

WECC Meeting  
held at David Merrill's house

February 12, 2020

513 Wagon Ct; Richland, WA

Attending: David Merrill (P), Danielle Craigen (VP), Mike Wilbricht (T) [by phone],  
Doug Herigstad (S)  
Guests: Sonya Karanjia, Dawn Cryan

Meeting started at 7:06 pm

1. Welcome guests!
2. Review preparations for Orchard Rook and Roll tournament, concurrent with Tri-City Prep preparations (The Prep En Passant)
  - A. Mike thought we could use this tournament as a template for other new tournament organizers
    1. we can take pictures and post to our website
    2. Sonya says that should be fine
  - B. Sonya says she's not terribly organized
    1. then proceeds to refer to pages of notes and photos and maps of the tournament playing area ☺
    2. Dave suggested arranging the board numbers such that the lower numbers are further away from scorekeepers and higher board numbers closer to scorekeepers
  - C. notes on scorekeepers
    1. no special skills required
      - a. other than exhibiting patience and compassion
    2. standard practice dictates both players report score together
      - a. both must agree on outcome
    3. verify board number, name, black/white, and outcome: 1, 0, 0.5
  - D. 169 players registered
  - E. trophies ordered already
    1. spoke with Buddy yesterday
    2. Sonya not terribly fond of trophy aspect of things
      - a. different organizers have different approaches
      - b. challenging sometimes to take into account varying ideas
      - c. trophies, minimum 3 places, by grade, as well as trophy for section winner
        1. only one grade (4<sup>th</sup>) that includes 6 places
        2. most others include 4 places
      - d. also giving out medals
        1. 40% score 3.0 or more
          - a. minus trophy winners
        2. using medals leftover from previous years
        3. may also give medals to everyone who scores 3.0+
        4. should have 55 medals to give away
      - e. spent about \$900 on trophy order
        1. being pretty generous
        2. Buddy accepts payment after the tournament
          - a. does not require payment up front
          - b. super easy to work with

3. question from Dawn: how long between trophy order and delivery?
  - a. one week turnaround, generally
  - b. better to have it ready 2 weeks before
  - c. Buddy pretty good about quick orders as needed
- F. when utilizing chessreg.com does that change the organizer's responsibility for reconciling number of registrants and corresponding payments?
  1. in a word, yes, it's no longer entirely necessary
  2. Mike pretty good about taking care of this
  3. arrangement with chessreg.com to discount registration fee after 1000 players, reduced from \$1.00 to \$0.50
    - a. difference goes to WECC to support our efforts
    - b. to offset the storage costs about to accrue
- G. Sonya will take chess pieces and boards tonight
  1. Dave will bring clocks Friday night, during setup
  2. Sonya would appreciate verification of proper setup at that time
    - a. to avoid morning-of stressful adjustments
  3. setting up boards, Dave encouraging that white be on left and black on right, when facing scorekeeping tables
    - a. to correspond with how it's laid out on the scorekeeping table
  4. she and Jason will practice preparing tents prior to tournament, and call if questions arise
- H. Dave will be TD
  1. Danielle will be there
  2. Mike should also make it
  3. can also recruit judges at beginning as needed
- I. will utilize sound system in family area
  1. Sonya asking that one person act as spokesperson to avoid conflicting reports, announcements and the ensuing chaos
    - a. post pairings before announcement is made
    - b. that way we can avoid back and forth miscommunication
    - c. tendency to keep things moving along quickly that sometimes contributes some confusion
  1. PTO also has microphone to use in playing room to offer direction/instruction, go over rules and start the rounds
- J. Andrew and Gregg will handle pairings
  1. both can also judge if necessary
- K. do we want to start every round with clocks in Open sections?
  1. Gregg felt that 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and younger should be able to opt out
    - a. easier to start with clocks active on every board
    - b. time is precious, expedites play
- L. okay to sell equipment at the tournament?
  1. yes, where will you sell them?
    - a. in tournament room
    - b. make announcement in cafeteria
    - c. if a long line forms, good!
- M. check in at the beginning, as soon as players arrive

1. to account for no shows prior to start of tournament
2. Dave introduced a corrections sheet at check in
  - a. single sheet for each player, each change to get to the pairings person to make necessary changes throughout initial check in
  - b. change of school, spelling corrections, etc.
- N. going over Orchard Rook & Roll, does that help with Prep En Passant?
  1. Dawn will attend R&R to shadow Sonya
    - a. she can also make it to setup the day before
    - b. she may also make it to Bishop Battle Star
      1. learn from Edith too
  2. does anyone still do mail-in registration?
    - a. not really
    - b. residual from previous tournaments
    - c. mark it down:
      1. first day in history that we will no longer have mail-in!!
    - d. ask Edith if it would still be better to have sign-up information for PSD students
      1. before we get rid of it all together
  3. judges pulled from floor
  4. send flyer when ready to WECC board email
- O. Dave moves to retain \$0.50 difference in chessreg.com registration fees (after 1000<sup>th</sup> player) as WECC funds, Danielle seconded, all said "Aye"
3. Review WSECC
  - A. currently 400+ players registered
    1. opened January 2<sup>nd</sup>
    2. Murano and Marriott Hotels \$266/night + \$20 parking
  - B. Doug moves to sponsor Dave's trip to State up to \$350.00, Danielle seconded, Dave abstains, all said "Aye"
4. Consider changing registered agent for WECC to treasurer so he receives mail
  - A. update registered agent at the same time he updates board members
    1. Secretary of State (S.O.S.) website, only pay the fee one time
  - B. insurance still coming to Wagon Ct address
    1. this would be the start of changing things over to Mike's address
    2. Mike okay with this; not exhibiting strong feelings either way
    3. Danielle moves to change registered agent to treasurer's address, Doug seconded, all said "Aye"
5. Determine next meeting date
  - A. Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at Danielle's house, 235 Pine Tree Ln, Richland
6. Danielle moved to adjourn meeting, Doug seconded, all said "Aye"

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Herigstad