most states provide. Selden Trimble made a motion to increase the stipend to \$300 for each Denker tournament representative and for our representative in the Barber K-8 Tournament of Champions (\$900 total). This stipend will be paid to each representative only if they attend the event and complete all their games. They will also be expected to provide us copies of their games for publication. Martin Stahl seconded the motion; passed unanimously.

Missouri Class Championships/KC tournaments: The attempt to hire Bob Holliman to organize and direct the Missouri Class Championships in KC this year was not successful due to disagreements on the tournament's prize structure and potential financial risk to the MCA. Selden Trimble reiterated the need to hold this event in KC and will explore options to this end.

New Business:

The lack of MCA presence in KC tournament chess and the unsuccessful attempt to hire a TD to run an MCA event in KC emphasizes the need for us to develop a formal process for soliciting bids for MCA-sanctioned events, both open and scholastic. Martin Stahl stated he had been putting together some ideas and welcomed input from all board members. This discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Martin Stahl at 4:02 pm, seconded by Ken Jones. Approved by acclimation.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Jones, Secretary

[Attachment: Treasurer's Report]

The Missouri Chess Association

Treasurer's Report: January 7th, 2016 - April 8th, 2016

Account Summary

Beginning Balance: \$ 15,011.07

Total Deposits: \$ 9,610.00

- \$ 9,285.00 MO State Scholastic Entries
- \$ 320.00 USCF Scholastic Affiliate Fees
- \$ 5.00 MCA Memberships

Total Expenses: \$ 10,274.90

- \$ 3,288.00 Table and Chair Rentals
- \$ 1,400.00 Battle HS Team Room Rentals
- \$ 1,446.00 Battle HS Facility Fees
- \$ 2,174.47 Trophies for State and Denker/ All Girls
- \$ 680.00 US Chess Scholastic Affiliates
- \$ 644.00 US Chess Membership Vouchers
- \$ 370.18 Printing Fee for Scoresheets
- \$ 203.50 MO State Medals
- \$ 68.75 US Chess Rating Fee

Closing Balance: \$ 14,346.17

MCA Balance: \$ 5,807.61

MCA Scholastic Balance: \$ 8,538.56

NOTE: Above balances include pending deposits and expenses that have not cleared as of 4/8/2016.

Respectfully,

Martin Stahl
Treasurer