

WECC Meeting May 20, 2020  
held via Zoom, at a variety of locales

Attending: Danielle Craigen (P), Alex Corsten (VP), Mike Wilbricht (T),  
Doug Herigstad (S)  
Guests: Edith Lau

Meeting started at 7:05 pm

1. Welcome guests!
2. Review Minutes from 4/15/20
  - A. Alex noted that under elections for both President and VP, the word “elected” needs to be changed to “nominated”
    1. Doug made change and will send out corrected minutes after meeting
  - B. Mike moved to approve minutes so amended, Alex seconded, all said “Aye”
  - C. how do we go about getting these minutes signed?
    1. for HAPO signatures
    2. for SOS changes

3. Treasurer’s Report

- A. 2 transactions of note
  1. domain name payments
    - a. \$32.37
  2. United Way deposit
    - a. \$34.38
  3. Balance Sheet

ASSETS Current Assets Checking/Savings 200 · HAPO Commercial Account 2,852.23  
210 · HAPO Money Market (0.25%) 5,004.41 220 · HAPO 48 Month CD (12/23 1.95%)  
20,124.51 230 · HAPO 12 Month CD (12/20 1.50%) 5,023.90 300 · PayPal 2,310.94  
Total Checking/Savings 35,315.99 Total Current Assets 35,315.99 TOTAL ASSETS  
35,315.99 LIABILITIES & EQUITY Equity 30000 · Opening Balance Equity 35,712.53  
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets -1,337.21 Net Income 940.67 Total Equity 35,315.99  
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 35,315.99

4. Profit/Loss

Ordinary Income/Expense Income 1000 · Tournament Income 1001 · Entry Fees 100101  
· Early Entry Fees \$12 3,972.00 100102 · Mid Entry Fees \$18 2,304.00 100103 · Late  
Entry Fees \$25 1,025.00 100104 · Pasco Elementary \$10 1,230.00 100105 · Pasco  
Reimbursed \$10 1,320.00 100106 · Direct Host Pay \$0 0.00 100107 · Chess Camp \$95  
4,085.00 100108 · Scholarship \$0 0.00 100109 · Other Entry ?\$ 576.00 100110 ·  
Withdrawn Entry \$0 0.00 100111 · ChessReg Refunded Fees -511.94 100112 · ChessReg  
Fee Rebate 206.00 Total 1001 · Entry Fees 14,206.06 1002 · Equipment Sales 563.00  
1003 · Donations 106.00 Total 1000 · Tournament Income 14,875.06 44800 · Indirect  
Public Support 44820 · United Way, CFC Contributions 511.56 44840 · Amazon Smile  
27.26 Total 44800 · Indirect Public Support 538.82 45000 · Investments 45030 · Interest-  
Savings, Short-term CD 152.82 Total 45000 · Investments 152.82 Total Income  
15,566.70 Expense 2000 · Tournament Expenses 2001 · Host Organization 7,217.59  
2002 · Host Org paid by WECC for PSD 1,010.00 2007 · Trophies 1,244.29 2008 · Other  
Expenses 1,735.95 2009 · ChessReg Entry Fee 1,576.00 2010 · ChessReg PayPal Fee  
536.22 2011 · ChessReg Refunded Entries 513.00 Total 2000 · Tournament Expenses  
13,833.05 3000 · WECC Operations 3001 · Supplies 79.27 3002 · Boards, Pieces,

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Clocks, Bags 292.92 3007 · Insurance 400.00 3009 · Website and Email Services 10.79 3010 · Other 10.00 Total 3000 · WECC Operations 792.98 Total Expense 14,626.03 Net Ordinary Income 940.67 Net Income 940.67

#### 4. Old Business

A. TPC chess supplies picked up by Danielle

B. in related subject, storage secure for another two more years

1. make sense to consolidate supplies

a. or better to have designated space for materials used for tournaments, for better circulation?

b. Danielle says she can hang on to “working set” okay

2. Mike has 2 sets of keys for storage

a. can pass on a set to whoever wants them when the time comes

3. Mike still has supplies that we sell

4. Nick offered storage space

a. where is this?

b. we can wait to hear more details before we decide

#### C. WSECC

1. 1100 players

2. 55 players investigated for cheating

3. warm-up event the Saturday before

a. Edith experienced issues with multiple devices

1. solved image issue with school district

2. administrator claimed technical difficulties related to personal devices

4. day of tournament, server crashed @ 9:20 am

a. had to restart at 10:30 am

1. made for a very long day

b. Zoom meeting set up to address problems as they arose

1. not ideal considering ages of players

5. a worthwhile attempt, but largely problematic

6. first move 30-second rule potentially led to disqualifications?

