

KANSAS CHESS ASSOCIATION 2011 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Date- July 31st, 2011 at 8am and 1pm

Place- Ramada Inn Santa Fe II meeting room and the after break in the dining area
Duane Johnson and Laurence Coker co-secretaries

Copies of last year's KCA minutes (2011), this year's agenda, reports of annual expenses, 2010 RenFest report, 2011 RenFest concerns and recommendations, and a possible site for the 2012 Kansas Open we handed out to members present.

A signup sheet for attendance was passed out.

1. Tom Brownscombe, our President called the meeting to 2011 Annual meeting to order.
2. The minutes of last year's meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. Constitutional changes were proposed by Laurence Coker. Copies of the specific changes to be made as underlined were distributed.

A. Article II. Section 1. Part B. Changes are requested. It reads "A member will receive issues of the KCA newsletter, *Plains Chess*." The will will be changed to can.

B. Article II. Section 2. Part A. statement "if purchased July through December, from January through June the cost shall be \$2.50" is to be eliminated

C. Article II Section 2. Part B. statement "if purchased July through December, from December, from January through June the cost shall be \$3.50" is to be eliminated.

D. Article II. Section 2. Part E. statement "if purchased from July through December, from January through June the cost shall be \$5.00" shall be eliminated.

E. Article II. Section 4. "All annual memberships shall cease to be valid on the last day prior to the Kansas Open" shall be eliminated and replaced by "Except for Patron and Contributor categories, a member will need to pay an additional \$3 to their annual membership dues in order to receive a mailed copy of *Plains Chess*."

F. Article III. Section 3. A. The duties of the Vice-President shall be: (2) "To be responsible for the KCA chess booth "Knight Moves" at the Kansas City Renaissance Festival." The sentence fragment in parenthesis shall be eliminated.

Discussion followed. A motion was made to accept changes. Motion passed, seconded. A verbal vote passed all the proposed changes in constitution.

4. Laurence Coker discussed finances. –One page of 2010-2011 financial report was handed out. Income for year was 1436.62. Expenses for year were 696.57. The major portion of income came from the Renfest and membership renewals. The Renfest income from 2010 was \$727.30. Membership renewals with the Kansas Open were 291.00. Memberships purchased outside the Kansas Open were 305.00. Major expenses-\$228.23 was spent on Plains Chess. \$100 each was given to the Polgar and Denker representatives. \$150 was given to the Kansas delegate to USCF annual meetings. \$50 each was KCA contribution to one-day tournaments -Lindsborg Open and New Year bash. The 2010 Kansas Open lost \$40.18.
5. Laurence Coker gave a detailed report on the 2010 Renaissance Festival. A financial report was handed out. Westport Chess Club filled in for two weekends. Thus, income was down from 2009 because of this. Net income after expenses was \$727.30. On the financial report was a list of people who had volunteered in 2010, some earning one year KCA memberships as a bonus.
6. CJ Armenta gave a report on the 2011 Kansas Open. There were 8 Bughouse teams. The Quick had 27 players. The Open had 38 players. The Reserve had 62 players. CJ's preliminary financial figures showed we had broken even this year on finances.

7. Financial support of representatives for the Denker, Barber, and Polgar representatives was discussed. The Barber (K-8) is a new category. The Denker and Polgar representatives in 2010 were voted \$100 each. Discussion of 2011 representatives followed. There were mixed opinions as to whether Kansas Chess Association funds should be given to a representative to the Polgar, as Susan Polgar is no longer affiliated with USCF. After discussion it was decided that funding of a candidate to the Polgar tournament, an all-girls invitational event, would continue.

The amount of funding to candidates to Polgar, Denker, and Barber (K-8) events was the next topic. Some wanted to fund \$100, some \$200. A vote was taken. The vote was very close with 8 for \$200 funding and 6 for \$100 funding for each candidate to the three events. Thus, we will fund \$200 each.

8. Before we adjourned. Brian stated we should change another item in the Constitution. We should add to the duties of the President. Article III: Section 2; Part A: (12). To be added to the list of duties of President is "To appoint a Renaissance Festival coordinator." No one voiced an objection to this change.

