

WECC Meeting—October 05, 2016

Attendance—Dave Criswell, Doug, Herigstad, Stan Kuick and David Merrill
Guest: Sonya Karanjia

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm

1. Jumped ahead to discuss Orchard tournament to accommodate guest
 - A. Sonya describing scenario at Orchard Elementary
 - i. help described solely as parents, no teacher assistance
 - ii. ground up/top down approach to tournament, most concerned about
 - iii. Britt described WECC as providing substantial help
 - B. David Merrill described WECC involvement with tournaments
 - i. showed Sonya the online registration
 - ii. went into details concerning arrangements:
 - iii. tables, chairs, volunteers provided by school (table tents available online)
 - iv. chess sets brought by WECC
 - C. Clarified benefit to school as fundraiser for PTO—concessions=\$400-600
 - i. financial details elaborated on: Paypal takes percentage, WECC writes total check
 - ii. school keeps track of checks turned in
 - D. Mentioned Buddy Meagley for trophies
 - i. cost potentially \$300-\$450 for these
 - ii. school can use previous tournaments as model for trophy order
 - E. WECC may provide guarantee that the school/PTO will at least break even
 - F. Discussed details regarding scope of tournament, i.e. K-6, K-8, K-12
 - G. Pairings the morning of by WECC, just need a separate space, power, etc.
 - H. Volunteers required, coordinated by school, to take care of kids in between rounds
 - i. these typically consist of parents who step forward to help w/ food, judges, scorekeepers (3-4, 4-5, depending on scope of tournament, number of rooms)
 - I. Sonya asked about registration procedure, advertising opportunities for tournament
 - i. also asked who to contact for follow-up; send email to WECC board
 - J. Sonya looking for good, experienced contact to help guide her efforts
 - i. suggestions include Julie Robertson, Edith Lau, as well as Britt Han
 - K. Stan suggested moving up the Orchard tournament to December 10th to take the place of Richland Rook Roundup
 - L. Can also rent tables and chairs from Bennett Rentals (\$6/table, \$0.50/chair)
 - M. Sonya also asked about possible ways to sell the fact of a tournament, why have one?
 - i. gives the kids focus to get better at chess to start winning games at tournament

- N. Sonya will aim for December 10th after she ruminates on the details, talks with PTO: “Try my very best to make it happen, I just need help.”
- O. For additional boards, send check to WECC @ \$10/ea
- P. David M. also showed Sonya the Lesson Schedule online, as well as links to chess sites
- Stan suggested “Orchard Opening” for name of tournament; no chess pieces start w/ “O”
- Q. Better contact for Sonya, her cell: 509-845-0731 [exclude from minutes?]
2. David M. moved to approve minutes with one correction for Sonya’s name and contact Stan seconded, all said “Aye”
 3. Upgrade to SwissSys documentation provided by David M.
 - A. Demonstrated Google search for “swissys” SwissSys.com
 - i. on website, go to Downloads
 - ii. download SwissSys version 9.5 for Windows
 - iii. install, under Help—Register SwissSys—Machine user ID (send to David M.)
 - iv. enter unlocking code once upgrade is paid for
 - v. may need to go into currently installed version to obtain machine user ID to indicate it is an upgrade
 4. Financial Report
 - A. Has check cleared for TRAC?
 - i. not yet, though they have it, received September 27th or 28th
 - B. Paypal: \$616.00
 - C. HAPO Credit Union
 - i. Checkings: \$2,092.88
 - ii. Savings: \$6,340.37
 - D. 18 month CD C5: \$7,592.93
 - E. Subtotal: \$16,642.94
 - F. Minus Outstanding Checks: \$1,500.00
 - G. Total \$15,142.94
 5. Review Cottonwood Castle Tournament preparations
 - A. No contact from Britt Han, but assuming we’re still on track
 - B. Nine people currently signed up online
 6. Review TRAC contract
 - A. It’s done, signed and deposit check handed over.
 7. Review board position update to State
 - A. David M. will take care of this by next meeting.
 8. Report on assignments

- A. Stan took care of TRAC contract
 - i. no word from Dawn Johnson, but don't want to pester her
 - B. David M. received word from Julie about Rook Roundup, effectively done for
 - i. upgraded his computer with SwissSys 9 and gave instruction to all
 - C. Doug invited Edith, Britt and Sonya to October 5th meeting
 - i. unless Friday Knights experiences a precipitous drop in attendance, it should continue into the near to distant future.
9. Assign tasks for follow up
- A. David M. will review position update to State
 - B. Stan will contact Dawn again, with get-well card
 - C. David C. will transfer \$2,000 from savings to checking
 - D. Doug will talk with any adults who attend Friday Knights about coaching opportunities
 - i. invite Britt to next meeting, since tournament is within 3 days
 - ii. ask for Saturday off, December 10th and November 5th
 - iii. invite Bill Rausch to upcoming tournaments
10. Schedule next meeting
- A. November 2nd @ 7pm at Stan's house: 2356 Ferndale Ave, Richland WA
11. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Herigstad