

# KANSAS CHESS ASSOCIATION 2009 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Date-July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 8 am

Place-Lindquist Hall basement, Bethany College Lindsborg, KS

Duane Johnson and Laurence Coker co-writers

Copies of last year's KCA minutes (2008), this year's agenda, reports of annual expenses, 2008 Renfest report, and a preliminary proposal for joint KSCA-KCA tournaments were handed out to KCA members present. A sign in sheet was distributed.

1. Ron Pasik, our President, called the 2009 Annual meeting to order.
2. Discussion of last year's minutes: It is noted Ralph Bowman and C J Armenta were left off the attendance list from last year's minutes. The year's prior minutes were approved as written with the change in the attendance list.
3. Laurence Coker discussed finances. The Renaissance Festival booth (organized by Laurence Coker) went well. The report was reviewed. In the seven weekends, after expenses were taken out, we had a net income of \$974.98. The 2008 Kansas Open did well. After subtracting expenses from income we actually made \$80.00. Reviewing annual expenses it was noted that for the year we had a net income of \$747.21. It was pointed out this positive income was almost entirely due to the Renaissance Festival income. The biggest expense for the year was KCA sponsoring Kansas USCF rated tourneys to the tune of \$450. We paid \$200 total out to the Denker and Polgar representatives from Kansas. Concerning income other than the Renaissance Festival our greatest source of income were membership renewals both during the 2008 Kansas Open (\$228.00) and during the last year-2008 Kansas Open to 2009 Kansas Open (\$215). Our balance of money in the bank (before this year's Kansas Open) was \$2609.53 on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Financial reports were accepted as written.
4. Tom Brownscombe noted that there had been a tie in the USCF voting for the KCA delegate to the annual USCF meeting, the tie in the voting between Laurence Coker and Tom Brownscombe. Laurence Coker pointed out he could not attend the USCF meeting in the upcoming US OPEN. Tom said he was attending the US OPEN and could be our delegate. It was voted that Tom Brownscombe should be our Kansas delegate to the USCF annual meeting.
5. It was next noted that we had funded our Denker and Polgar representatives \$100 each last year. It was voted to continue that funding this year's representatives, Gabriel Purdy and Hannah Purdy. During discussion of this issue it was noted KCA in the past had funded \$100 to the Kansas delegate to the USCF annual meeting. We did not do this in 2008. It was proposed and then approved KCA would fund our KCA delegate to the annual USCF meeting \$100 this year to help cover some of his expenses.
6. There was discussion about reducing the number issues of PLAINS CHESS, our bulletin, from four to two issues. It was noted during the last several years fewer than four issues have come out in each year. Discussion was brief. No definite decision was made on this topic.
7. Next on the agenda was the discussion of the Proposal for joint KSCA-KCA tournaments. Everyone at the meeting received a handout of the initial proposal (see copy end of minutes). (See also copy of revised Proposal after KCA meeting with major changes in **Bold** print).
  - A. Laurence Coker pointed out that he did not think KCA should fund these particular tourneys as KCA has funded other Kansas USCF tourneys (\$50 for one-day tourney and \$100 for a two-day tourney each requiring KCA membership of participants) as to do so would cause a considerable strain on the budget. It was agreed by members present that KCA would not give extra funding to these KCA-KSCA joint tourneys and this statement would be added to the proposal.

B. Laurence Coker also said he did not like the tournament rewards proposal, the reduction of entry fee for the Kansas Open (point #7 on the list). He stated he did not want to keep track of how much should be refunded as he already had enough to keep track of as it is. Ralph Bowman volunteered to keep track of the amounts of refunds to be given at next year's Kansas Open.

C. It was noted each school involved in KSCA tourneys had a code of conduct and dress. It was approved that adults participating in these joint KSCA-KCA tourneys should be required to follow this code of conduct and dress.

D. There was discussion about scholastic players playing in the adult section. It was recommended that proposal #8 point requiring all scholastic players play in the scholastic section be dropped. This was to encourage some higher rated scholastic players to participate if they could play in the adult section against higher rated players. This change was approved.

E. Laurence Coker pointed out that if one minute is taken off G30 to make it G29 the KSCA-KCA tournament games would only affect one's USCF quick rating. End of discussion. No action taken.

8. Renaissance festival: It was once again pointed out by Laurence Coker that KCA's good financial standing is almost entirely due to the Renaissance festival chess booth money-money from KCA membership fees are not enough to cover expenses. Laurence Coker pointed out that he had organized this booth the last three years, it was considerable work, and he really did not want to do it anymore. It was noted that there was no one else to take over the job. It was also pointed out that many of the volunteers who might organize the Renfest booth simply don't live close enough to Kansas City area to take over the responsibility. Laurence reluctantly agreed to be in charge one more year. He noted the sign up sheet for Renfest was being circulated.

