

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS FEDERATION
MEETING MINUTES
October 17, 2021

PRESENT: (IN PERSON): Steve Morford, Chuck Ensey, Jim Harrell, Dwain Barber

(REMOTE): Keith Martin, Dylan Quercia, Abhishek Kylasa, Pooja Kylasa, James Mennella, Jonney Machtig, Sean Manross

ABSENT: Brian Glover

AGENDA: Motion/Second (M/S), Jim/Chuck to approve... all approved

PRIOR MINUTES: M/S to approve, Dwain/Jim ... all approved except Keith who abstained

TREASURER'S REPORT: M/S to approve, Keith/Jonney ... all approved. Brief discussion as to whether we're building our coffers or not. As we begin OTB tournaments, our membership will grow as will our coffers.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: 109 signups for the SoCal Open. Kudos, and sincere thanks, to Chuck for his hard work with tournaments. M/S Jim M/Dwain ... all approved.

PRIORITIES: Steve stated that we need to drive membership up, hold tournaments, possibly a short bulletin, Other topics: shorten board meetings and/or every other month when possible.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: M/S to approve submitted list (see below), Jonney/Chuck ... all approved.

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS	Steve Morford
CLUBS & LEAGUES	Abhishek Kylasa & Jonney Machtig
COLLEGE CHESS	Abhishek Kylasa
ELECTIONS	Chuck Ensey
ETHICS	Jim Mennella
FINANCE	Jim Harrell
MEMBERSHIP	Randy Hough
NATIONAL EVENTS	Steve Morford
PUBLICATIONS	Brian Glover & Dylan Quercia
PUBLIC RELATIONS	Jonney Machtig
SCHOLASTIC	Dwain Barber
TITLE EVENTS	Dylan Quercia
TOURNAMENT DEVELOPMENT	Chuck Ensey
USCF REPRESENTATION	Steve Morford
WOMEN'S	Pooja Kylasa
DISABLED & ACCESSIBILITY	Keith Martin

501 (c) (3): "Chess Prodigies" Dylan brought us up to speed as to his progress in developing this entity.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP: Brief discussion focusing on lack of time, effects of COVID, etc. M/S, Steve/Chuck and Jim M, to declare that the highest scoring CA resident (Enrico Sevillano) from the SoCal Open be named 2021 state champion. ... all approved.

CALCHESS NEGOTIATIONS: There was a discussion regarding the future of developing cooperative ventures with CalChess. For the time being, it will be necessary to put further negotiations on hold. No Board action was taken.

PUBLICATIONS: We need to be communicating with our members and we don't have all their emails. Dylan suggested a short, ±4 page, print edition that includes our social media links (possibly a YouTube channel) and we do this consistently.

SUPERSTATES: Dewain and Steve have had talks with Jay Stallings regarding a spring event. No Board action was taken.

OTHER SCHOLASTIC CHESS TOPICS: no update at the collegiate level. Dwain: the US Open offers an opportunity to participate at a national event. This year, its close to home which saves us money. Steve: the RYCA has gotten approval for an OTB tournament, but it came with some COVID requirements.

DETERMINE DATE/TIME FOR NEXT MEETING: 1 pm, November 21st at Steve's abode.

Adjourned at 3:04 pm