

Minutes of the MCA Board of Directors Meeting, April 2nd, 2017

The meeting was held via Skype and was called to order at 2:15 pm. Board members present were: Bruce Cantwell, Bob Howe, Randy Merrell, Martin Stahl, Selden Trimble, and Ken Jones. Absent: Thomas Rehmeier, Jonathan Cannon and Ken West.

The next MCA BOD meeting date was set for Sunday, July 9th at 1:00 pm via Skype. A back-up date of June 25th was set.

Secretary's Minutes of last meeting: A motion to accept the minutes of the December 2016 meeting as submitted by the Secretary was made by Bruce Cantwell and seconded by Bob Howe. Approved by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report: A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted was made by Bruce Cantwell and seconded by Ken Jones. Approved by acclamation. [Report attached.]

Bulletin Editor: Ken West was absent but Martin Stahl noted that another article and the required general membership notice of nominations for the MCA Board of Directors had been posted on the website. ***[Secretary's note: the deadline for BOD nomination was extended until May 1, 2017; see details at end of these minutes.]***

Webmaster Report: Martin Stahl (Web Content Manager) report stated that we had 6856 website views and 2366 visitors, about 800 of which were in March (i.e., due to the Missouri Scholastic Championships.) He reported that the website had a memory issue in Wordpress that resulted in some broken plugins, but that everything seems to be restored. Webmaster report was accepted as submitted.

Old Business:

MCA Election process: There was a discussion (begun via email before this meeting) of the possibility of changing the way the membership votes for the Board of Directors. Currently a paper ballot is mailed to each member in good standing, who fills it out and mails it back. It was suggested that voting by email would be less expensive. However, Thomas Rehmeier noted that while we have accurate postal addresses for almost all members, the same cannot be said for email addresses. It was then suggested that by using a control number for each member, we could give the membership the option of using either paper or email ballots. It was noted that this would increase the Election Commissioner's workload compared to the current system, since it would be necessary to verify that each control number was used only once. Since it was too close to the current election cycle to make any changes, discussion was tabled with the understanding that the next Board should revisit it.

2017 Missouri Scholastic Championships: Thomas Rehmeier submitted a financial report by email with Bob Howe leading the discussion in his absence. The tournament ran very smoothly this year. Tim Campbell brought volunteers to help with set up and tear down of tables and chairs, which was very much appreciated. The last purchase of sets and boards allowed us to have enough for all games other than the high school event. The tournament drew 490 players, down 30 from last year and 70 from the peak

year of 2015. As currently structured, we need about 550 players for the tournament to break even, so we lost \$1250 this year. [Financial report attached.]

Setting a rotation schedule for Missouri Open and Class Championships: The sites of the Missouri Open and the Missouri Class Championship events are rotated each year to provide the opportunity for players in each region to participate in championship events closer to their residence. The Missouri Open rotates in a 3-year cycle and the Class Championships in a 4-year cycle. Bob Howe provided the following table, which shows recent past events with attendance:

State Championship Rotation Schedule (attendance):

Year	Open	Class
2012	Columbia (40)	Columbia (46)
2013	St. Louis (89)	Kansas City (29)
2014	Kansas City (55)	Springfield (34)
2015	Columbia (45)	St. Louis (124)
2016	St. Louis (53)	Kansas City (0)

Occasionally the rotation must be altered to avoid holding both events in the same region in the same calendar year. Also, because there was no Class Championship last year, Kansas City lost its place in that rotation. Bob suggested this schedule for the next few years:

2017	Kansas City	St. Louis
2018	Columbia	Kansas City**
2019	St. Louis	Springfield

**moved KC to 2018 since no event was held in 2016.

He also noted that holding the Class tournament in Kansas City in 2018 would delay the rotation to Springfield and Columbia by at least one year.

State Team Tournament: During the general membership meeting at the 2016 Missouri Open, the Board tried to gauge interest in holding an MCA-sponsored team tournament event (such events were popular 20-30 years ago). There was some interest but the viability of holding a 4-person team event is still not easy to assess, and it was agreed that the Board should probably focus on increasing attendance in its traditional and scholastic events at this time.

