

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

Guests: Edith Lau, Gregg Dillingham, Rick Jorgensen (by phone), Britt Han (by phone), Julie Robertson (by phone)

Meeting started: 7:07 pm

1. Rick called straightaway, will attend the meeting on hold for the duration
2. Dawn moved to approve minutes, Dave M. seconded, all said "Aye"
  - A. Dave noted the distinction between BoQ tournament and PHS change on Minutes
3. Review contract for WSMSCC between WECC and Rick Jorgensen
  - A. Dave M. first mentioned to limit the cost of airfare
    1. Rick mentioned a substantial increase in airfare
      - a. as much as \$1100 for 2 tickets
      - b. agreed to a coach ticket, no problem
      - c. takes issue with flying in and out of Pasco
      - d. flies out of Burbank, to Seattle (with Alaska)
      - e. Horizon to Pasco
      - f. return flight is the problem, goes to Salt Lake
      - g. flying through LAX will add time to flight, get in at 2am
      - h. does not want to sit in airport for extended periods
      - i. delay in decision has witnessed cost to increase
      - j. does not believe cost will come down
    2. will not agree to cap limits to airfare
      - a. will not reduce cash rewards to accommodate flight cost
    3. Dave M. moved that we change airfare line to \$1100, Dave C. seconded, all said "Aye"
  - B. Dave M. informed Rick that we do not want to have anything to do with cash rewards, following concerns award in total
    1. WECC will supply Rick J. in the range of \$800 minimum to maximum of \$1500 dependent on attendance
      - a. to include cost of trophies and cash awards
      - b. Rick says anything more than \$1500 will come out of his pocket
        1. it's about the kids and not the money
  - C. Pairing support
    1. WECC will handle WSMSCC U1100 section along with WSECC
    2. WECC will provide computer with Swiss-Sys 9 for WSMSCC U1500
      - a. Rick will provide pairing person to pair this event and turn in final results to Kirk
    3. WECC will provide a computer with Swiss-Sys 9 in WSMSCC Open section room.
      - a. Rick will provide person to pair this event and turn in final results to Kirk
  - D. Playing facilities
    1. U1100 will play on same floor as elementary event

2. U1500 will play in separate room
3. OPEN section will play at Hampton Inn for both Saturday and Sunday
  - a. maximum allowed should be 32 for the Open section
  - b. Rick J. will find volunteers to assist in pairing, score keeping, judging and handing out awards for this section
  - c. plans to take care of everything himself Sunday
  - d. will make sure he has adequate support for Saturday
  - e. will bump up start time Sunday on Open to 8 am
    1. last round goes to last seconds
- E. Dave M. moves to accept contract MS contract with 4 changes
  1. Rick also agrees with changes
4. Review finances
  - A. Paypal \$543.49
  - B. HAPO Credit Union
    1. Savings \$4,853.98
    2. Checking \$299.53
  - C. 18 Mo CD C5 \$7,660.83
  - D. Subtotal \$13,258.72
  - E. Total \$13,357.83
5. Cottonwood Castle Tournament
  - A. Britt Han called in to talk about her concerns
    1. November tournament is back to back
      - a. is that okay with the board?
    2. Delafield in Pasco moved to Ochoa Middle School to accommodate larger numbers
    3. expect Cottonwood to be a smaller tournament
      - a. is Britt okay with very small tournament
      - b. what's the smallest we can continue with before canceling?
      - c. many of her players may not attend
      - d. players from other schools may make up for it
      - e. Gregg says he will bring 12 players from Liberty Christian
    4. November 11<sup>th</sup> the only weekend day she can host a tournament
    5. Britt mentioned new policy that charges rent for facility since there is a registration fee
      - a. PTO has a bit more leeway since they are a non-profit group
      - b. possibly looking at losing funds if less than 60 players sign up
      - c. even 48 should Dave M. says
      - d. Gregg certain that tournament will have 60 players
    6. confirmed fees scale and registration on chesschampions.org
      - a. will go ahead and post flyer
    7. Britt asked about concessions stand but having trouble finding help
    8. She will also take care of trophies
      - a. will be given check from registration funds the day of
6. Review tournament schedule for this year
  - A. Liberty Christian plans to organize tournament for January 6<sup>th</sup>
    1. Gregg will come up with a name and a flyer

