## WECC Meeting March 08, 2017

Attending: David Merrill (P), David Criswell (T), Doug Herigstad (S), Dawn Johnson (M)

Guests: Julie Robertson, Bill Rausch (by phone), Jose Cruz (by phone)

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

1. Dave M. moved to approve minutes, Dawn seconded, all said "Aye"

2. Review finances

A. Paypal	1,602.31 (\$1000 transferred to savings)
B. HAPO Credit Union	
i. Checking	4,241.68
ii. Savings	544.58
C. 18 Month CD C5	7,613.74
D. Total	\$14,102.30

E. All checks deposited and cleared

F. Donation on the table for Ratings At NW Chess, who provides the online ratings system that enables our tournaments to count toward State

i. Dave M. moved to approve one-time \$250 donation for 5-year duration of our supporting contribution

ii. Doug seconded, and all said "Aye"

iii. Dave M. will contact Ben Radin to notify of WECC support and ask who we need to send the check to

iv. should be enough with other contributors

G. Cost for domain names coming up due

i. Dave M. moved to approve up to \$75 to reimburse Bill R. for domain name registration renewals

ii. Dawn seconded, all said "Aye"

H. WECC paid for Dave M. hotel and travel expenses last year, up to \$250

i. Doug will ask for 4/29 off in order to attend State tournament

ii. Dawn will be riding up in a bus with her students; invited Doug along

iii. Dawn made motion to approve hotel/travel expenses for up to 2 people for up to \$250/ea

iv. Dave C. seconded, and all not abstaining (Dave M. and Doug) said "Aye"

3. Review Marketing and Fundraising Efforts

A. Dawn has been sending out letters and brochures to numerous local companies i. Dane at U.S. Cellular has been especially helpful

ii. Letter provided for Tri-Cities Chamber email blast, not sure it went out

iii. Hasn't received any responses from these but that's not surprising

iv. Hasn't contacted Kadlec or TV stations just yet

v. Dawn will contact GESA, if she doesn't hear anything from Dave M.

vi. conflict between multiple banks at higher donation levels, not such a big deal at \$1000 or \$2500 level

vii. Dave C. mentioned that we conduct business with HAPO

a. contacts at Gesa used to be on board which is why we're pursuing GESA

viii. Dawn suggested we hold a press conference at last tournament prior to State

ix. number of qualified players coming from Tri-Cities--good number to have to promote our involvement with state tournament

a. listing of all school codes

b. need to develop Excel spreadsheet featuring cities codes from online ratings website

x. Dawn will draw up press release for upcoming tournament at Livingston, with Jose Cruz in charge

B. Dave shared previous write-up WECC handed out at previous State tournaments held in Tri-Cities

i. 3 8x14 sheets stapled in middle, handed out at tournament

ii. Dawn took the pages home to review for input on flyer to hand out this year at State

iii. Dawn can have flyer done within a week

iv. Dave M. will address 2012 State in menu bar on website immediately v. KNDU or KEPR both have weekend news show, so we need to commit one of these for last tournament of the year

a. only needs to last about 10 minutes

b. Dave M. will be contact for news coverage since Dawn may not be there March  $25^{\text{th}}$ 

4. Review Bishop Battle Star Tournament

A. Called Jose Cruz and left voicemail asking about extent of WECC support

i. Dave M., Dave. C, Stan will be there, possibly Mike Wilbricht

ii. Dave M. can lend computer and printer for pairings

iii. Bill R. may need to help with pairings

a. also ask him about cost of domain name renewal

b. as well as name for chesschampions.org (contains 2012 or 2006)

c. Bill R. says he is not an artist, in regard to website development,

and the name with the year in it may be a sub-domain

iv. spoke with Bill on the phone and agreed to a number of things that he then asked to be summarized in an email

## 5. Review Richland Rook Round Up

A. Julie Robertson arrived at just the right time

B. Bill will set up computer for pairings prior to the tournament

- C. Cathy said she can help with pairings the day of
- D. Gregg D. committed to helping as judge throughout
- E. She needs tournament director
  - i. Dave M. said he could do that
- F. Diana Lam willing to do whatever she can to help throughout

i. likely will be head scorekeeper

- G. Dave C. will be there, along with his grandson, for judging
- H. Dawn mentioned having a press conference to promote 2018 State

i. Julie insists she will need to get approvals, notify principal

ii. Dawn reassured her that approvals are same as sporting event in public place, does not require individual okays

- I. Julie ordered trophies through Buddy
  - i. will not be doing sectional trophies, by grade level only
  - ii. team trophies assigned by elementary, middle and high schools a. as determined by how they're registered
  - iii. political nuances concerning chess funds at Lewis & Clark
  - iv. WECC writes check to go to RSD funds, after PTA grant exhausted a. person responsible for RSD funds is Sabrina
    - b. teacher is Mary Wise, associated with chess program
- J. Registration closed by 3 or 4 Thursday afternoon so Bill can download files
- K. Set up Friday night will hopefully be accomplished by Key Club (high school)
  - i. some chess players will also help
  - ii. members of PTO may also help
- L. Cheryl Antonio will handle concessions (divide and conquer with Julie) i. supposed to be run by 5<sup>th</sup> grade at L&C to support their annual trip, for
  - sure a couple of 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers
- M. Needs help with setting up tables and tents
  - i. curious how Orchard accommodated 200 kids
    - a. used art room, library and tables in gym
  - ii. all players in the gym
  - iii. art room set aside if high school players need to be separate
    - a. may not have that many high school players
    - b. may need to have 7-12 section
- N. Julie needs to arrange for different color paper for each section
  - i. will have no under/over sections, by grade level
- O. Ask Steve Aagard, the PR person for RSD, to tournament
  - i. he will help with drawing news coverage and press conference
- 6. Jose called about this weekend's tournament
  - A. Could use some help with pairings
    - i. Bill willing to help but need to know sections by tomorrow
    - ii. try to set up sections to contain about 32 kids
    - iii. really don't want as many as 64 per section
    - B. Jose will pick up computer/printer at Dave's house tomorrow between 5 and 6
    - C. WECC will provide a few judges
    - D. Stan can be tournament director
  - E. Jose should have tables/tents well in hand
- 7. Julie asked if a flyer for Richland Rook Round Up was at Orchard
  - A. No, it was not there
    - i. WECC can print up flyers to have present at Bishop Battle Star this weekend at Livingston
  - B. Julie asked Dave if he still has the laminated rule sheets for score keepers i. yes, he does
    - ii. great!
  - C. Room available for pairings, will be staff lounge in a quiet, remote place
    - i. is there a computer with monitor, mouse and keyboard?

8. Report on Assignments

A. WECC8 now in hands of Bill R.

B. WECC3 with Doug, it has updated SwissSys and Excel (2003)

i. Excel files need to be save as .xls for this computer

ii. same as Word files, saved as .doc and not .docx

C. WECC7 with Stan, it has updated SwissSys but not Excel

i. Dave M. has one of three Excel registrations available for this one

D. Dave M. received \$100 donation from Areva

E. Dave M. and Stan visited hotel and signed contract

9. Assign tasks for follow up

A. Dave M. will draw up team table map draft

- B. Dawn will draw up draft of flyer for 2017 State
- C. Synonyms for "opportunities"
- D. Doug will look into Summer chess nights at Richland Public Library
- 10. Next meeting will be in two weeks, March 22<sup>nd</sup> @ Dawn's house

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A. Following meeting to be held at Stan's house, likely April 19th 11. Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm

A. Another record-deserving-length meeting!

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Herigstad