The meeting was adjourned to resume at 1 pm because we ran out of time before the start of the fourth round.

Resumption of meeting at 1 pm

9. Election officers- Some discussion followed each candidate's nomination.

Brian Yang- was elected President

Kyle Carmarda was elected Vice-President and editor

Laurence Coker, who was secretary the previous year, was nominated again. He will continue as Treasurer, in charge of membership, and in charge of website.

Ralph Bowman was appointed to be our delegate to the annual USCF business at the US Open next year. David Blair was appointed alternate delegate.

(After the meeting for purposes of formation of a policy board, Duane Johnson, was appointed co-secretary)

Brian Yang took over the meeting.

10. Rick Hodges volunteered to be in charge of our Renaissance Festival Booth. Brian Yang appointed Rick Hodges Renaissance Festival coordinator. Laurence Coker was thanked for his five years of being in charge of the Renaissance chess booth-2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010.

11. Information sheets were given out with the agenda about needs for funding by KCA. (Copies of these are attached at the end of these minutes.) Rick has been in communication with Rick Peterson, who is in charge of the Renaissance booth. There was some concern that without improvements in our booth, we would no longer be able to operate the "Knight Moves" booth at the Renaissance festival. Needed were funding for new signs, banners, and benches. This is just the first step as in 2012 we need to redo the roof and frame. Funding for this year's changes was moved and approved to give Rick Hodges \$1100 in money to fund the booth this year. Rick out of his own money purchased new monk gowns and new chess sets. It was clear to this author we also approved increasing the fee per game from \$2 per game to \$3 per game with 2 games for \$5.

As it was nearing the time for the fifth round, brief discussion followed concerning selling chess sets at the booth. There was some discussion about possibly spending \$300 to purchase these sets, but nothing definite was decided. We are able to sell sets this year because the individual who was selling chess sets at the RenFest in 2010 is no longer selling them in 2011.

There was very brief discussion about the giant chess set at the RenFest. Should we be in charge? The possibility of using the giant chess set belonging to the Karpov Chess School was discussed. The whole issue as to whether to run the giant chess set is to be worked out by Rick Hodges between now and the start of the RenFest Labor day weekend start.

12. There was extremely short discussion about possibly having the 2012 Kansas Open in Wichita. This was the last item on Rick Hodges handout sheet (attached at the end of these minutes).
13. Further discussion of the Renfest was terminated with some issues to be worked out by the policy board.
14. It was decided not to discuss the formation of a Kansas Chess Hall of Fame.
15. The meeting was adjourned.

In attendance----

1. Laurence Coker
2. Rick Hodges
3. Rachel/Emily Hasch
4. Daryl Fouard
5. Brian Yang
6. Kyle Camarda
7. Lyle Taylor
8. Tom Brownscombe
9. William McWhorter
10. David Lenhart
11. George Verhage
12. Dan Holmes
13. Jason Qian
14. C J Armenta
15. Tammy Lewis
16. Melissa Styles
17. Andrew Latham
18. Jimmy Huggins
19. Nick Wideman
20. Duane Johnson

Kansas Chess Association 2011 Annual Meeting

Kansas City Renaissance Festival "Knight Moves" Booth

At the beginning of this Summer, the owner of the Renaissance Festival, Jim Peterson, currently doubling as Managing Director for the Kansas City RenFest, expressed the opinion that not only was our booth in poor condition, but that our meager revenue did not warrant renewal of our contract. Additionally, Jim Dyer, the RenFest's Marketing Director, indicated that certain previous requests for "freshening" the booth went unheeded. Finally, there is apparently a long list of vendors being turned away that want a spot at RenFest.

Mr. Peterson's two absolutely valid concerns were related, in that our booth has not generated enough money to justify the expenses associated with the RenFest's requests to 'refresh.' It is a 'chicken or the egg' financial problem. Our simple choice was to either fold, or to make the required changes, first, and *then* make the money this 2011 season to redo the booth, next year.

Without funds, the KCA ceases to exist as a force to support chess in Kansas. This booth is our primary, if not only, source for those funds.

