

Kansas Chess Association Meeting Minutes 2008

DATE- July 20th, 2008 at 8am

Bethany College, Lindquist Hall, Lindsborg, KS

Laurence Coker, Temporary Secretary, recording notes at the annual meeting and then writing up minutes for the website.

Copies of last year's Minutes (July 15th, 2007) plus RenFest report and previous year's financial report were passed out to 15 members in attendance.

1. Ron Pasik, our President called the meeting to order.
2. The prior year's minutes, which had previously handed out, were approved by members in attendance.
3. The prior year's RenFest report was reviewed. KCA made a profit of \$862.72. Last year's financial expenses were reviewed. Biggest expenses were \$99.19 for PLAINS CHESS and \$600 to sponsor tournaments. The 2007 Kansas Open actually made a profit last year (+\$177.10). Membership dues paid from the Kansas Open was \$298.00 and outside the Kansas Open was \$293.00; for a total membership dues of \$591.00. KCA sponsored the Polgar and Denker representatives at \$100 each, and this money was solely supplied by a \$200 dollar donation by Ron Chaika. We thanked Ron Chaika for his generous contribution in 2007. Net income for 2007-2008 budget year was +\$803.43. Balance in the checkbook on July 9th was \$2177.86.
4. There was a discussion of sponsorship of tournaments. In the past we have given \$100 to a two-day tourney and \$50 for a one-day tourney. Any tourney that receives money has to require Kansas resident participants to pay membership fees. This last year tourneys requiring memberships received \$600 and new memberships garnered at those particular tournaments \$293.00, a net loss of \$307. There was a brief discussion of average attendance of tourneys being poor with a specific query about the Emporia Open. This later tourney had approximately 20 participants. Ron Pasik at this point said he would not ask for KCA contributions for his tourneys next year. It was generally agreed that we should continue funding KCA sponsored tourneys at the same rate. Tom Claman made a motion and all approved continued funding.
5. Delegate to the US Open annual USCF meeting was discussed. Laurence Coker said he had been elected by a USCF membership vote this year. He had recently received the packet of information given for prospective delegates. He stated he could not attend. Tom Brownscombe, who is going to the US Open to play, volunteered to be our delegate, though he did not promise that he could attend all the meetings. That he would be our Kansas delegate to the USCF annual meetings was approved by all members present.
6. There was discussion to continue funding of our Polgar and Denker representatives to their respective tourneys. It was approved to pay Chris Purdy (Denker) and Katrina Pritchard (Polgar) \$100 to help with their expenses. Near the end of the meeting the two representatives made an appearance and were informed of the KCA contribution.
7. There was discussion briefly about previous funding for the Governor's Cup representative (our state champion) and for the delegate to the USCF annual

meeting. There was no funding for these two items in 2007 and there was no motion to re-instate this funding. There was no further discussion on this matter.

8. PLAINS CHESS was discussed. It was pointed out that only one issue of PLAINS CHESS went out the previous year. It was generally agreed that this one issue was a very fine issue indeed. Tom Brownscombe was the editor this last year. He stated he was busy with taking college classes at Bethany College and simply did not put the time in to do the bulletin. Dan Holmes volunteered to do the bulletin this next year. Kyle Camarda volunteered to help him out. KCA members present approved Dan Holmes and Kyle Camarda being our PLAINS CHESS editors this 2008-2009 year.

9. There was a discussion of not-for-profit status with special interest expressed in helping to keep postage expenses down. Laurence Coker had mentioned he had looked into this before. Tom Brownscombe discussed some aspects of this, but at this point the discussion ceased without anyone making a motion to further pursue not-for-profit status.

10. There was a brief discussion of state clubs. It was mentioned that the Manhattan club is not active since Ron Madl moved. Someone raised a query about the Johnson County Chess club. Laurence Coker mentioned that it hasn't been meeting. He did mention there was a club now meeting at the Johnson County Blue Valley library on Friday nights, though most often the twenty some participants are almost all scholastic players.

10. There was discussion of RenFest and importance in KCA funding. Tom Claman pointed out that the return for the amount of time put into running the RenFest was only about \$1 per hour. At this point in the discussion someone noted that the Renfest provides a mechanism to promote chess. There was a discussion by Laurence Coker as to who has been in charge of running the RenFest in the past. The RenFest chess booth was initially started by Rick Hodges. Later Tom Moloney took over and ran it for several years. Laurence Coker mentioned that he had taken over and had organized the RenFest the last two years. He stated he planned to run it again this year. He stated emphatically that this was his last year to run it and he would not organize it in 2009. He expressed his reservations as to whether anyone would be found to organize it in 2009. He again stated he would not organize the RenFest booth in 2009. There was some discussion as to who would organize it in 2009. Again it was brought up that there was the RenFest signup sheet for this year available at this meeting. Discussion on the RenFest ended.

12. Election of officers: Ron Pasik volunteered to return as President. Tom Brownscombe volunteered to be Vice-President. Duane Johnson, who had been Vice-President this last year, was nominated to be Secretary (he was not in attendance). Laurence Coker volunteered to continue in his capacity as Treasurer and in charge of membership and website. There was brief discussion and all positions by were approved by members present.

12. Issues concerning next year's Kansas Open will be left to next year's policy board.

13. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. This was approved.

MEMBERS PRESENT

1. Tom Claman
2. Tom Brownscombe
3. Trisch Claman
4. Laurence Coker
5. Kyle Camarda
6. Dan Holmes
7. Kevin Nyberg
8. Lyle Taylor
9. Matt Rhoads
10. Wesley Koehler
11. Ron Chaika
12. Tom Martin
13. Ed Mefford
14. Harold Orr
15. Ron Pasik