

WECC Meeting  
held at Danielle Craigen's house

March 11, 2020

235 Pinetree Lane; Richland, WA

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

Guests: Dawn Cryan, Gregg Dillingham, Nick Hertelendy, Jeffrey Payne

Meeting started at 7:00 pm

1. Welcome guests! Introductions all around!
2. Review preparations for Tri-Cities Prep tournament
  - A. currently 80 players registered
    1. K-3 23
    2. 4-5 24
    3. 6 20
    4. 7-12 13
  - B. Alex back in time to TD
    1. Mike will be there to fill in as TD if necessary
    2. Danielle has another commitment, Doug working Saturday
    3. Gregg handling pairings
  - C. Dawn to take care of trophies
    1. keep it simple
    2. award trophies by grade
    3. team trophies, if done at all, may only be one or two places
    4. you can do what you want, don't worry about anyone second guessing
  - D. Aimee Kovic volunteered to help with tents
  - E. all in one room?
    1. easier to operate if all together
    2. we can be in one room
    3. pairings done in same room?
      - a. Gregg would prefer to have separate place, quiet
      - b. Dawn can accommodate
  - F. check in starts at 8 am, should be done by 8:30 am
    1. should have correction sheets available
      - a. recently shared with group currently organizing State
      - b. should also make these available on the website
  - G. set up boards such that white and black sides align with scoresheet
    1. also worthwhile to put board no. 1 at far end, away from scoring table
  - H. Dawn apologized for taking up so much time
    1. all board members assured her that this is normal
    2. typically half the meeting devoted to next upcoming tournament
  - I. Dawn asked about concerns about Covid-19
    1. suggested that in two weeks, concerns will either diminish or increase
      - a. if the latter, tournament most likely cancelled
      - b. registration fees refunded
  - J. speaking of coronavirus, all events 250+ people cancelled in Pierce County
    1. location of State tournament
    2. cancellation lasts through end of March
      - a. may be extended

3. will have to wait and see

**Addendum:** Danielle scheduled an impromptu meeting for the evening of Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss the status of the Tri-City Prep tournament. According to directives coming from the Governor's office, it seemed in all likelihood that the tournament would need to be cancelled. Dawn made the call at 10am that Monday morning. Danielle assured her that we would take care of the WECC website and ChessReg details. Alex updated the former and Mike contacted Ben Radin concerning the latter. Ben provided refunds to registered players and Mike confirmed that these were accurate. WECC covered the costs of registration and PayPal fees, which totaled \$75.94.

3. Review next year's tentative schedule

A. looking at this year's schedule, Dave picked closest corresponding Saturday

B. Edith provided tentative dates for PSD tournament

1. only variance Frozen Knights VI

a. from 12-19 to 12-12

C. Tri-City Prep tournament better at 3-20, as opposed to 3-27

1. tournament called TCP En Passant

D. Dawn may not be interested in organizing Amon Creek Castle II

1. this last tournament had challenges that she wishes to avoid

a. no reimbursement for various expenses

2. will also require additional parent help

4. Treasurer review of finances

A. would like to give more comprehensive report after last tournament of season

B. current balance \$25,151

1. no outstanding transactions

2. + \$100 contribution from Framatome

C. supplies that we've been selling

1. plenty left

2. out of some bag colors

D. at next meeting, will share histogram of the tournament season

5. Secretary review and approve minutes

A. Dave moved to approve minutes, Mike seconded, all said "Aye"

B. follow up to minutes review, Dave did change registered agent to Mike

6. Jeff will take Dave's place going to State tournament, providing clocks day before

A. Dave started to make motion to pay for hotel and travel

B. Jeff said not to worry about it

7. Review WSECC

A. Governor Inslee announced today that events that include 250+ people cancelled through March

B. John Dill suggested online tournament, asked for feedback

1. feedback such that we generally feel this would be untenable

8. Nominate Jeff and Nick to join the board at large

A. Mike wanted to review what that entails before making it official

1. attend board meetings monthly during tournament season

2. engage in Summer chess classes 6 Wednesdays middle of Summer

- B. Danielle makes a motion to formally invite Jeff and Nick to our board, with voting rights, Dave seconded, all said "Aye"
  - 1. voting quorum despite Alex's absence
- C. does Gregg want in on the party?
  - 1. when he can make it to meetings, sure
  - 2. content to serve as pairings extraordinaire
- D. Edith has also been invited to join the board in the past but has declined
  - 1. has a lot going on as it is, responsible for organizing 4 PSD tournament
- E. during monthly meetings, good to have enough board members present to establish a quorum
  - 1. by-laws include a stipulation that board members must attend so many meetings, or may be booted from board if misses too many meetings
- 9. David Merrill is retiring as President of Washington Elementary Chess Champions
  - A. read resignation letter and handed it to current Vice President, Danielle
  - B. available as resource
    - 1. readying house for sale, with intent to move from the area in near future
    - 2. needs weekends to take care of everything
  - C. Alex not interested in President but willing to backfill VP spot
    - 1. so long as someone else willing to step in as webmaster
  - D. Dave makes 3 motions:
    - 1. to nominate Danielle as President
    - 2. to nominate Alex as Vice President
    - 3. to nominate Jeff to serve as Webmaster
      - a. Jeff asks that his title be "Minister of Information"
    - 4. Mike suggested we table the motions until next meeting when Alex can be present
      - a. as a courtesy
    - 5. Danielle moves to table nominations until next meeting, at the top of the agenda, Mike seconded, all said "Aye"
- 10. Determine next meeting date
  - A. Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm at Danielle's house 235 Pinetree Lane
    - 1. does Wednesdays still work?
      - a. yes
    - 2. does 7pm work for everyone?
      - a. yes
    - 3. both Nick and Jeff offer use of their respective office spaces
      - a. Nick in West Richland on Van Giesen
      - b. Jeff in South Richland
- 11. Dave also recommends we discuss ordering shirts for new board members
  - A. Danielle would prefer ladies fit
    - 1. Mike suggests a different fabric shirt
    - 2. Jeff suggests we select a shirt he can wear to play golf
  - B. Custom Ink (?) the company we've dealt with before
    - 1. will be at State tournament, can order beforehand and pick up there
- 12. Dave mentioned also that we need to report new board members to Secretary of State sooner rather than later

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13. Michelle Brachia donation storage space [ABC Storage -- D12]
  - A. made new keys that he wants to test before handing over to Mike
  - B. will need to move materials to new space
    1. 3 six-foot racks
  - C. Jeff may have solution
    1. need to think of ways to avoid bottle-neck
  - D. Nick also has available office space
    1. cross that bridge when we come to it
  - E. over the next month, Dave will be clearing chess materials from home
    1. will give everything back
    2. requests that he keep 10 sets and 10 bags as mementos
      - a. approx. \$200 worth
      - b. more than reasonable
    3. currently has materials Dawn needs for her tournament
      - a. also has demo boards and tripods in his car
        1. plans to take them to storage after meeting

13. Danielle moved to adjourn meeting, Mike seconded, all said "Aye"

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Herigstad