To address the concerns, and due to the short time frame before opening of the 2011 Renfest, I elected to satisfy the minimum requirements out of my own pocket (albeit with the hope that at least some of those expenses can be recouped from the KCA treasury). This stopgap measure ensures our operation through the 2011 season and buys us time to take full advantage of this fundraising opportunity.

For consideration for by the Membership.

This section reflects both monies spent to buy time for the booth, as well as proposed expenditures for what we may opt to do in the future:

- \$500. (no KCA funds requested) - Purchased new, larger boards and sets for the eight stations of the booth. These are weighted sets with 4¼-inch kings, with the higher quality vinyl boards that lay flat. This is my own contribution to our effort. These are now the property of the KCA and the old sets and boards should be donated (more about that, below).
- **\$250.** (requesting from the KCA) - It is each booth's responsibility to provide seating. Jim Dyer, Marketing Director, indicated the benches we have used are no longer available to us and have been removed. To remedy this, ten stools are being built, by their carpenter, Gordon, with two different heights to accommodate those of us either taller or shorter, or on different footings. These will be KCA property and can be used for many years.
- \$482. (requesting **\$350.** from the KCA, the original quote) – New signage and color scheme was specifically requested by Mary Lee, Crafts Director, to come into compliance with site regulations. So, I had two new, *substantial*, four-foot shields emblazoned with a campony ("checky") background, for our "Knight Moves" booth name and the pricing, respectively. Lettering is carved wood over the checkered background, which matches the new sets and boards. These have been sealed, with multiple coats of paint applied, and can be used with the new booth, as well.

<FREE> - Coordinated with Karla , Site Director, to restore the eroded ground around the booth, creating a more consistent level area for patrons to sit. Our new stools will further accommodate any remaining height variances. This is to be completed by Opening Day.

- \$ 300. - New fabric for banners will be purchased if the KCA allots funding. If so purchased, I have volunteers to sew and complete these. If the KCA does not have an approved logo, perhaps we could create one.
- <\$800.> - After the 2011 Renaissance Festival season, our booth needs to be scuttled and rebuilt with new walls and roof (same location). While only one supporting post needs to be replaced, we also need to create a secure area for stools and equipment.

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By this meeting time, I will have met with Jim Peterson, owner of Mid-America Festivals (July 28<sup>th</sup>). The planned agenda will serve to reassure him that the KCA Membership is considering reconstruction of the booth before the 2012 season, as well as having satisfied the requested updates. I will report on that conversation, here.

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Possible big news to report after this meeting. I understand Mr. Peterson will be responding to these gestures of good will by inviting the KCA to run *and retain revenue from* a new giant chess set game (as yet unnamed) in another area of the grounds. If we accept this responsibility, ***we would also be allowed to sell chess-related equipment!***

This would require an initial investment by the KCA, but would ultimately return additional funds to the KCA treasury. Old boards and sets can be donated as starter sets. If accepted by the Membership, it would require further discussion as to how much to spend, how much of each item (variety versus volume), etc. This would provide money for rebuilding the booth, ongoing maintenance of the booth and support of the Karpov School, to name a few. It would also require more volunteer time.

Note: my prior business relationship with American Chess Equipment (Dewain Barber) provides a great rate on most items we may want to sell. The KCA would receive the best rate - normally reserved for purchases of 1,000 lots at a time - regardless of the number we need. Their site is: www.amchesseq.com

❖ **2012 Kansas Open**

Met with Roger Scholfield, July 15th, owner of Scholfield Honda regarding potentially sponsoring a KCA event. He had a better idea. He volunteered his on-site Community Center for the 2012 Kansas Chess Championship, or other events, which includes utilities (air conditioning), rest rooms, kitchen facilities, overhead projector for Board One display, and audio (wireless mikes) for Friday evening, all day Saturday and Sunday (he prefers Saturday-only events, but would work something out for the Kansas Open). Thanks goes to Misha Korenman, formerly of Lindsborg, for originally initiating contact with Roger several years, ago. *If we choose to do this, we need to provide dates to reserve the building.* There are hotels and restaurants nearby.