

2019 Minutes of Kansas Open Annual Meeting

1. Copies of this year's agenda, 2018-2019 financial report, 2018 Kansas Open financial report, and financial report summaries for previous years, and signup sheet were handed out.
2. The meeting was called to order by Brian Yang, the President of KCA.
3. A copy of last year's minutes was not handed out. Brian pulled up a copy of last year's minutes on his phone and briefly summarized the minutes to those in attendance. A motion to accept the minutes as summarized was made, seconded, and the summary was accepted.
4. Financial records were presented by KCA treasurer Laurence Coker. Details of finance items were on the handout. The main expenses were support of KCA support for scholastic candidates, the delegate to the US OPEN, support for three KCA sponsored events, and money lost on 2018 Kansas Open. The main sources of income were two fold: memberships sold at Kansas Open and KCA sponsored events and money made at our Renaissance Festival booth. The treasurer also presented a summary of finances from previous finances dating back to 2007. He also presented summaries on net income from previous renfests especially noting that two years when renfest net income was down because of considerable improvements to the booth. There was expressed a desire to know annual checkbook balances as maybe a better indication of finances through the years.
5. This year's Renaissance Festival coordinator this year is Tom Claman. He noted signup sheet for renfest that was available at check in desk.
6. There is no site for the 2020 Kansas Open selected at this time. Brian Yang is exploring options. Price is a big factor.
7. There was a discussion of KCA sponsored events. Funding for these events of \$50 each for tourneys requiring KCA membership continues. There was brief discussion of KSCA-KCA events.
8. Funding scholastic players to US OPEN and delegate was discussed. Funding as approved by 2018 Annual meeting is to proceed with amounts of \$250 for delegate, senior candidate (David Blair), and scholastic candidates –Denker, Barber, and all-girls events. There was discussion of David Blair possibility being delegate. No delegate to annual USCF meeting has been chosen. It is an appointed position.

9. There was discussion this year's Kansas Open. It was noted that early entries for this year's Kansas Open (80) were very much in line with last year's early entries (88) except for a decrease in scholastic entries. There was a specific discussion of the elimination of the \$10 discount from last year for participants in Blitz plus main event. The tourney organizer noted elimination of discount did not affect early entries and improved finances for this year's Kansas Open. There was a discussion or reinstating discount in 2020. There was a motion and a straw vote with all in favor except the tourney organizer. There was a brief discussion how paypal entries vs mailed in entries increased significantly from 2018 Kansas Open to 2019 Kansas Open, 2018 being the first year the paypal option was available.

10. There was a brief discussion by David Blair about getting media coverage as that might help attendance and interest in Kansas Opens.

11. There was a discussion of corporative funding of Kansas Opens. It is noted that KCA is not for profit with the state of Kansas but not with the federal government. It was noted KSCA is not for profit with the Federal government. This did cause some problems when finances were not reported for a period of time.

12. Election of officers.

- a. President- Brian Yang was nominated as the only candidates and he was elected by acclimation.
- b. Vice-President- Kyle Camarda was nominated as the only candidate and was elected by acclimation.
- c. Secretary-Laurence Coker was nominated as the only candidate and was elected by acclimation.
- d. It was pointed out that other positions are appointed by the President.

Present at meeting-

1. Charles Carlson
2. Laurence Coker
3. Kyle Camarda
4. Tom Claman
5. David Blair
6. CJ Armenta
7. Brian Yang