a. also issues with bathroom breaks

7. a lot of skip issues

a. players missing whole rounds

8. offered refunds depending on when they were kicked out

a. full refunds if appropriate

b. \$5 less if players wanted a participation medal

1. Edith said do this for any player with her email

9. players' level of play varied from round to round

a. suspected help from adults

b. frustrated any number of participants

c. a lot of work to review/investigate potential cheating

10. used chesskid.com because they had kid-friendly privacy in place

a. many people suggested chess.com would have been better

1. Alex suggested that rating system utilized by the latter may have also influenced the decision

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11. trophies for 4.0 points or higher since it was 7 rounds
    - a. also participation medal to everyone
    - b. regional individuals responsible for distributing trophies
  12. tournament finally ended after 5 pm
    - a. Edith shut down everything right away
      1. it was a long day
- D. Tentative 2020-2021 Tournament Schedule
1. striking Amon Creek from tournament
    - a. Tri-City Prep may take that earlier date, or keep later date
      1. wait to hear from Dawn
- E. Secretary of State changes
1. need signed minutes from 4/15/20
    - a. Doug will add space at the end of minutes to have each officer sign and date minutes to send around
      1. Mike last to take care of SOS details
  2. SOS password has been reset
- F. Summer Chess Nights
1. not looking likely that it will be held in person due to gradual reopening of Washington
  2. Doug also received information related to MCL that all Summer programming to take place online
    - a. return to ordinary programming possibly projected for September
  3. can we do any kind of online lessons?
    - a. would have to use ChessKid?
    - b. advantage of an online sessions, kids can ask questions
    - c. present video/lesson and encourage players to practice
    - d. would provide good practice in case we need to host tournaments online
    - e. what if we try to utilize Zoom meetings?
      1. face to face to avoid cheating
    - f. players could possibly bring their own computers
      1. monitor the ongoing games
      2. how to accommodate players without computers?
        - a. school districts trying to get Chromebooks home to students, rushing purchasing to reach 1:1
        - b. begs the question of home wi-fi issues
          1. PSD provided specific devices to make allowances for this
    - g. would online platform allow for pairings?
      1. not suited to current pairings available
        - a. makes it challenging to start
      2. doesn't account for school/team pairings
        - a. SwissSys has setting to avoid these

- h. Danielle would like to try online tournaments, yet reticent due to State experiences
      - i. all these online tournaments necessarily hosted by WECC
  - 4. Danielle suggests we push out Summer chess classes until we know more
    - a. possibly move to August
    - b. each of us can consider alternatives/adjustments to make them safer for players
    - c. table for June
    - d. means to advertise Summer lessons also compromised
      - 1. school Facebook pages instead
      - 2. lunch pick-up sites
- G. new black WECC polos
  - 1. what happened to all of our polos?
    - a. given to volunteers as needed
  - 2. what about using a nametag sticker with WECC logo for daily on-demand volunteers?
  - 3. \$15.00 about the cheapest we can get for polos
    - a. similar to the ones we currently use
  - 4. better quality runs \$20+
  - 5. customink.com, minimum order typically 6
  - 6. do we want to look at t-shirts?
    - a. less expensive
    - b. varies on quality of these
      - 1. \$9.65/ea, no minimum amount
      - 2. about half the price of polos
      - 3. could use larger size logo on a t-shirt
        - a. can go bigger on polos as well, since they no longer have front pocket
      - 4. people associated with organization could receive nicer polo/shirt, including board members and regular coaches/volunteers, whereas we could have t-shirts on hand for occasional, day-of volunteers
        - a. makes a more formal distinction for parents/coaches to determine who better to talk to
  - 7. do we want polos to feature officer title?
    - a. additional expense, but also too variable
    - b. maybe we could get nicer official, nametags for officers
      - 1. elevates credibility, identifies board members involved with organization of tournament
    - c. polos/shirts also to feature "VOLUNTEER"?
  - 8. Danielle will look into the following for next meeting
    - a. one-off t-shirts
    - b. polos for regular volunteers
      - 1. cotton or jersey?
        - a. 100% cotton

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- c. nametags for board members cotton or jersey?
- d. will have options/pricing information by next month

5. New Business

- A. already addressed options for tournaments next year in the event of adverse conditions
- B. “Best Practices” guide for tournament organizers
  - 1. Mike envisioned this as working document
    - a. Mike could address finances
    - b. someone else could address relationship between schools and WECC
    - c. details concerning SwissSys/pairings
    - d. other details that new organizers may be totally unfamiliar with that we take for granted

6. Good of the Order

- A. Next Meeting Time: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 7 pm.
  - 1. via Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Herigstad