New Business:

2017 Missouri Open: By the rotation proposed above, the Missouri Open would be held in the Kansas City area this year. Randy Merrell reported he had found a site at the Unity Village in Lee's Summit for the weekend of August 5-6. After considering scheduling conflicts with other tournaments and site availability, it was decided that this was the best opportunity for Kansas City to hold the Missouri Open this year. A motion was made by Selden Trimble to hold the Missouri Open at said place and date and have Randy Merrell represent the MCA in securing the site by contract with Unity Village; seconded by Martin Stahl. Motion was passed unanimously. Randy will also develop a prize structure and email the rest of the Board for discussion and finalization.

Guidelines for holding scholastic events: Martin Stahl suggested that the MCA website should have references or guidelines for those interested in holding scholastic events. He surmised that the information is probably already available elsewhere and asked the other Board members to contact him with any sources they have found.

Missouri representatives to the 2017 Denker High School & Girls Championship tournaments: Bob Howe reported that Missouri will be represented by Jason Zhou at the Denker High School Championship and by Thalia Cervantes at the National Girls' Tournament of Champions. Each won their respective Missouri qualifying event.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bruce Cantwell at 3:45 am, seconded by Martin Stahl. Approved by acclimation.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Jones, Secretary

[Attachments: Treasurer's Report, Missouri Scholastic Championship Financial Record]

ADDENDUM TO THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF 4-2-17:

On March 22, 2017, Bruce Cantwell made the following motion via email: "The deadline for nominations for the MCA Board of Directors shall be extended from April 15 to May 1, 2017." It was immediately seconded by Ken Jones.

After the required 7-day window to act, the Secretary recorded the following votes:

In favor: Randy Merrell, Selden Trimble, Thomas Rehmeier, Martin Stahl, Ken Jones, Bruce Cantwell, Bob Howe

Opposed: (none)

Abstaining: Ken West, Jonathan Cannon

The motion passed 7-0-2.

The Missouri Chess Association

Treasurer's Report: December 2016 - March 2017

Account Summary

Beginning Balance: \$ 17,289.97

Total Deposits: \$ 835.02

- \$ 290.00 Memberships
- \$ 535.02 MO Open Deposits
- \$ 10.00 US Bank Refunds *

Total Expenses: \$ 13,294.50

- \$ 475.00 Event Insurance
- \$ 35.00 TD Incentives (2016 Springfield Open, 2017 SWMO Diehards')
- \$ 1,199.93 MO Open Reimbursement
- \$ 1,214.18 Chess Sets
- \$ 255.00 State Pens
- \$ 400.00 Jason Zhou 2014-16 Barber/Denker Stipends
- \$ 2,048.90 State Trophies
- \$ 1,600.00 Room Passthrough for State
- \$ 1,024.50 State Facilities Fee
- \$ 1,339.11 State Brochures, Postage and Booklets
- \$ 80.00 Affiliate fee for 2 Years
- \$ 3,311.88 State Table and Chair Rentals (after \$200 deposit returned)
- \$ 229.00 State Medals
- \$ 72.00 State HS Section Rating
- \$ 10.00 US Bank Analysis Fees *

Closing Balance: \$ 4,830.49

MCA Balance: \$ 5,528.48 **

MCA Scholastic Balance: \$ (697.99)

Note: * US Bank started charging a \$5 document fee for statements. I switched to electronic statements, requested and received a refund on the two months of fees charged.

Respectfully,

Martin Stahl
Treasurer

**2017 MISSOURI STATE SCHOLASTIC CHAMPIONSHIP FINANCIAL RECORD
(THOMAS REHMEIER)**

INFLOW

<u>ENTRY FEES/DUES</u>	<u>\$8,527.00</u>
<i>Paid Entries (413)*</i>	\$8,260.00
<i>USCF Memberships</i>	\$267.00

EXPENSES

<u>FACILITY</u>	<u>\$4,336.38</u>
<i>CPS Facility/Staffing Fee**</i>	\$1,024.50
<i>Table/Chair Rental</i>	\$3,311.88

<u>TOURNAMENT STAFF</u>	<u>\$1,260.00</u>
<i>Chief Director (1)</i>	\$0.00
<i>Referees (9)</i>	\$720.00
<i>Scorekeepers (3)</i>	\$240.00
<i>Computer Operators (2)</i>	\$300.00

<u>AWARDS</u>	<u>\$2,206.91</u>
<i>Trophies</i>	\$2,048.90
<i>Medals (69)</i>	\$158.01

