

KANSAS CHESS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

LINDSBORG, KANSAS

JULY 17, 2004

Neil Andrews called the meeting to order with **19 members in attendance** (see Addendum A).

1. RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

Laurence Coker presented a proposal from Vice President Tom Moloney to allow the **Westport (Kansas City) Chess Club** to operate the fundraiser booth at the Kansas City Renaissance Festival for the first six of the seven weeks of the Festival in exchange for 50% of the booth proceeds. Members agreed that while oversight of the booth was a large responsibility for one person, the proceeds from the booth represent the primary source of income for the KCA. Tom C. suggested that the Westport Club receive a portion of the proceeds that would be based on the number of volunteers they provide. Laurence indicated that he would be willing to assist Tom M. by taking responsibility for operation of the booth for the first three weeks of the Festival. It was moved that Laurence coordinate the first three weeks of the booth, and that he be authorized to donate a token amount to the Westport Chess Club in exchange for any assistance they would provide. Motion voted on and passed.

2. WEB SITE

Laurence indicated that he would be willing to continue to manage the website for a \$200 fee, as in the prior year, payable January 2005. Motion voted on and passed.

3. KSCA

A brief history of the relationship between the KCA and the Kansas Scholastic Chess Association (KSCA) was presented by Ralph Bowman. **The state championship, state grade championship, Denker and Polgar qualifying tournaments were discussed; with no motions to the contrary, the KSCA will continue to be responsible for running these events.**

4. USCF DELEGATE

Ralph Bowman announced that he would not be able to complete his term as USCF delegate. He is seeking someone willing to be appointed to serve the remainder of his term, which runs through 2006; the appointee would have the option of attending the 2004 meeting in Fort Lauderdale, for which they would receive the delegate's stipend of \$200, or they could wait until 2005 to begin their appointment. Wesley Koehler suggested that the opening be published in the KCS newsletter.

5. USCF MEMBERSHIP

Wesley Koehler indicated that he is not a USCF member, and that he will not play in a tournament open exclusively to USCF members. He registered for the Kansas Open because the tournament announcement did not indicate that USCF membership was required to play. Ralph indicated that Wesley's participation in the tournament would not affect the rating of the tournament, as he is still considered by the USCF to hold a Life membership, which ends only upon revocation by the USCF or death of the member. It was agreed that Wesley could decide whether or not he wished to play.

6. SPONSORSHIP OF SCHOLASTIC PLAYERS

KCA Memberships

Ron Chaika expressed a desire to encourage scholastic players to become KCA members and indicated that he would be willing to donate funds to help sponsor scholastic players if the KCA would match those funds. Tom Claman moved that the KCA fund \$120 to provide KCA memberships for the top 2 players in each grade at the 2004 Kansas Scholastic Grade Championship. Motion voted on and passed, and Ron Chaika agreed to match the donation.

Ron also indicated that he was willing to donate an additional \$200 to help promote scholastic chess if the KCA would agree to match that amount. Motion was made to match the \$200 from Ron Chaika and to approach the KSCA about a 2nd match of \$200. Motion voted on and passed.

Mikhail Korenman indicated that he would donate the funds usually designated for the Lindsborg tournament to the matching fund. Specific use of the funds will be determined by the donors and the policy board.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following slate of officers was nominated and elected:

President	Laurence Coker
Vice President	Tom Moloney
Secretary	Trisch Claman
Treasurer	Laurence Coker
Plains Chess Editor	Neil Andrews

Emile Darga indicated she would be willing to assist Neil with the newsletter.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda/Budget

Mikhail Korenman indicated that he would like to see more organization at the annual meeting. Wesley Koehler proposed that the agenda for the annual meeting and the budget be published in Plains Chess before the annual meeting. Motion voted on and passed.

USCF Designation

Wesley Koehler proposed that the title resulting from the Kansas Open include "USCF." Motion voted on and passed.

9. 2005 KANSAS OPEN AND KCA ANNUAL MEETING

Proposal was made that Lindsborg be the site of the 2005 Kansas Open and KCA Annual meeting. Motion voted on and passed.

10. MEETING WAS ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted by Trisch Claman, Secretary

ADDENDUM A –KCA members present for meeting

1. Trisch Claman
2. Chris Seeman
3. CJ Armenta
4. Ben Pettijohn
5. Lance Gill
6. Michael Rohrer
7. Wesley Koehler
8. Dave Wolz
9. Kevin Nyberg
10. Mikhail Korenman
11. Emile Darga
12. Bobby Norwood
13. Ralph Bowman
14. Samuel Sexton
15. Floyd Geasland
16. Tom Claman
17. Neil Andrews
18. Laurence Coker
19. Ron Chaika