9. Officer election: Kyle Camarda said he could be editor, but as he was going to be out of the country on sabbatical this next year, he could not. He said he could be editor the year after next. Ron Pasik agreed to be our PLAINS CHESS editor this year. (It should be noted that two weeks after the annual meeting Brian Yang of Overland Park, KS volunteered to be editor and Ron agreed to let Brian be KCA editor in his place). Tom Brownscombe volunteered and was voted in as President. Laurence Coker after volunteering was voted in as Vice-President. Laurence stated he would continue to be KCA treasurer, be in charge of membership, and be in charge of the website and this was approved. Duane Johnson, the 2008 Secretary, and who was taking notes at the 2009 meeting, volunteered to continue to be secretary. All this was approved by members present.

10. As there was no further new business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting and this was approved.

Present at meeting

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| 1. Tony Duteil      | 14. Ben McGreggor  |
| 2. Ed Mefford       | 15. Laurence Coker |
| 3. Tom Martin       | 16. Ron Chaika     |
| 4. Ralph Bowman     | 17. Jose Gatica    |
| 5. C J Armenta      | 18. Wesley Koehler |
| 6. Duane Johnson    | 19. Tom Phillips   |
| 7. Ron Pasik        | 20. Daryl Fouard   |
| 8. Lyle Taylor      |                    |
| 9. Kevin Nyberg     |                    |
| 10. Dan Holmes      |                    |
| 11. Kyle Camarda    |                    |
| 12. Tom Brownscombe |                    |
| 13. Terry Wright    |                    |

### **Preliminary Proposal for Joint KSCA and KCA Tournaments**

1. These tournaments will be held during regularly scheduled KSCA tournaments, when the local tournament organizer agrees.
2. The scholastic tournament director can be the tournament director for these tournaments or a separate tournament director may be supplied.
3. These tournaments will be four round, Game 30 tournaments. If the scholastic tournament has a longer time control then that time control will be used. The rounds will have the same start times as Rounds 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the scholastic tournaments.
4. Whenever possible, the boards will be in the same room as the scholastic tournament.
5. These tournaments will be USCF rated and KCA membership will be required.
6. The entry fee shall be \$5.00. \$3.00 of each entry fee will be submitted to KCA. The remaining \$2.00 will pay for the USCF rating fees with the balance to go to the TD/Organizer.
7. For each point which a player scores in one of these tournaments, their entry fee into the next Kansas Open shall be reduced by \$1.00. This shall be the only prize for these tournaments.
- 8. Those players eligible to play in the scholastic tournament shall not be permitted to play in these tournaments. (deleted)**
9. The TD/Organizer is responsible for forwarding the crosstable to the KCA for publication on the KCA website and possible publication in *Plains Chess*.
10. Each scholastic tournament which has one of these tournaments will be advertised on the KCA organizer, by having the KSCA web person forwarding the tournament information to the KCA web person.

### **Revised Proposal for Joint KSCA and KCA Tournaments**

1. These tournaments will be held during regularly scheduled KSCA tournaments, when the local tournament organizer agrees.
2. The scholastic tournament director can be the tournament director for these tournaments or a separate tournament director may be supplied.
3. These tournaments will be four round, Game 30 tournaments. If the scholastic tournament has a longer time control then that time control will be used. The rounds will have the same start times as Rounds 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the scholastic tournaments.
4. Whenever possible, the boards will be in the same room as the scholastic tournament.
5. These tournaments will be USCF rated and KCA membership will be required.
6. The entry fee shall be the same as the students pay for that KSCA event. \$3.00 of each entry fee will be submitted to KCA. The remaining \$2.00 will pay for the USCF rating fees with the balance to go to the TD/Organizer.
7. For each point which a player scores in one of these tournaments, their entry fee into the next Kansas Open shall be reduced by \$1.00. This shall be the only prize for these tournaments.
8. The KCA will publish a link to the crosstable on the KCA website and will possibly publish it in *Plains Chess* (**revised**).
9. Each scholastic tournament which has one of these tournaments will have a link on the KCA website to the KSCA website tournament announcement (**revised**).
- 10. All adult players are expected to follow the code of conduct and dress as required by that school. (added)**
- 11. There shall be no special reimbursement from KCA for these tournaments (added).**