

Attending: David Merrill (P), Stan Kuick (VP), Mike Wilbricht (T), Doug Herigstad (S), Alex Corsten, Danielle Craigen

Guests: Edith Lau

Meeting started: 7:10 pm

1. Look at tournament schedule
  - a. Ask Edith to possibly move Frozen Knights from 12/14 to 1/11
    - i. Back to back tournaments problematic
    - ii. Move to after Winter break
  - b. Beatrice and Erin may not want to organize Battle of the Queens
2. Summer Chess Camp
  - a. Currently 10 players registered
    - i. Need a minimum of 30 registered by end of June
3. Post information for Gregg Dillingham's quads
  - a. Danielle moved to allow posting of Quads tournament on our website, Dave seconded, all said "Aye"
4. Edith arrived, so revisiting the tournament schedule
  - a. First mentioned that the Frozen Knights tournament has outgrown Robinson Elementary
  - b. asked Edith what she thinks about changing the date
    - i. back to back tournaments don't influence decisions for PSD
      1. these tournaments are primarily intended for PSD students
      2. does not want to move it to January
        - a. another tournament planned for January
        - b. prefers December 14<sup>th</sup>
          - i. agrees that 12/21 is too close to Christmas
      - c. moving from Robinson Elementary to Rosalind Franklin STEM Elementary
  - c. Bishop Battle Star IV will preferably be held at Chiawana Hight School
  - d. Delafield IX still planned for Ochoa
    - i. Might want to change from 11/23 to 11/16
      1. Will need to look at school calendar
  - e. Looking at Amon Creek Castle, we need to coordinate the contact information
    - i. Britt only wanted to help last the one year to transition to the new school

- ii. Danielle will reach out to them to determine who may be leading the organization there

## 5. Summer Chess Classes

### a. Availability

- i. Stan planning trips that do not include Wednesdays
  - 1. He will plan to make all of them
- ii. Danielle can make all of them
  - 1. June 26<sup>th</sup> a bit iffy, flying back from Hawaii
- iii. Mike iffy for all weeks, traveling conflicts
- iv. Doug planning for all of them
- v. Alex will need to look at his calendar
- vi. Dave will miss July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and may miss July 24<sup>th</sup>
  - 1. May only make it to three of the six Wednesdays
- vii. Edith will make it to as many as she can, but cannot commit to specific dates just now

### b. How will we plan for sketchy attendance?

- i. Good idea batted around that features stations of skill
  - 1. First station has basic, beginner lessons
  - 2. Second station includes more advanced
  - 3. Players can move to the station that suits them best, week by week
  - 4. Do we want to show videos to only the beginners
    - a. Everyone might be distracted by multiple videos playing
    - b. More complicated with different tiers ongoing
- ii. More advanced players play amongst themselves, pretty hands off
- iii. Two stations of instruction happening simultaneously
  - 1. Beginner and intermediate players
  - 2. Repeat lessons subsequent weeks for drop-ins
  - 3. Play it by ear, by third or fourth lesson, can move along with fewer beginners left behind
    - a. Play video for how the pieces move first two weeks
    - b. More gradual progression, with repetition built in
    - c. Simultaneous lessons provide more coverage

## 6. Review of meeting minutes from prior meeting

- a. Ordered 60 bags instead of 50 noted before
  - i. Do we need to authorize more money to account for this?
    - 1. Authorized to spend \$200, Dave spent \$208
    - 2.
- b. Stan moved to approve minutes, Danielle seconded, all said "Aye"
  - i. Mike abstained since he was absent from the concerned meeting

7. Report on finance progress

- a. Mike will send reports to Alex for website
  - i. Rather than include in minutes each meeting
- b. Down \$1000 over recent months
  - i. Expenses for computers, software, shirts, etc. exceeds income from selling sets and clocks
- c. Mike suggests a Summer work party to take inventory
- d. Waiting on bylaws for online bank access
- e. All the books are now in QuickBooks
  - i. Easier now that everything is in one account
  - ii. Emptied PayPal account after last tournament
  - iii. Returned petty cash to account
  - iv. Not yet deposited most recent check (\$350) though it appears on finance report for accurate, current figures
- f. Dave ready to forego discussion of CDs, suggests we permit Mike to use his best judgment
  - i. Will need to establish a budget at some point
    - 1. Not terribly involved, flow isn't too bad, it goes out, it comes in
      - a. Conservative with two or three thousand dollar budget
      - b. Can invest upwards of \$30,000 reasonably
      - c. Maybe keep five thousand reserved
    - ii. Dave does have some expenses in mind
      - 1. Down to 2 demo boards
        - a. May need more for Summer chess classes
        - b. As well as giving away to schools for new chess programs
      - 2. Stan asked about easels for holding demo boards

