

2017 Minutes of Kansas Chess Association Annual Meeting

1. Copies of this year's agenda, last year's minutes, 2016-2017 financial report, and notes on attendance, and signup sheet to record attendance were handed out.
2. The meeting was called to order by Brian Yang, President of KCA.
3. The previous year's minutes were reviewed. There was a motion to accept them, a second, and then all attended voted in favor of accepting them.
4. Financial items were presented by KCA treasurer Laurence Coker. Details of financial items given in handout sheet. The main expenses were support of KCA sponsored tournaments, payment to delegate to the US OPEN, support to scholastic candidates to national events at US OPEN. Main sources of income were threefold: income from Renaissance Festival, KCA memberships sold, and profit from last year's Kansas Open.
5. Last year's renaissance festival was discussed. This year Rick Hodges is to be in charge of the Renaissance festival. A signup sheet has been circulated during the Kansas Open. Rick informed us of two things. First, he is not going to be able to in charge in 2018. Second, in the works by the Renaissance Festival is an offer to pay KCA money to take over our location at the renfest and move to a different location. There have been moves by the renfest to get us to move in the past, but this is the first time they have offered to compensate us financially for the move. The amount is uncertain. Discussion followed. Rick to be paid \$100 for maintenance of the booth
6. Attention was given to past Kansas Open attendance. There was a discussion of methods to promote this year's Kansas Open: e-mail blast, the event being advertised in Chess life with state tags and Grand Prix listing, and e-mail sent to KCA members who have e-mails addresses on file. This year's attendance is a record. Next year's Kansas Open is going to be a Ramada in near 6th and Fairlawn in Topeka July 13 to 14. Rick Hodges already paid the entire amount for the facility in 2018, \$1500 for which Laurence Coker will write him a check after the meeting sometime.
7. There was brief discussion of the Blitz event. With the success of this year's Blitz event, 59 attended this year. The general opinion was to continue the present successful format. No vote on this item
8. There was a brief discussion of KCA sponsored events. There were on two this last year, the New Year Bash, and the June ICC event. There was discussion about KCA – scholastic events by Kyle Camarda and the effort to continue this as it has been a success. In the past there had been a \$1 deduction in entry fee for the Kansas Open but Laurence said this was too burdensome to figure and it was discontinued last year. It was mentioned that Tom Claman is now a club director and could help in directing these events.
9. Funding for scholastic players to US OPEN events was discussed. Candidates were mentioned: Joey Kelly in Denker, Ankith Sheshappa as Barber, and Kiana Hajjarbabi as National girls candidate. Present funding is \$200 per candidates to be given after attendance.
10. It was noted that Brian Yang is our delegate to the US OPEN USCF annual meeting. This is an appointed position. Kyle Camarda questioned whether Brian could do an adequate job in attending meetings as he will also be one of the major tournament directors at US OPEN. Brian assured those in attendance that his schedule as tourney director would not conflict with duties of delegate. Funding of delegate to \$200 was discussed. There was a motion to continue funding, a second, and all in attendance voted in favor.

11. New Business: (1) there was a discussion of ethics complaint filed by Tim Steiner against Brian Yang, Laurence Coker, Ralph Bowman, Kyle Camarda, and CJ Armenta. Complaints against Brian Yang, Laurence Coker, and Ralph Bowman were dismissed as they are not directly involved in KSCA concerns at present. CJ Armenta and Kyle Camarda were cited with a reprimand for the 100 mile rule which had been in effect since 1988. Steiner said the rule interfered with his running events in the Kansas City area. Complaints concerning the requirement for attendance at a certain number of KSCA sponsored events in order to qualify for state KSCA championship and the requirement that candidates for national events not to compete for money prizes if there is another KSCA event in the state were upheld. (2) Todd Easton brought up the concern about the Blitz event being too large to be a single section event. There was discussion about the event having two sections. This will be settled by the policy board. (3) It was noted by Laurence Coker that there were 30 free scholastic entries this year. Those who did not register in advance had to pay onsite \$10 onsite. Also Blitz registration for all scholastic players was \$10. There was discussion about raising the rate to \$15 or even \$20 for this. Laurence Coker brought up \$15 rate. CJ Armenta mentioned \$20 rate. This issue will be decided by policy board. (4) Last there was a discussion of setting up something for online registration at the 2018 Kansas Open.
12. Election of officers:
 - (a) Nominations for President were made. Brian Yang was the only nominee. Therefore by acclamation, Brian Yang is the President of KCA for 2017-2018.
 - (b) Nominations for Vice-President were made. Kyle Camarda was the only nominee. Therefore, by acclamation Kyle Camarda is Vice-President for 2017-2018.
 - (c) Nominations for position of treasurer, secretary, and person in charge of membership were made. Laurence Coker was the only nominee. Therefore, by acclamation Laurence Coker is treasurer, secretary, and person in charge of membership for 2017-2018.
 - (d) Nominations for webmaster and editor were made. Laurence Coker was the only nominee. Therefore, by acclamation, Laurence Coker has positions of webmaster and editor for 2017-2018.
13. There was a motion to adjourn and then a second. The vote to adjourn was unanimous by those voting.

Present at the meeting.

1. Brian Yang
2. CJ Armenta
3. Kyle Camarda
4. Rick Hodges
5. Daryl Fouard
6. Chris Albright
7. Todd Easton
8. Randy Merrell
9. David Paden
10. Tom Claman