

## WECC Meeting—December 07, 2016

Attending: David Merrill-P, Stan Kuick-VP, David Criswell-T, Doug Herigstad-S  
Guest: Edith Lau-PSD Coordinator

Meeting called to order at 7:09 pm

WECC\_7 new computer to Stan

WECC\_8 second new computer to Bill Raush, webmaster and pairing helper

### 1. Welcome guests

- i. Save for later when Edith arrives
- ii. She's here, welcome!

### 2. Minutes reviewed. Stan moved to approve, David M. seconded, all said "Aye"

### 3. Financial Report

A. David C. moved to transfer \$1000 from Paypal to HAPO checking; David M. seconded, all said "Aye"

B. Paypal \$1474.07

C. HAPO Credit Union

i. Checking \$2054.86

ii. Savings \$4340.37

D. 18 month CD C5 \$7592.93

E. Total \$15462.23

F. Reimbursement to Bill R. for \$799.98 for two new computers

G. Reimbursement to David M. for \$10 for Secretary of State

H. Reimbursement to Maya Angelou PTO for \$288.33 for Frozen Knights

### 4. Review Frozen Knights

A. Media present at the tournament an issue due to two-week advance notice custom, in consideration of "opt-out" students

B. Currently run through in-house public relations but not open to outside outlets

C. Mention of Elliott Neff invited to upcoming tournament

i. arrangement made with PSD to beta-test his software (Chess For Life)

ii. gives WECC another year to raise funds to cover the cost of interested

iii. coaches training required to utilize software, give feedback to Elliott

iv. students who have used to software seem to really like it

v. WECC wanted to coordinate with him related to 2018 WSECC

vi. offer him a comped room at the Hampton, invited his more advanced students, as well as a celebrity, if possible, associated with the Queen of Katwi

D. Asked Jose what assistance is needed for tournament

i. registration number currently at 168

ii. Edith has determined to number of place settings for trophies

iii. she is also considering where to locate each section

iv. David M. and Doug will be present, as well as Mike Wilbricht and Adam Kornbaugh

v. Edith has a number of parents in mind to help

- vi. any word from Cathy to help with pairings? She can make it.
  - a. David M. will pick her up at 7:40 am for check-in at 8 am
- vii. Jose will take care of pairings for at least one section, if not all
- viii. David M. will also ask Bill about pairings

5. Review Kings Gambit Tournament preparations

- A. Edith will be bringing students from PSD
  - i. 7-12 paid for out of PSD budget, WECC still provides invoice
  - ii. K-6 responsible for paying themselves
- B. Aimee Kovis curious about the size of tournament they can expect
  - i. Okay with smaller tournament
- C. David M. needs to create an invoice for PSD for 7-8 & 9-12 Teams (one invoice 7-12)
- D. Queen's Element Tournament
  - i. Sections to include K-3 under 800 and 4-6 under 800 and K-3 open and 4-6 open to get more kids to qualify for State
  - ii. wait to open registration until a flyer is available

6. Review WSECC proposal to include 7-8 MS Tournament in 2018

- A. Dawn Johnson really wants middle schools to be included in State tournament
  - i. Contacted Rick Jorgensen, who has specific ideas for it to work
  - ii. Comp room, up to \$600 for expenses and up to \$600 for trophies
- B. Rick expects 150 kids, along with PSD middle schoolers
- C. Stan expressed concerns about space issues and other logistical problems
- D. Executive room set aside for top 32 kids (over 1500) along with middle players (1100-1500) and open section playing on floor
- E. TRAC has approximately # available (Stan has precise number in notes)

7. Review Proposed LOGO for WSECC (see attached)

- A. Stan commented on how size of chess pieces looked off
- B. David M. and Stan liked the same logo, except for the wording, and all present agree on the same
- C. Change wording to "Visit / Tri-Cities / Washington Elementary Chess Championship"
- D. Develop flyers to share at 2017 State tournament, so those present know what to expect in 2018
- E. May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as early as you can sign up for a room

8. Report on assignments

- A. Stan has new computer
- B. David M. provided printout of hotel rates
  - i. Hampton Inn offered very reasonable rates, especially for second night, to average \$99 over two nights
- C. David M. provided D-U-N-S Number: 071854789 UBI #: 602252105
- D. Dawn Johnson eager to help with fund-raising for State
- E. Media exposure considered important for upcoming events to spread the word

9. Assign tasks for follow up
  - A. David M. will lay out tables and chairs for team tables
  - B. Present that to TRAC to verify they can support it
  - C. Formalize 7-8 tournament by next meeting, have Rick sign that proposal
  - D. 750 players is manageable, up to 1000 gets tight
  - E. That many means up to 2000 chairs in team table room
  - F. Can accommodate 32 players in hotel
  - G. Leaves 24 middle players without a place to play, without being exposed to noise from other players playing on a different schedule
  - H. Stan will talk to Holiday Inn Express about getting 3<sup>rd</sup> conference room for Saturday (at no charge)
  - I. Stan will contact Dawn about Battelle/corporate sponsorship
    - i. what is WECC willing to do for primary sponsor?
    - ii. Present flyers at 2017 State with corporate sponsor logo in prominent place
10. Schedule next meeting: January 11, 2017 @ 7 pm at Doug's house  
553 Franklin St, Richland, WA
11. David M. proposes to authorize up to \$75/annual or up to \$120/full-time license for Windows Office suite for WECC\_7

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Herigstad