

## NBCC Annual Meeting 06-10-2025 (Draft)

The NBCC held its annual business meeting on the Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at the Armenian Church

1. Call to Order 7:15PM
2. Attendance: 28 members
3. NBCC President Suhas Kodali and Secretary Mario Guevara Rodriguez reviewed the minutes of the 2024 business meeting; after a brief deliberation the members approved it. All 28 members present voted in favor
4. President Suhas Kodali asked one minute of silence for Bob Feder, Joe Hricko, Chris Dearing who recently passed away
5. Bob Cyr, NBCC historian, gave his succinct report.
  - The major highlights of 2025 were covered; Club Championship, the Winner's Keepers Chess Championship, Planet Earth Chess Championship and the Strazdins Cup-Stein
  - Bob noted the major increase in tournament participation in 2025.
  - Bob explained the main highlights of the Grand Prix Contest and Best Game of the Year.
  - Bob did thank Roger Bessette, David Mashkov and Suhas Kodali
  - Bob mentioned about card signings for David Fusco (who is recovering from surgery for thyroid cancer), Fred Townsend Jr. (CT chess legend who passed away last month), and Bob Feder (club member who passed away last month from a courageous battle with cancer). Memorial tournaments will be held for Townsend and Feder later this year.
  - Club members did thank Bob for his thorough report and congratulate him.
6. Presidents Report
  - Suhas highlighted the important role of all volunteers their help has elevated our club to a special place where members enjoy a pleasant atmosphere to play chess.
  - He gave special thanks to Justin Lalor who couldn't continue as VP of the NBCC
  - He expressed his gratitude to David Herscovici, Roger Bessette and Estee Axelrad for their help to open and close the club every Tuesday.
  - The TDs who help to run the tournaments and a special mention to Roger Bessette who has acted a TD coordinator.
  - He highlighted the success of the Summer Open tournament and announced the return of the Planet Earth to the Wickham park.
  - He mentioned the new initiative to hold Saturday Game night events to increase the camaraderie among club members
7. VP Report
  - Vice President Justin Lalor wasn't present due to personal reasons.

8. Treasurer's Report

- NM David Herscovici explained his 2025 detailed and comprehensive treasurer's report.
- David mentioned the positive change in the Unrestricted Net worth as a good sign for the financial health of the Club. He particularly highlighted the generous donations our club received during the year from the Dearing and Hricko families.
- David informed the members about the prompt rent payments until December 2025 to the Armenian Church.
- Rick Bauer suggested to search options to invest the cash surplus to generate income for the club.
- All members thanked David for his valuable contribution.

9. The election of officers/Board members took place for the September 1, 2024- August 31, 2026 club calendar year.

- The President, Treasurer, and Secretary were re-elected unanimously to their positions for the following year.
- A motion to nominate and elect Dave Fusco as new Vice President took place with unanimous acceptance vote.
- Suhas mentioned special thanks to exiting VP Justin Lalor for his valuable contribution to elevate our club to a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

10. During the new business portion of the meeting, the following ideas were brought forth by the membership:

- Rick Bauer mentioned about having help of a young member to promote and use all the capabilities of the Saturday online Liches.com study group.
- Bob Cyr mention about the possibility to host again a GM and have a master class and simultaneous this year.
- Nelson Castaneda asked about the possibility to have a second weekly day the club open for tournaments.

11. Without more points to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM with 28 members present.