<u>USCF</u>	<u>\$366.00</u>
<i>Memberships</i>	\$294.00
<i>Rating Fee</i>	\$72.00

<u>PROMOTIONAL</u>	<u>\$1,517.61</u>
<i>Programs / Scoresheets</i>	\$372.14
<i>MCA Ink Pens (700)</i>	\$178.50
<i>Postage</i>	\$437.57
<i>Mailers</i>	\$529.40

<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	<u>\$90.00</u>
<i>Office Supplies</i>	\$40.00
<i>Pizza for Setup Crew</i>	\$50.00

CASH INFLOW	\$8,527.00
EXPENSES PAID OUT	\$9,776.90

NET PROFIT	-\$1,249.90
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NOTES
 *Excludes 74 CPS Students EF Waiver
 **Reduced by \$1480.00 from CPS EF Waiver

APPENDIX TO THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF 4-2-17:

The Board of Directors meeting scheduled for July 9th was canceled due to its proximity to the time of the Missouri Open and the necessity of having a meeting of the new Board in September. The MCA general membership meeting was held as required during the Missouri Open on August 6th. There were fewer than 15 MCA members in attendance (the minimum required for a quorum) so no new business could be conducted; however, Board Members Selden Trimble, Bob Howe, Randy Merrell, Martin Stahl & Ken Jones were there. No official reports were offered, though each officer gave a short talk. It was suggested by one MCA member that annual dues should be raised from its current \$5 to improve our financial outlook. The Board Members present also thanked Selden for his years of dedicated service and leadership.

Since the last Board meeting, several motions were presented to the Board via e-mail. Here are the summaries of each:

In an email dated July 11th, Selden Trimble made the following motions:

MOTION 1: The Board directs the Treasurer, Martin Stahl, to send a check to Ed Baur for \$81.42 to cover his costs of running the Board election.

MOTION 2: The Board asks Doug Eckert to file forms with the IRS that will allow the MCA to operate as a charitable organization.

Because neither motion received the required second within the allotted time of 7 days, they both failed.

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In an email dated July 24th, Thomas Rehmeier reintroduced both motions:

MOTION 1: The Board directs the Treasurer, Martin Stahl, to send a check to Ed Baur for \$81.42 to cover his costs of running the Board election.

MOTION 2: The Board asks Doug Eckert to file forms with the IRS that will allow the MCA to operate as a charitable organization.

Both motions were seconded on the same day by Randy Merrell. In the discussion that followed, Thomas Rehmeier agreed that motion 1 was already covered by the Treasurer's normal duties, so he withdrew it. On July 25, Bob Howe suggested a friendly amendment to motion 2: that the wording be changed from "file forms with the IRS" to "prepare forms for the IRS". On July 30, Thomas Rehmeier accepted this amendment. Previous voting on motion 2 was nullified and voting began on the new motion:

MOTION 2: The Board asks Doug Eckert to prepare forms for the IRS that will allow the MCA to operate as a charitable organization.

After the required 7-day window to act, the Secretary recorded the following: The motion was passed unanimously (9-0-0).

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In an email dated August 9th, Randy Merrell made the following motion:

The Board directs the Treasurer, Martin Stahl, to send payment to the director/organizer of the 2017 Missouri Open (Randy Merrell) the sum of \$200 and his assistant (Harold Montgomery) the sum of \$100.

It was noted during discussion that these sums were well within earlier amounts suggested by the Board to offer as compensation to promote MCA events.

After the required 7-day window to act, the Secretary recorded the following votes:
In favor: Thomas Rehmeier, Martin Stahl, Ken Jones, Bruce Cantwell, Bob Howe, Ken West, Jonathan Cannon

Opposed: (none)

Abstaining: Randy Merrell, Selden Trimble

The motion passed 7-0-2.

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In an email dated September 16th, Randy Merrell made the following motion:

That the MCA Treasurer be authorized to provide financial support (similar to that given for the Missouri Open 2017) for the tournament being organized by Randy Merrell for December 2017 at Unity Village.

The motion was seconded by Thomas Rehmeier the same day.

After the required 7-day window to act, the Secretary recorded the following votes:

In favor: Randy Merrell, Nick Beatty, Thomas Rehmeier, Martin Stahl, Ken Jones, Bruce Cantwell, Bob Howe

Opposed: (none)

Abstaining: Ken West, Jonathan Cannon

The motion passed 7-0-2.

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