- B. by invitation only, a Tournament of Champions tournament
  - 1. cash prizes awarded
  - 2. must have scored 4.0 points in previous tournament schedule
  - 3. held at Liberty Christian
    - a. PTO involved, a non-profit organization
    - b. tax liability to be considered if not operated for profit
  - 4. getting the word out more to let the kids know it will happen
  - 5. Gregg needs to verify date
  - 6. Dave M. willing to incorporate tournament in to website schedule
- 7. Review Marketing
  - A. Battle of the Queens press release went to appropriate parties
    - 1. Shane Edinger received the release
      - a. Dawn needs to check with him to make sure it went out
      - b. can include the detail concerning Chouchan Airapetian
    - 2. hoping to have press at the library tournament
      - a. Dawn will be unable to attend
      - b. Edith will be on site to handle press, if necessary
- 8. Review preparations for Battle of the Queens (60 player) tournament
  - A. trophy arrangements
    - 1. possibly put the order in this last Sunday or Monday
  - B. may have to rearrange sections to accommodate existing registration
    - 1. K-3, 4-5, 6-8
  - C. clarified the need for the number of tables
    - 1. a 6' table can accommodate 2 games
    - 2. 2 4' tables can accommodate 3 games
  - D. Gregg prepared to do pairings
    - 1. does not need WECC laptop
    - 2. can pull registration information from website
    - 3. should be ready to go
- 9. WECC looking to incorporate new registration system
  - A. want to try on larger tournament considering overhead costs
    - 1. still have time to try it out before State tournament
- 10. Return to tournament schedule review
  - A. Edith explains her process for sign ups for PSD
    - 1. she has concerns for new registration system as far as her kids not having to pay
      - a. Dave M. remembers a way to have \$0 registration spots
    - 2. Looking at Queen's Elements and Bishop Battle Star as possible opportunities to try out new registration system
  - B. How soon can we open up online registration for tournament?
    - 1. okay to open up Delafield
    - 2. open up Richland Rook Round Up 11/01
    - 3. open up Frozen Knights after 11/11
    - 4. open up Queens Elements 12/16
      - a. plenty of time to check out new registration system
      - b. Edith get codes for free registration in by then

5. open up Orchard Rook and Roll 12/16
  - a. check with organizers for tournament to be sure
6. should put up State tournament 12/16
  - a. wants to try new reg. system by then
  - b. allow for Christmas present opportunities
  - c. early registration extends to 5 weeks before tournament 3/10
- C. Called Julie Robertson to ask about Richland Rook Round Up
  1. Mary Wise still the lead for chess at Lewis & Clark
  2. Julie verified that school is still interested and facility reserved
    - a. Julie still the main contact
    - b. she will prepare flyer soon
      1. flyers ready for Battle of the Queens tournament will bring in more girls for future tournaments
    - c. non-committal response to request for concession assistance
    - d. Julie mentioned to Mary to ask about interest in BoQs
    - e. Julie excited to hear about Diana Lam hosting tournament later in the year
      1. maybe they can help each other with their respective tournaments
  3. Dave M. asked about registration process for the tournament
    - a. he explained that we want to try new system for State
    - b. Julie says so long as it works, it's okay
      1. asked about weird issue with Hotmail hang-up
      2. that should not be a problem with new system
11. Assign tasks for follow up
  - A. Dave M. update tournament schedule to include Liberty Christian tournament
  - B. Dave M. will call Ben Radin concerning new registration process
    1. need to know school codes for \$10 registration fee
  - C. Dave M. will modify website to place "Other Chess Oportunities" after "Upcoming Tournaments"
  - D. Doug will follow up with Carrie about additional tables
12. Schedule next meeting for November 01, 2017 @ Dawn's house 2326 Easton Ave
13. Dave M. moved to adjourn meeting, Doug seconded, all said "Aye"

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Herigstad