

Minutes

I. Call to order at 12:33 pm. (WH Police Dept)

In attendance:

- David Aldi
- Rick Bauer (in abstentia)
- Jim Celone
- Richard Chang (in abstentia) Arrived 1:55. Left 2:05.
- Jon Fikiet
- Tom Hartmayer
- Derek Meredith
- Bob Milardo
- Bruce Swan
- CJ Gregory

II. Notice of Meeting (Mr. Celone).

III. Minutes of 09-20-13 Annual Meeting (Mr. Gregory).

Motion to accept minutes (Mr. Aldi, second Mr. Milardo). Unanimous vote

IV. Reports

1. Treasurer's Report for period supplementary to date (Mr. Milardo).

Balance as of 9-20-14	\$2,316
2013 Blitz dues	175
<u>2014 State Scholastics</u>	<u>605</u>
Current Balance	\$3,096

Motion for Treasurer's Report acceptance. Seconded. Unanimous vote.

2. Website Report (Mr. Celone).

Website is periodically updated to reflect current tournament info and relevant CT chess news. Mr Gu's Denker win was not added to the website, as he represented RI. CT representative Alexander Ruth placed below half. Nothing new to report.

Motion for Website Report acceptance. Seconded. Unanimous vote.

3. Tournament/Events Reports

2014 CT State Championships (Mr. Meredith, Mr. Aldi)

No entries for CT Open, May 17th. Advertising did not begin until after the Closed Championship.
Closed Championship, Mr. Meredith: March 29th ; 35 people at Newtown library, a beautiful site, smooth and on time. No disputes. Closely contested championship Gary Shure won. Jonathan Aiyathurai, winner of candidates section, has a paid entry into next tournament. 16 in Top Section , 19 in Lower section. 16 highest rated over 1900 rest were under 1900.

Scholastic Championship (Mr. Aldi): numbers were down this year, but a smoothly run tournament. On March 15th did 2 separate section K6 and K8. There were “too many prizes” even though all prizes established in advance and have to remain the same no matter how many participants show up.

121 participants total for all scholastic championship events.

CT High School state champion Alexander Ruth from New London was sent to the Denker,

Motion for Tournament/Events Report acceptance. Seconded. Unanimous vote.

Bruce --Blitz unrated Tournament: Wants to get new people, trying to advertise to get people motivated.

Time Control G5/ Delay 3 for less clock smashing.

4. Scholastic Tournament Reports: (Mr. Hartmayer) Running scholastic in Storrs, ran in Feb, March and April, one scheduled for June but had to reschedule because of lime disease.

Chess blitz at XL center in Hartford. November 22nd Saturday before Thanksgiving. Tournament starts at 12pm. Hockey starts at 3:30pm. 1st 2nd and 3rd prizes, medals for everyone and hockey ticket.

Mr. Swan Reports: No Grand Prix, off year in terms of regularities. Attendance ranged from 20-60 Ran the tournament and lost money. 1st year 45 2nd year about the same 3rd year it fell through with under 10 kids. Ran after Christmas when hockey and other sports interfere. It was a good series while it lasted, there are too many choices and chess is not a spectator sport. You write a check and wait anxiously. Doing his best to raise awareness. Done at Masonic Lodge, catholic schools at St Thomas catholic.

Mr. Aldi, Reports: running tournaments in Manchester, Farmington and getting roughly 45 participants with an Ivy league feeling and beautiful architecture. Glastonbury is growing 10-15% with about 150 participants.

5. Administrator Reports:

Scholastic Chess (Mr. Aldi),
Upswing in range of 10-20% in participation in schools. 6-7% play in tournaments.
State of scholastic chess in the state sounds promising.

Motion for Scholastic Chess Report acceptance. Seconded. Unanimous vote.

Ombudsman (Mr. Bauer), nothing to report

Scholastic Grants (Mr. Aldi), More sets to be donated to schools. Waiting for school letterheads

Membership Secretary Mr Swan – Nothing to report

V. Unfinished Business

\$1035 still not paid by Mr Jackson. Keep this on the books. Mr. Milardo motion to keep this on the books. Amended motion by Mr Meredith, keeping Mr Jackson's debt on the books, also now to

preclude him from participating in any CSCA sanctioned events until his debt is paid. Mr Swan seconds. Unanimous vote

Meeting recessed 1:45pm

Meeting re-opened 2:05pm

VI. New Business

1. Elections

2019 New Directors:

Tom Hartmayer -- unanimous vote.

