

MINUTES OF 2021 KANSAS OPEN ANNUAL MEETING

1. Meeting was called to order by Kyle Camarda, Vice-President, acting in place of Brian Yang, President, who was unable to attend meeting in person.
2. There was a review of minutes from last year's annual meeting by zoom. There was brief discussion and then a motion to accept as presented. The motion was seconded and then all voting voted in favor of accepting the 2020 minutes as read.
3. Treasurer's report, Laurence Coker-Copy of Treasurer's report was in handout. Laurence noted major expense was ad for Kansas Open which was \$190. Kansas Open ended up being cancelled. It was also noted since there wasn't any US Open for scholastic candidates, no delegate, no senior representative, these were no expenses we had last year. Major income mainly consisted of a few KCA memberships during the year. There was a net loss of income of \$84.18 for the year. There was a motion to accept the treasurer report and then a second. All voted in favor. After the treasurer report was made, someone questioned why we had not gotten a refund on the \$190 ad for 2020 Kansas Open since it was cancelled. Laurence will look into that.
4. Renfest was discussed. Tom is serving as coordinator with help from Kyle Camarda and Laurence Coker. As it stands it would appear that there is going to be a Renfest in 2021. KC Renfest website is up and running. Laurence emailed the operation manager two weeks ago asking about details and has of this day not received a reply. Assuming the Renfest runs as normal, details to be worked out between Kyle, Tom, and Laurence.
5. There was a discussion of where to have 2022 Kansas Open. This year's Kansas Open has worked out well with mostly positive comments about the facility and rooms. It was pointed out by Laurence the Kansas Open chess tourney has alternated between Kansas City area and Wichita since 2013, being in Wichita years 2013, 2015, 2017, and 2019. All events in Wichita have been at the East Holiday Inn near the turnpike. Long ago the tournament was held at the Airport Hilton in Wichita but it became too expensive to continue there. There is concern that the Holiday Inn might also become too expensive. There was a discussion of alternate sites mainly located in western Kansas including Wichita area. Duane Johnson volunteered to check out Hays. Thomas Claman will check out Manhattan area. Thomas Tran volunteered to look at Wichita sites. Brian who was speaking on speaker phone call, noted precaution as contract a few years ago with Topeka Hotel was cancelled after the hotel closed.

6. Discussion of scholastic/adult tourneys held in past. Status of continuing this is uncertain as Kyle Camarda who was instrumental in running these events is no longer associated with KSCA. CJ Armenta, a previous member of KSCA management, is no longer involved in KSCA either. There was no representative of KSCA present. Financial status of KSCA was briefly discussed.
7. It was agreed to continue funding KCA sponsored events as is, \$50 for one day or two day event requiring KCA membership of participants. There were discussions of having more events, such as senior championship. There was a motion to continue funding events and a second. All voting voted in favor.
8. There was discussion about funding of scholastic candidates to US Open. There are four: Rockefeller (K-5), Barber (6-8), Denker (9-12), and Haring (Girls). Even though the scholastic event was only online this year funding was approved at last year's annual meeting. Funding was already approved for delegate and senior candidate but there is no one to fill these positions at this point. There was a brief discussion of decreasing amounts. Then, there was a motion to fund candidates at same level in 2022 as voted for in 2020, \$250 each. There was a second and vote. All voting voted in favor of motion to fund scholastic candidates, delegate, and senior candidate at \$250 each for 2022.
9. New business- David Brown brought up that the KCA constitution, as posted to Kansas website, is very outdated. Laurence brought up that it had been last revised in 2013. He discussed process for changing constitution as outlined in constitution. Changes are to be proposed over 1 month in advance of annual meeting. The policy board then approves any changes at that time. Changes as approved by the policy board are then voted on at annual meeting. There was motion to set up a committee to review KCA constitution. There was second and all approved, with dissenting votes. A committee will be set up by the next President.
10. Election of officers: Kyle Camarda was nominated for President as was Brian Yang. All voting voted for Kyle Camarda. Tom Claman was nominated for Vice-President. Brian Yang was nominated for Vice-President but declined the nomination. All voting voted for Tom Claman for Vice-President. Laurence Coker was the only candidate nominated for Secretary. His election was by acclamation.
11. There was a motion for adjournment. There was a second and all voting voted in favor of adjournment.

Participating

1. Laurence Coker
2. Kyle Camarda
3. Brian Yang (by speaker phone)
4. CJ Armenta
5. Tom Claman
6. Thomas Tran
7. David Brown
8. Drew Schoenberger
9. John Drippe
10. Charles Moerlien
11. Diwakar Rana
12. Oliver Rana
13. Samuel Sexton
14. Andrew Bledsoe
15. John McDowell
16. John Drippe
17. Adelaide McDowell
18. Ryan Duan
19. Joshua Stimpfle
20. Duane Johnson