

WECC Meeting March 22, 2017

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

Guests: Julie Robertson, Edith Lau

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm

1. Welcome guests! Hi Julie and Edith!
2. Dave M. moved to approve minutes w/ minor correction, Stan seconded, all said "Aye"

3. Review finances

A. Paypal	875.19
B. HAPO Credit Union	
i. Checking	2,032.27
ii. Savings	4,341.68
C. 18 Month CD C5	7,613.74
D. Subtotal	14,862.88
E. Minus Outstanding checks	322.68
F. Total	\$14,540.20

- G. Bill Rausch check cleared, recent one to Ruth Livingston has not yet
 - H. Payment due this weekend for Lewis & Clark tournament for roughly \$800
 - i. Dave C. will transfer funds to cover the check + \$500 remaining balance
 - I. Will Edith or Julie require funds from WECC Paypal account to cover State?
 - i. Edith says no, everyone currently paid up.
 - J. Hanford High School check arrived in mail, Dave C. will deposit soon
 - K. Invoice \$280 to send to Edith for Richland Rook Roundup this weekend
- ### 4. Review Richland Rook Round Up tournament 3/25/17
- A. Dave M. will be tournament director
 - B. Bill R. set up pairings, Cathy will take care of pairings day of tournament
 - C. Plenty of judges already arranged: Mike Wilbricht, Dave C. and grandson, Gregg D. etc.
 - D. Need scorekeepers more than anything else
 - i. asking people in the crowd the day of
 - ii. 3 scorekeepers for 3 sections
 - E. Since we have enough judges, Doug can help with pairings
 - F. Ask Bill to set up automatic copy for every registrant sent to WECC board so any member can forward it to them in case the person doesn't receive it the first time
 - i. password wouldn't be protected but makes things much easier
 - G. High school students helping with set up, along with four sets of parents Friday
 - i. Dave M. will provide tents for tables, different colored paper, printed, and set up
 - ii. starting to set up at 4 pm since other activities using facilities
 - iii. sections will consist of:
 - a. K-3
 - b. 4-6
 - c. 7-12

- iv. sections currently balanced very well
- H. Who will send tournament results to state database?
 - i. usually done by pairings person
 - ii. ask Cathy, and if she doesn't, Dave M. will do it
- I. Handing out tickets for food to volunteers, pizza and soda
- J. School district providing tables, though not certain of delivery time
- K. Dave M. will arrive at 4 (or just before) with tents to meet with Mary Wise (new teacher contact at Lewis & Clark) and Julie
- 5. Review Tournament Schedule 2017 – 2018
 - A. Mary Wise already gave feedback that it looks good to her
 - B. Ask Edith for her thoughts on tentative schedule
 - i. raised possibility of having Delafield at Ochoa Middle School
 - ii. Dawn has reservations about hosting a tournament at this time
 - iii. possibly reserve the school just in case
 - a. Ochoa kids excited to host a tournament
 - iv. Edith puts emphasis on having the site arranged
 - a. it becomes a matter of which rooms to use
 - b. concessions should be readily taken care of
 - v. November 18th follows right after a week of conferences
 - vi. look to reserve building, including large and small gym, library
 - vii. Dave M. will go ahead and change Delafield to Ochoa
 - C. Britt sounds like she's ready to commit to Cottonwood Castle 11/04
 - D. Mary Wise okay with moving Richland Rook Round Up back to December
 - E. pushes Frozen Knights back to right before Christmas
 - i. Edith says she's okay with this as placeholder
 - F. King's Gambit falls in January at Christ the King, 1/20
 - G. Tournaments are spread two weeks apart, in most instances
 - i. looks pretty good so far
 - H. Edith concerned about Bishop Battle Star being the last tournament before the State tournament in case there are a large number of kids still trying to qualify
 - I. we should try to get another tournament after that one, before State
 - J. Beatrice contacted Dave M. about having a girls-only tournament
 - i. associated with Girl Scouts
 - ii. will need chess sets, tournament director, pairings, other volunteers
 - iii. will WECC need to handle registrations? Judges?
 - iv. need to get back to them with questions
 - v. is there a legal problem associated with not letting boys register/play?
 - vi. it is possible to have all-girls section and still qualify for State
 - vii. invite Beatrice to the next meeting to clarify their needs and intents
 - a. Dave C. suggested we post on the website that the tournament is girls only supported by Girl Scouts of America
 - b. raises the question as to whether the organization is behind it
 - viii. Dave M. called and left message for her
- 6. Marketing efforts for 2018 State Tournament
 - A. WECC would like to post a link to flyer for State on the website

- i. link on Rick Jorgensen's page to chesschampions.org so we can update flyer as needed as many times as we need, rather than just send him flyer
- ii. finished flyer by this weekend would be fine
- iii. flyer to include map of playing area and team area
 - a. to feature the team area tables that includes electricity (for additional charge)
 - b. first come/first served for power tables
- iv. map should also feature two hotels and their phone numbers
 - a. will be included in map for TRAC
 - b. won't be able to make reservations until 10 days after 2017 State
 - c. a note that reads "reserve in two weeks"
- v. Hampton and Holiday Inn only organizations that will be featured
 - a. no other businesses donated sufficient funds for this right
 - b. do we have Holiday Inn logo for flyer (cleaner copy)
 - c. ask Maria Walle for contact person
 - d. Dave M. and Dawn will meet up Friday afternoon
- B. GESA said "no" which means we can pursue HAPO
 - i. Dave M. will take letter of refusal to approach their board for potential gain
- C. Have we made contact with PNNL or WRPS?
 - i. better if you know someone for personal contact
- D. Hypothetical question: what if we don't do well with our fundraising?
 - i. Dawn says she is pursuing larger donors at this time
 - ii. can make headway with many smaller donors when we need to
 - iii. Dave M. looking at the rates for registration
 - a. dates are very generous for allowing registrants plenty of time to decide
 - iv. whether or not we can get enough volunteers will make a considerable difference
 - a. 7-8 section costing \$1600
 - b. tournament director paid \$300+room
 - c. Rick says we're not spending enough on trophies
 - 1. more substantial trophies in 2018
 - d. not making money on concessions, except TRAC discount (\$6000) for using theirs
 - e. spend \$2000 on team tables
 - v. estimated income approximately \$35,000
 - vi. estimated expenses approximately \$27,000
 - vii. really need a lot of more experienced judges
 - a. pool of 50 available, using about 35 at a time
 - b. need to arrange judges ahead of time to account for professional capability
 - c. Dave M. will ask at State 2017 for possible judges, and whether or not they expect to be paid
 - d. we currently utilize about 15 judges at our local tournaments

viii. Team Battelle Project: their employees will help at tournament, volunteer

7. Summer Chess Nights 2017

A. Start 6/21/17

B. Run through all of July, finish 7/26

C. Dave M. moved to have Summer Chess Nights, Dawn seconded, all said "Aye"

8. Assignments

A. Dave M. will prepare tents for RRR, arrive by 3:55 pm, before doors locked

B. Dave M. and Dawn will meet at Holiday Inn on Friday at 3:10

C. Dawn will have first draft of flyer prepared by Saturday

i. others will give feedback by Monday

8. Next meeting at Stan's house 4/19/17 2356 Ferndale Ave

9. Dave M. moved to adjourn, Stan seconded, all gave a resounding "Aye!"

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Herigstad