

Minutes of the MCA Board of Directors Meeting, September 30th, 2017

The meeting was held via Skype and was called to order at 2:01 pm. Board members present were: Bob Howe, Randy Merrell, Martin Stahl, Nick Beatty, Ken West, Thomas Rehmeier and Ken Jones. Absent: Jonathan Cannon and Bruce Cantwell.

The next MCA BOD meeting date was set for Saturday, January 20th, 2018 at 12:00 noon via Skype. A back-up date of January 28th was set.

Secretary's Minutes of last meeting: A motion to accept the minutes of the April 2017 meeting as submitted by the Secretary was made by Martin Stahl and seconded by Nick Beatty. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted was made by Thomas Rehmeier and seconded by Ken West. Approved unanimously. [Report attached.]

Bulletin Editor: Ken West listed some of the new articles that had appeared. He and Martin Stahl were to talk offline about how to use .pgn game files on the website.

Webmaster Report: Martin Stahl (Web Content Manager) reported an increase in website views coinciding with the Missouri Class Championships and the Missouri Open. It was also noted that the PayPal option (for entry fees) has been a success. Webmaster report was accepted as submitted.

Membership Report: Thomas Rehmeier reported that current MCA membership is approximately 160 +/- 5, with 17 of this total being either Life or complimentary memberships. He also verified that all of the Board are current MCA members.

Election of Officers for 2017-18: After discussion and call for nominations, these candidates were put forth: President--Bob Howe was nominated by Randy Merrell and seconded by Ken Jones; approved unanimously. Vice President--Thomas Rehmeier was nominated by Bob Howe and seconded by Randy Merrell; approved unanimously. Thomas Rehmeier moved to retain Martin Stahl as Treasurer and Ken Jones as Secretary; seconded by Randy Merrell. Approved unanimously.

Confirmation of other positions: Tim Nesham was nominated and accepted to continue as Webmaster, pending his willingness to do so. Ken West was nominated and accepted to continue as Bulletin Editor. Thomas Rehmeier was nominated and accepted to continue as Membership Coordinator, but Randy Merrell will transition into the job by January 2018. Thomas Rehmeier was nominated and accepted to continue as Scholastic Coordinator. The position of Election Commissioner is vacant and possible candidates discussed, but the matter was deferred since the next election is some time away (2019).

Old Business:

MCA tournament rotation: The Missouri Class Championships are due to be held in the KC area in 2018, ideally between May and July. Randy Merrell agreed to take the lead in finding and securing a suitable site for this event. The 2018 Missouri Open is scheduled

to be held in Columbia, ideally in September or October. Thomas Rehmeier agreed to organize this event.

Website hosting (Martin Stahl): We had earlier discussions about a plug-in for MCA membership management (e.g., automated renewal notices, online payment options.) Martin suggested that we also investigate the necessity and cost of SSL (secure socket layer) certification to keep information encrypted.

Need for 2nd signature for MCA credit card: Thomas Rehmeier currently holds that responsibility and will continue to do so.

New Business:

Scholastic Chess: Martin Stahl suggested we expand our social media coverage by creating an MCA Scholastic group on Facebook. We should also maintain a separate scholastic tournament clearinghouse on the website.

Revising the membership renewal form for TDs: It was noted that at many MCA events, a large number of entrants need to renew their state membership. It was suggested that the current paper form be revised so that TDs can create a list instead of submitting individual forms. Thomas Rehmeier will investigate and create a new form.

Joplin Public Library: To promote interest in chess, Martin Stahl is running a one-day Quick tournament at the Joplin Library on December 2nd. He asked if the MCA could donate any sets so that library patrons could have them available for use. Thomas Rehmeier moved that 5 double-weighted sets be donated from the Scholastic set inventory; seconded by Ken Jones. Approved unanimously.

Policy for MCA sponsorship of events: A committee was formed to create a formal policy with guidelines for MCA sponsorship of events. Members Bob Howe, Nick Beatty, Randy Merrell, Martin Stahl and Ken Jones will work on this before the next meeting.

Rating of all games at the Missouri Scholastic Championships: Thomas Rehmeier noted that many schools have requested that all games be rated at the Missouri Scholastic Championships. (Presently only the high school games are.) While this change would not be implemented until the 2019 event, notice should be given to all schools and coaches no later than the 2018 event. The cost of requiring USCF membership for each participant could be offset by purchasing vouchers, with the MCA picking up part of the cost. However, the event lost money this year and additional costs should be considered carefully. Matter to be resumed at next meeting. ***[The Secretary here notes that the USCF recommends, but does not require that its state affiliates hold annual USCF-rated championship events for all scholastic levels.]***

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:31 pm was made by Thomas Rehmeier, seconded by Ken West. Approved by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Jones, Secretary

[Attachments: Treasurer's Report]

ADDENDUM TO THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF 9-30-17:

In an e-mail dated 10/16/17, Randy Merrell made the following motion:
That the MCA Board approve payment of \$500 to Randy Merrell to reserve the Unity Village hotel as a playing site for the Missouri Class Championships (June 30th & July 1st 2018).

It was seconded the same day by Bruce Cantwell. After the required 7-day window to act, the Secretary recorded the following votes:

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

Opposed: (none)

Abstaining: Bob Howe, Ken West, Jonathan Cannon

The motion passed 6-0-3.

The Missouri Chess Association

Treasurer's Report: April 2017 - September 2017

Account Summary

Beginning Balance: \$ 4,830.49

Total Deposits: \$ 11,331.72

\$ 400.00 Memberships

\$ 8,892.00 State Scholastic Deposits

\$ 500.00 MO Open Donation

\$ 1,539.72 MO Open Deposits

Total Expenses: \$ 1,003.55

\$ 500.00 MO Open Prize Fund guarantee

\$ 300.00 Unity Village Reservation

\$ 78.00 MO Open TLA

\$ 43.08 Domain Hosting

\$ 81.42 Election Commissioner Reimbursement

\$ 1.05 US Bank Analysis Fees

Closing Balance: \$ 15,158.66

MCA Balance: \$ 6,964.65

MCA Scholastic Balance: \$ 8,194.01

Respectfully,

Martin Stahl
Treasurer