- a. May be appropriate to buy 2 or 3 easels
- 3. Dave moved to buy 5 demo boards and 3 easels, in the amount not to exceed \$500, Stan seconded, all said "Aye"
  - a. Stan will look into it, since he's looked at easels before
  - b. Demo boards are a pretty standard item, should be straightforward
    - i. 36" or 32"
      - 1. Stan will measure the one he has and order the same
- iii. Mike will present a proposal concerning possible investment options
- iv. Mike asked about the possibility of having a WECC person in each playing room
  - 1. Considering the incident at the last tournament where a player took a swing at Alex
  - 2. We ought to have an adult in every room
    - a. We may not have enough WECC people at every tournament to commit to cover as many as 3, or more, rooms
  - 3. Mike moved to recognize as best practice having an adult in every play room at all chess tournaments, Dave seconded, all said "Aye"

g. Profit/Loss

- i. Ordinary Income/Expense Income 1000 · Tournament Income 1001 · Entry Fees 7,708.78 1002 · Equipment Sales 1,461.00 1003 · Donations 37.40 Total 1000 · Tournament Income 9,207.18 44800 · Indirect Public Support 44820 · United Way, CFC Contributions 801.63 Total 44800 · Indirect Public Support 801.63 45000 · Investments 45030 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD 12.70 Total 45000 · Investments 12.70 Total Income 10,021.51 Expense 2000 · Tournament Expenses 2001 · Host Organization 8,023.90 2002 · Equipment Rentals 130.32 2006 · Trophies 345.56 Total 2000 · Tournament Expenses 8,499.78 3000 · WECC Operations 3001 · Supplies 104.94 3002 · Boards, Pieces, Clocks, Bags 433.98 3003 · PCs 977.38 3005 · Software 211.00 3007 · Insurance 400.00 3008 · WECC Branded Shirts 293.00 3009 · Website and Email Services 92.98 Total 3000 · WECC Operations 2,513.28 Total Expense 11,013.06 Net Ordinary Income - 991.55 Net Income -991.55

h. Balance Sheet

- i. ASSETS Current Assets Checking/Savings 200 · HAPO Commercial Account 34,720.98 Total Checking/Savings 34,720.98 Total Current Assets 34,720.98 TOTAL ASSETS 34,720.98 LIABILITIES & EQUITY Equity 30000 · Opening Balance Equity 35,712.53 Net Income -991.55 Total Equity 34,720.98 TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 34,720.98

8. Review website

a. Alex demonstrated navigation of new website

- i. Danielle found a faulty link under "Knowledge Base" where the link does not go to Ratings Northwest

- ii. A good deal of information under “About”
  - 1. A bit of history about the organization
  - 2. Meeting minutes, treasurer’s reports, and the like
  - 3. Biographies for board members
    - a. Danielle made some suggestions for improving layout/appearance
    - b. We need to take a team photo for top of page
      - i. Schedule this for our Summer Work Party
      - ii. Wear our WECC shirts
        - 1. Have them embroidered with our names
          - a. By start of Summer chess classes

9. Meeting for Elliot Neff’s proposal for State tournaments

- a. Main goal to standardize State tournament, items such as
  - i. Trophy size and number for individuals
  - ii. Team trophy groups and team size
  - iii. Pairing and schedule of rounds
  - iv. Score keeping
  - v. Other items that make a tournament run smoothly

10. Dave suggested we create a board position for Alex

- a. Web Master!!
  - i. Alex says you don’t have to create a position for me

11. Stan moved to adjourn meeting, Danielle seconded, all said “Aye”

12. Determine next meeting date

- a. Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm at Dave’s house
  - i. To feature Dave’s report of what I learned at the State tournament

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Herigstad