

**Kansas Chess Association Meeting Minutes**  
July 15, 2007 at 8:00 am  
Bethany College, Lindquist Hall, Lindsborg, KS  
Duane Johnson, Temporary Secretary/Newly-elected Vice-Pres.

As Agenda was passed out to the 21 members (we had 19 the previous year) showing up for this year's Annual meeting. Included with the agenda for today's meeting were the Minutes of the last year's meeting held on July 23rd, 2006 in Wichita, KS. Also handed out were the summary of expenses incurred during the preceding year, the Renaissance Festival Report for 2006, and a 2007 Renaissance Festival worker signup sheet.

Tom Claman, our President called the meeting to order with the 21 members in attendance (see Addendum B)

1. The prior year's minutes, which were distributed to members in attendance, were approved as presented.
2. Laurence's financial report was presented and discussed. Our checking account balance decreased from \$1700 to \$1328 for the period ending June 29, 2007. We had a total income of \$2023 and expenses of \$2563 resulting in an operating loss of <\$540>. It was anticipated that with cost reductions and anticipated tournament turnout we might break even with this year's annual Kansas Open.
3. The following budget proposals were discuss and approved:
  - A. \$200 is to be paid total to each of the Denker and Polgar representatives from Kansas, Maxx Coleman and Blythe Buscher respectively. It is to be distributed as follows; \$100 to each representative from KSCA and a \$100 cash contribution to each representative from long-time KCA member and supporter, Ron Chaika.
  - B. There was no discussion to provide funding for our USCF delegate to the US Open in Cherry Hill, N.J. August 4th and 5th, especially since no one has yet volunteered to go to this important delegate's meeting. We are still looking for someone who is willing and able to attend this two day meeting. Please contact Duane Johnson at 785-462-0053 or Ralph Bowman at 620-244-3683.
  - C. There was no discussion to continue or discontinue KCA's \$50 funding for one-day tournaments and \$100 for two-day tournaments. These tournaments, in order to get funding, must require KCA memberships of the tournament's Kansas participants. (The present funding process is therefore continued unchanged).
  - D. It was decided to discontinue funding to our state representative to the Governor's Cup as no one went last year, and no one has indicated an interest in going this year.
  - E. A considerable amount of time was taken up on the subject of providing 4 issues of PLAINS CHESS (Web vs. Paper) to our membership. It was finally decided that those who want an electronic copy can go to the website, [www.kansaschess.org](http://www.kansaschess.org), and look at or print off a copy, and those wanting a hard copy to be mailed to them can request such from the new editor, Tom Brownscombe.
4. The Renaissance Festival income and expenses were discussed at length, and it was decided to go ahead and run our chess booth again this year. It was pointed out that as a result of our booth the people attending the Renaissance Festival are given exposure to chess. It was stressed that it is very important that we have volunteers sign up to man the booth. Please give this your utmost consideration. Please call Laurence to sign up to help! Tom Claman, acting President, strongly recommended that we continue to look for and explore other funding options.

5. It was suggested by Kevin Nyberg that we consider an alternative site for our 2008 Kansas Open Tournament, somewhere near Kansas City, as we have had the Kansas Open in the middle to southern part of the state for several years. Lance Gill volunteered to check out other possible sites and report back to the board members.

6. Tom Brownscombe, our new Executive Director of the Karpov Chess School in Lindsborg, was introduced. Please take the time to introduce yourself and welcome Tom to Kansas.

7. It was brought to our attention that long-time KCA member Vacil Sullens from Overland Park passed away on May 27th, 2007 after a bout with leukemia. He was a civil engineer for many years before his retirement, at which time he and his wife purchased a vending machine business. Our sympathies are extended to Carla and his family.

8. Election of officers. A slate was proposed and approved by acclamation. A brief discussion ensued and the membership approved our new officers for the New year, 2007-2008.

President	Ron Pasik
Editor	Tom Brownscombe
Secretary	CJ Armenta
Vice-President	Duane Johnson
Treasurer	Laurence Coker
Webmaster	Laurence Coker

9. Our meeting was adjourned at 9 am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Duane Johnson, Temporary Secretary  
(Minor changes in original Duane Johnson copy by webmaster Laurence Coker)

#### Addendum B-Members Present

1. Laurence Coker
2. Ralph Bowman
3. Tom Claman
4. Kevin Nyberg
5. CJ Armenta
6. Ron Chaika
7. Tom Martin
8. Ed Mefford
9. Lyle Taylor
10. Lance Gill
11. Ron Pasik
12. Jason Wawrzaszek
13. Tony Duteil
14. Dan Holmes
15. Samuel Sexton
16. Wesley Koehler
17. Neil Andrews
18. Tom Brownscombe
19. Trish Claman
20. Floyd Geasland
21. Duane Johnson