

WECC Meeting August 11, 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 7:02 pm

1. Welcome guests!
2. Review Minutes from 7/15/20
  - A. Mike moved to approve minutes as corrected, Danielle seconded, all said "Aye"
3. Treasurer's Report
  - A. United Way contribution
  - B. small amount of interest for accounts
  - C. AIM Insurance paid
    1. same price as before
      - a. Mike surprised premium didn't go up
  - D. August financial report

	<u>Jul 31,</u> <u>20</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
200 - HAPO Commercial Account	5,039.58
210 - HAPO Money Market (0.25%)	5,005.68
220 - HAPO 48 Month CD (12/23 1.95%)	20,221.85
230 - HAPO 12 Month CD (12/20 1.50%)	<u>5,042.56</u>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>35,309.67</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>35,309.67</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>35,309.67</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
30000 - Opening Balance Equity	35,712.53
32000 - Unrestricted Net Assets	-305.78
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>-97.08</u>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>35,309.67</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>35,309.67</u></u>

4. Old Business
  - A. Danielle received 3 responses from tournament organizers
    1. Tri-City Prep, Dawn Cryan, interested in hosting
      - a. not scheduled until March
      - b. optimistic that circumstances will be improved
      - c. would prefer in-person, but okay with virtual
      - d. no intent to cancel at this time
    2. didn't hear back from Lewis & Clark

3. Orchard, Sonja, responded saying she'd be unsure until school starts
4. Edith looked into virtual tournaments
  - a. would like to hold dates to plan for
  - b. education specialist, Renee Bartlett, for PSD said virtual tournaments should be feasible
    1. can do PSD tournaments as scheduled if as easy as she indicated
5. Danielle raised question concerning WECC involvement in virtual tournaments
  - a. Mike suggested we handle first one or two, then teach others best practices, according to lessons learned
  - b. need for judges?
  - c. no need to set up day beforehand
  - d. do we offer trophies?
    1. can buy exact amount based on tournament results, once those results are determined immediately end of tourney
    2. distribution of trophies set up afterwards
      - a. responsibility of tournament organizers?
      - b. if you do medallions only, can maybe ship these
        1. part of cost of running things
        2. balances out
      - c. possibility of "virtual" trophy
        1. not a motivator for kids
      - d. leave it up ultimately to organizers
        1. exact trophy order a benefit
6. Results from Questionnaire
  - a. results somewhat predicible based on past experiences with tournament trends
  - b. not too many comments or suggestions for in-person tournaments
    1. cleaning sets in between matches
    2. wearing masks
    3. hand sanitizer/hand washing
  - c. largest response for "very likely" to play in virtual tournaments
    1. almost equally "unlikely" to play in virtual
      - a. 32 and 20 respectively
  - d. many responses "very likely" to play in-person tournaments
  - e. fairly large responses for "unsure" for in-person
7. 2020-21 Tournament Schedule
  - a. no response from Jefferson
    1. Susie Oram our contact there
  - b. no response from Lewis & Clark
  - c. unsure about Christ the King
  - d. Tri-City Prep remain committed to hosting
  - e. organizers primarily interested in tournaments as fund-raisers
    1. less likely to raise funds from virtual tournaments

2. concessions most often the biggest money-maker
  - a. Danielle recalls from her experience as organizer raising as much as \$1,500 each time
3. less incentive overall to host virtual tournaments
- f. WECC may have to fill in gaps
  1. be the initial guinea pig
  2. chess with Susie Oram at Jefferson
    - a. if uninterested, we can take that spot
    - b. attempt to iron out wrinkles
    - c. will necessitate a practice tourney amongst ourselves, in order to anticipate potential issues
    - d. offer medallions to all participants, with thanks for their patience
    - e. should also be lower cost for that trial run
      1. will not count towards ratings
      2. no need to worry that practice tournament would adversely effect players' ratings
        - a. much like State's practice run
- g. what does ChessKid charge per registrant
  1. organizer sets tourney fee
  2. fees may undercut profits
- h. do players need to register with ChessKid and ChessReg?
  1. Edith has previously loaded all PSD players in a spreadsheet and send to ChessKid, for State
- i. Mike expressed surprise that ChessKid couldn't also handle registration
  1. they take care of pairings, though
- j. there is an extra step as far as ratings are concerned
- k. Edith looked into other virtual tournament providers
  1. ChessKid remains to be best option, it seems
  2. Alex looked at Chess.com
    - a. cannot accommodate other ratings systems
- l. any information concerning State tournament
  1. no coaches (virtual) meeting at or around State
    - a. usually when details are settled on
  2. maybe check with Elliott to see what they're thinking
- m. Danielle received bundle of old trophies from Cathy K.
  1. could possibly give these out
- n. can also personalize trophies after virtual tournaments
- o. Mike moves to support and conduct a virtual tournament to be held in place of Jefferson, or before Delafield, in order to establish best practices for rest of community, with particulars (registration fee, trophy order, etc.) to be determined going forward, Danielle seconded, all said "Aye"
  1. delegate duties to make it happen prior to next meeting
  2. inclined to go with ChessKid

3. sounds like it should be pretty simple to set up virtually
    - a. just like setting up groups, according to sections
    - b. some confusion concerning login steps, how to access their tournaments, need to click on the appropriate one among list of tournaments
  4. Danielle will reach out to Susie and Renee (PSD)
  5. Mike will reach out to Ben Radin about ChessReg's part
    - a. integral to State
      1. all registration fees went through them
      - b. will cost \$1.00 fee, but we're familiar w/ them
      - c. determine sections based on registrants' info
    6. Edith also utilizing ChessKid for PSD chess clubs
  8. Best Practices write-ups for website
    - a. just received Dave's for pairings during meeting
  9. security certificate for website now current
  10. HAPO signature process
    - a. Mike has it set up to meet with representative from bank
    - b. each of us needs to go in to sign
      1. Secretary will need to provide additional signature
    - c. HAPO foyers closed
      1. will need to coordinate time and location
    - d. Mike will email contact information to board, for each member to follow up
    - e. no deadline, other than just wanting to get it done
  11. email recipients ironed out mostly
    - a. new board member included in group email?
      1. need to check minutes to verify that Nick is indeed on the board, but not an officer
5. New Business
- A. Danielle now has bundle of donated trophies
6. Good of the Order
- A. next meeting time suggested for September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm
    1. need to do it sooner to prepare for first virtual tournament
      - a. Alex out of town August 29<sup>th</sup> thru September 7<sup>th</sup>
    2. tentatively planning for Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm
      - a. may change to Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup>, or Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup>

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Herigstad