

- a. MCL gets 1 free flyer a month
 - i. Charged after that
 - b. Andrew said he's used it for little league w/o cost
 - v. Tayseer shared screen for website tricitieeschess.com
 - 1. Andrew helped with it
 - 2. Can share tournament schedule
 - 3. Alex suggested rather than post in 2 different places, link to chesschampions.org
 - 4. Audience includes homeschool students
 - a. They can participate in tournaments
 - 5. Website features chess at Richland library
 - vi. Edith report on PSD side of things
 - 1. Some coaches chomping at the bit for OTB tourneys
 - 2. Various levels of response from others
 - 3. Flyer ready for Delafield
 - a. Danielle will help
 - b. Andrew suggested reference to entire season
 - c. Idea to present all info in one place
 - i. Edith will make it look good
 - B. Volunteer background checks
 - i. Sterling Volunteers
 - 1. Used by Girl Scouts
 - 2. Sliding scale
 - 3. About \$50/per
 - a. Criminal and sex offender background check
 - i. Not fingerprint
 - 4. Andrew wondered if there's another, better option
 - a. little league got 150 free background checks for coaches
 - i. due to non-profit status
 - 5. School districts use State Patrol
 - a. Deeper probe
 - b. Takes a while
 - 6. Look into free non-profit option
 - a. Vote on next meeting
5. New Business
 - A. Proposal from Josh Sinanan
 - i. Rotate State between 3 regions
 - ii. Organizers maintain quality control and fiscal transparency
 - iii. Each region would get 25% of proceeds
 - 1. Organizers get 25% each year
 - 2. Idea being that each region receives funds each year
 - a. No longer feast or famine
 - iv. Alex expressed concern that our profits are high due to reliance on volunteer assistance
 - 1. Other regions hire folks to run tournaments
 - 2. Would we be subsidizing other regions with our low-cost approach?

3. Would we lose money in the long run?
4. Less incentive to maximize profit when it's your turn
5. We host every 6 years
 - a. Make proceeds last until the next time
 - i. Very frugally
- v. Question about 3 regions
 1. North, south, east
 - a. Or west, Spokane, Tri-Cities
 - b. Tacoma identified as better locale on west side
- vi. Go back to Josh to ask for more details
 1. Especially concerning profit margins, expenditures
 - a. "once everyone was paid"
 - b. Some honorarium folks returned checks
 - i. Went from in the red (-800) to black (+300)
 1. Still pretty abysmal
 - c. Venue rental biggest expenditure
 - i. Tried to do one-day only
 1. Setting up at 5 am, day of
 2. Trying to save as much as possible
 2. Ask to see profit/loss statements, payments to individuals
 - a. Confirmation on how regions are divided
 - i. East typically Spokane, Tri-Cities
 - b. Is Spokane represented on their board?
 - i. James Stripes
 - ii. Spokane represented at State
 1. Good numbers but not as many as before
- vii. Tayseer asking about hosting a bigger, annual tournament
 1. USCF?
 - a. All players would have to join
 - b. He's met many players who've already joined
 - c. Scholastic or adult?
 - i. Opportunities for kids
 2. Biggest tournament in Pasco 220 players
 3. WECC charter specifies K-6
 - a. Expand to include MS and HS to keep them engaged as they grow older
 4. May also be a larger Easter WA tournament
 - a. Similar to Tournament of Champions
 - i. Any player 4.0 or higher
 - ii. WECC hosted directly
 - iii. Smaller number of kids
 - iv. Tougher tournament
 - b. Throughout year, think of options
 5. Alex mentioned consideration for shorter season this year
 - a. Need to shake the dust off
 6. Tayseer's strength is coaching
 - a. Direct players to him

held via Zoom, at a variety of locales

6. Good of the Order

- A. With larger group, do we want to consider another day of the week?
 - i. Alex on another board that likes to meet Wednesdays
 - 1. Possibly 3rd Wednesday?
 - 2. Still at 7:30?
 - a. Zoom makes it easier
 - b. Maybe meet in-person every few months?
 - i. Will see each other at tournaments
- B. Inventory of equipment
 - i. All in Danielle's garage
 - 1. She can count everything, shouldn't take long
 - 2. Gave away quite a few sets at Summer Chess Classes
 - ii. Thorough inventory 2019
 - 1. Haven't had tournaments since
- C. Next Meeting Time: 10/19/2022 at 6:30 pm via Zoom
 - i. Quick check-in for background checks, elections, L&C
 - ii. Following meeting 11/16/22 at 7:30 pm
 - 1. Make sure everything is ready for tournament 11/19

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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