Richard Chang -- one opposed.

Administrators:

Ombudsman: Rick Bauer seconded, unanimous vote.

Scholastic Chess/Scholastic Grants: Dave Aldi – unanimous vote.

Website Administrator: Jim Celone – unanimous vote.

Membership Secretary: John Ficket – unanimous vote.

Officers:

Tournament Coordinator: Tom Hartmayer continues; Mr. Aldi motion, Mr. Ficket seconds.
Unanimous vote

Treasurer: Mr. Milardo continues, Mr. Aldi motion, Mr. Meredith seconds. Unanimous vote

Secretary: Charles Gregory; Mr. Milardo motion, Mr. Hartmayer seconds. Unanimous vote

Vice President: Dave Aldi continues, Mr. Celone motion, Mr. Milardo seconds. Unanimous vote

President: Jim Celone continues, Mr. Aldi motion, Mr. Milardo seconds. Unanimous vote

2. Review and award bids for 2015 State Championships

Mr. Meredith bid for adult State Championships. Same format as last year. It has to be on a Saturday. Last year was top 16, this year will seed winner of candidate's section Jonathan Aiyathurai, into top 16.. Now it's top 15 and Jonathan. Venue will be Chess Club of Fairfield County. Broadcast top 2 boards online on DGT boards

Unanimous vote. Mr. Meredith awarded the 2015 CT State Championship.

CT State Scholastics: 2 bids from David Aldi and Jim Celone

Mr Aldi's proposal:

St. Thomas Aquinas School. Only one room...cafeteria. K-6, K-8 April 25th, K-1 and K-3 Sunday April 26th

Difference between this and last year are as follows. Does not conflict with school dates. March conflicted last year with school vacations. The prizes have been dramatically cut back from 8 trophies to 3. Plaques for grade champions and U700 grade champions. Helps out to have a plaque for grade championships to those that aren't necessarily experts. No on-site registration for less chaos.

Tournament held within walking distance of restaurants and library. No food included at tournament.

Mr. Celone's Proposal:

Tournament to be held at Hopkins School Saturday and Sunday April 18th and 19th. Date does not conflict with any other tournament or National tournament. Keeping the date open so middle school players can play both state championships and nationals. Hopkins can allow for 2 days because there are more students playing chess at the school than ever before. K-3 & K-6 on Sunday, K8-K12 will be on Saturday. Every section has 5 rounds it should end by 5-6 on Saturday and out by 4 on Sunday. Problems in the past with online registration (2013) will never happen again. Wonderful turnout for November 2013 GNHO and Spring 2014 New Haven championships. Both ran seamlessly.

Secret ballot vote: majority in favor of Mr. Celone. Mr. Celone awarded the 2015 CT State Championship.

3. Review and award bids for 2014 CT Blitz Championship

NBCC Mid December, unrated. \$1 to CSCA

Motion by Jim Celone second Bob Milardo

Unanimous vote. NBCC awarded 2014 CT Blitz Championship

4. Calendar of CT Chess Events

Greater New Haven Open at Hopkins Sat Nov 9

(see website www.CTChess.com)

5. Possibility of 2nd CSCA Board meeting in early January

6. Proposal for CT Quick Chess championship, Mr. Meredith -- people like playing quick games, trophies with a low entry fee. He may make a proposal for setting up and running a "quick" play championship. CSCA sanctioned.

VII. Adjournment.

Mr. Milardo motion; Meeting adjourned by Mr. Celone at 3:45pm (3hrs 12 mins)

**Note: Proxy Voting.* "A proxy is a power of attorney given by one person to another to vote in his stead and it is also used to designate the person who holds the power of attorney. It is unknown to a strictly deliberative assembly, and is in conflict with the idea of the equality of members, which is a fundamental principle of deliberative assemblies. There can be but little use for debate where one member has more votes than another, possibly more than all the others combined."

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