

KANSAS CHESS ASSOCIATION 2012 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: July 22nd, 2012

WHERE: Wyandotte meeting room, Holliday Inn and Suites, Overland Park, KS

Laurence Coker- secretary recording minutes

Copies of last year's minutes, this year's agenda, reports of annual expenses were handed out.

A sign-up sheet for attendance was handed out.

1. Brian Yang, our President, called the meeting to order

2. The minutes of last year's meeting were reviewed and approved.

3. 2011 Renaissance festival report was given. Information on present construction on our booth was discussed. Request for \$100 annual maintenance fee was requested by Rick Hodges, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote. Rick announced that he signing up participants to work as volunteers this year during this Kansas Open.

4. Treasurer's report was presented. Including recent funding by KSCA and excluding all 2012 Kansas Open expenses we made \$462.01. Laurence made special mention of some items in the financial statements. Laurence pointed out the \$839 in new membership money. He noted the \$300 dollars in support to KCA sponsored tournaments by KSCA. He noted recent funding of \$300 from KSCA to pay for support of Denker, Barber, and all-girls tourney.

5. There was discussion of last year's Kansas Open and this year's. Laurence noted this year we had 25 less participants in this year's Kansas Open than last with the most notable change being the reduction to only 5 or 6 onsite entries as opposed to 25 last year. A possible future site for the 2013 Kansas Open was discussed. Rick Hodges said we really need to find a site sooner this year than last year when we did not get a site selected till January. The Wichita Holliday Inn as a possible site was discussed. CJ Armenta and Brian Yang involved with the selection of the Holliday Inn in Overland park, Ks were to look into that. Laurence mentioned the Airport Hilton in Wichita which was used in 2005 and 2006 as a possible site, but noted the last two years by the time of the Kansas Open it was already reserved. Wichita appeared to be the preference for next year's site.

6. Specific discussion of support for Denker, Barber, and Polgar was started by Kyle Camarda. Support of all-girls tourney supported by Karparov Chess Foundation was discussed and sited as a preference for funding noting that Kiana Hajairbabi had recently attended this in Chicago and will get funding this year. Neil Andrews proposed that we not only fund \$200 for this year's participants, but fund the next year's also. This was seconded and unanimously approved. There was brief discussion of the mechanism the girl's participant was selected by an Kansas all-girls tourney held every year. This is separate from the state chess tourney. Kyle Camarda is involved in the all-girls tourney.

7. CJ Armenta started discussion about local TD advertizing Kansas State scholastic championship tournaments without the approval of KCA. No specific dates or locations for these Kansas tourneys have been placed on this local TDs website. It was noted that specific dates for Missouri state scholastic championship tourneys had been made by this local TD. The Missouri Chess Association is addressing this issue. Discussion of what specific measures could be taken to address this Kansas issue followed. Rick Hodges brought up that a statement needs to be on our website stating KCA is the official Kansas affiliate of the USCF. Other websites do this. He is going to write up a statement to be inserted on our website with possible inclusion that KCA is responsible for chess activities within the state of Kansas.

8. It is recognized that Neil Andrews who has helped chess in the state of Kansas is moving to Seattle. Special thanks were given to Neil for his contribution to chess in the state of Kansas while living here. Neil said he might retire from his present job soon and then move back to Kansas.

9. Brian Yang stated we need more TDs in the state of Kansas. He noted that one TD has moved to the state of Kansas this last year and has organized some tourneys in the Kansas City area. Kyle Camarda stated he is going to become a local TD. There was brief discussion about the lack of TDs in other parts of the state.

10. There was a brief discussion of how some Kansas state scholastic tourneys are going to have a USCF rated section in them this year. Scholastic players who are members of USCF can chose to play in the USCF rated section. Helping to direct these USCF rated events is one reason Kyle Camarda is going to become a local TD.

11. There followed election of officers. Rick Hodges and Brian Yang were both nominated for President. After a second of both nominations a vote took place. Rick received 5 votes from members present and Brian received 4 votes. Thus, Rick Hodges is our new President of KCA. Brian Yang was nominated for Vice-President. There were no other members nominated. Brian was unanimously approved.

Laurence Coker was asked if he would continue as secretary and he consented to do so.

Dan Holmes volunteered to be editor of the bulletin.

No one volunteered to be our Delegate to the annual meetings of USCF at the US Open this year.

12. Other topics. It was proposed that we not mail out our PLAINS CHESS bulletin after 2013 Kansas Open. A motion was made and seconded. The vote was unanimous with several members abstaining.

13. The meeting was adjourned.

Present

1. Tammy and Maverick Lewis
2. Kyle Camarda
3. Ralph Bowman
4. CJ Armenta
5. Dan Holmes
6. Laurence Coker
7. Rick Hodges
8. Brian Yang
9. Neil Andrews
10. Adam Albright
11. John Thomson
12. Conner Thomson
13. Tom Cooper