

WECC Meeting September 01, 2021
held via Zoom, at a variety of locales

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

Meeting started at 7:00 pm

1. Welcome everyone and advisory counsel! Hi Edith!
2. Review minutes for 7/14/21
 - A. Alex moved to approve minutes as read, sent directly after meeting, Danielle seconded, all said "Aye"
3. Treasurer's Report
 - A. No changes
 - i. As such, not much to report
4. Old Business
 - A. Tournament Schedule
 - i. Danielle spoke with Grace Deng about Hanford Tournament
 1. Accepted Orchard's spot and Richland Rook Roundup name
 - ii. Hanford players will help with judging, Key Club will help out with set-up, concessions, etc.
 - iii. Christ the King decided not to hold tournament this year
 1. Not sure they will have chess club at any rate
 - a. No Sausage Fest = no chess tournament
 - iv. Alex asked about any news concerning in-person tournaments
 1. Danielle referred to most recent OSPI guidelines
 - a. Not terribly specific
 - b. Guidelines used previously not in place (in some districts) despite increased case numbers
 - c. Edith states that PSD following similar guidelines implemented in Spring 2020
 - d. Danielle shared screen for existing guidelines
 - i. Indoors 3-foot distancing to the degree possible
 1. 1-2 games per table
 - ii. Masking required indoors
 - e. First tournament scheduled for October 16th
 - i. About six weeks out
 - ii. Mike expressed concern about enforcing these rules and guidelines
 1. Any player who doesn't wear a mask forfeits their game, straightforward
 2. Families in other room may prove otherwise
 3. Younger players running around in between games may be challenging
 4. Danielle and Edith discuss varying degrees of compliance with these guidelines in school setting
 5. Not entirely comfortable accepting associated liability with hosting a tournament in these conditions

6. No desire to police non-compliance, be the “bad guy”
 7. Coupled with vague guidelines
 8. Pivot to ChessKid.com like last year?
 9. Alex mentioned suggesting players go outside between games, but not feasible, or really the problem
 10. Danielle also nervous about contact tracing in case of exposure, how to reach everyone should it be needed
 11. Doug agrees with everything said, inasmuch as Delta-related spike brings everything back to no-go in-person
 12. Edith mentioned relationship between PSD and WECC, in a way that doubles liability
 13. Mike pointed out that schools that hold tournaments without WECC support
 14. Mike likes Alex’s suggestions for mitigating risk but uncertain it “gets us all the way there”
 15. Edith described PSD Open House at her building that was regimented to control traffic and potential exposure
 16. Difficult to replicate the measures Edith describes
- iii. Do we plan for virtual tournaments for entire season?
1. Get us through the year, and anticipate things get better by January?
 - A. Potential for holiday surge
 2. Virtual tourneys worked well last year
 - A. Despite little local involvement
 - B. Close to 100 players on one
 - i. From all over
 3. Mike moved to schedule virtual tournaments through January with ChessKid.com, to re-evaluate conditions at that time, Alex seconded, all said “Aye”
 - A. First tournament to coincide with afore-scheduled Orchard/Hanford tourney, October 16th
 - B. Do we want to invite Hanford students to provide support?
 - i. Took us a bit to catch on

- ii. We want a quality tournament at any rate
 - C. Maintain monthly virtual tournament schedule?
 - i. Ask ChessKid about group rate, with possibility of additional tourneys added
 - ii. Oct/Nov/Dec/Jan = 4
 - D. Ask Dawn Cryan (TC Prep) about possibility of March tournament?
 - i. Let her know about CTK
 - 4. Alex will contact ChessKid about upcoming virtual tournaments
 - A. Aim for same terms as before
 - i. For 4 – 6 tournaments
 - 5. Alex also mentioned lower age requirement for vaccine
 - A. May increase rates
 - B. Mike skeptical if not mandatory
- B. Officer terms as currently seen in by-laws
 - i. Danielle devised schedule as follows, based on these
 1. President: 2023, 2026, 2029, etc.
 2. VP: 2024, 2027, 2030, etc.
 3. Treasurer: 2024, 2027, 2030, etc.
 4. Secretary: 2022, 2025, 2028, etc.
- C. Non-discrimination statement
 - i. Lots of variations
 1. Mentioned NSCF policy
 - a. Chess is cross-cultural, cross-generational
 - b. Doesn't matter if you speak the same language, standard rules around the world
 2. Borrowed largely from Colorado Youth Soccer Club's NDS
 - a. Her draft: Washington Elementary Chess Champions does not discriminate against Executive Board volunteers, players, coaches, parents, or tournament volunteers (i.e. Tournament Directors, judges, scorekeepers, etc.) on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or if all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance programs.
 - b. Mike moved to adopt statement as written, Alex seconded, all said "Aye"
- D. Email from Josh Sinan concerning WSECC

- i. Edith responded that suggested meeting times wouldn't work with a teacher's schedule
 - 1. Danielle seconded the sentiment
 - ii. Pushing hard about 2024 tournament
 - iii. Alex recounts discussion about arrangements for 2024 State
 - 1. Dave suggested we also look into Convention Center
 - a. Not entirely feasible unless we reserve Toyota Center in tandem
 - i. Didn't work before with Convention Center alone
 - ii. Despite it being a really nice setup for players
 - 1. CC staff setup and rearranged everything as desired
 - 2. Really good rate at the time
 - 2. Reserved tentative dates for TRAC facility
 - a. Dave heard back from them after he retired from WECC
 - b. We don't have anything locked down
 - c. Reach out to TRAC about rates, compared to CC
 - i. See how they compare, how we might possibly negotiate as such
 - E. Another email dated August 19th concerning chess instruction manual
 - i. Mike forwarded for further review
 - F. Josh Sinan also reached out about acquiring WSECC.ORG domain
 - i. Chess Enrichment Association (CEA) wants to take over ownership of that specific domain
 - ii. Used previously for whichever host was responsibly in any given year
 - iii. WECC has paid annually to maintain continuity of availability
 - iv. WECC is non-profit, peer volunteer, wish to maintain autonomy
 - v. Edith on Board of Directors of CEA, class 1
 - 1. Listed on website as Governor
 - vi. Do we want to give it to them?
 - 1. We'd no longer need to pay for it
 - a. small price to pay
 - 2. Leverage for hosting State every 6 years
 - a. Though hosting a lot of work
 - b. Reason for organization to begin with
 - vii. Maintain status quo?
 - 1. Own the domain, yet loan it to that year's host
 - 2. Mike moved to maintain ownership and loan domain to concerned party each year, Danielle seconded, all said "Aye"
 - a. Alex will respond to inquiry with this decision
 - G. Another random email asking about potential partnership
 - i. Akin to astro-turfing to drum up attention, divert traffic to their site
 - 1. Not quite spam but this weird click-baity thing
 - H. Shirts can wait since we're starting the year with virtual tournaments
5. New Business
 - A. Website security certificate needs renewal
 - i. Alex aware and will take care of it

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- B. Mike needs to check on AIM Insurance status
 - i. In response to unclear email received
 - ii. Related to earlier examination of State-sponsored organization
 - 1. Doesn't apply to non-profits
- 6. Good of the Order
 - A. Next Meeting Time: Thursday, September 16th @ 7:30pm, via Zoom, to clarify virtual tournament details

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Herigstad