

KANSAS CHESS ASSOCIATION 2014 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: July 20th, 2014

WHERE: Holiday Inn, 87th and Reeder, Overland Park, Ks

WHAT: In conjunction with breakfast

Laurence Coker- secretary, recording minutes

Copies of this year's agenda, last year's minutes, 2013-2014 annual financial report, and review of past year's Kansas Open attendance were handed out

A sign-up was handed out

1. The meeting was called to order by Brian Yang
2. The previous year's minutes were reviewed. There was a motion to accept them as written. There was a second, and all voted in favor of accepting them.
3. Financial items were discussed by Laurence Coker. It was pointed out that on 6/30/2014 we had \$4340.95 dollars in the bank, though some of the money reflected early Kansas Open entries. The main items of income were memberships (\$393 from last year's Kansas Open and \$319 from memberships during the year) and renfest (\$842.65). Largest expenses were funding of scholastic candidates (\$600) and funding of KCA sponsored tournaments (\$350). The 2013 Kansas Open finished slightly positive as it made \$48.01. Thus, we gained \$525.40 for the 2013-2014 year.
4. Renaissance festival very briefly discussed, once again emphasizing this is the main source of income for KCA. A sign-up sheet was passed out.
5. Laurence pointed out the attendance figures for previous Kansas Open's on a handout sheet. It was pointed out this year we once again had quite a few onsite entries.
6. Brian Yang pointed out that next year's Kansas Open will be in Wichita and a contract has been negotiated, though a contract had not been signed yet.
7. A very brief discussion of KCA/adult tourneys was discussed and it was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to continue them and at present funding.
8. A very brief discussion of KCA sponsored tourneys was pointed out. A motion to continue these was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.
9. There followed discussion of the criteria for Kansas tourneys to receive KCA funding (\$50) and advertising on the KCA website. Kyle Camarda pointed out there were potential legal problems for KCA associated with not letting scholastic players have the option to not play for money prizes. He had discussed this with legal individuals at KU where he is a professor. Discussion followed. A motion was made that the following be adopted.
Requirements for KCA funding and advertising on KCA website:
"Kansas tournaments must offer a scholastic rate so scholastic players have the option to not compete for money prizes, but receive other awards, such as plaques or trophies."

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously by all voting on this issue.

10. There was a very brief discussion of money paid for scholastic players. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved that funding continue at the present rate- \$200 dollars for Barber, Denker, and all-girls candidates. It was pointed out that Kiana Hajiarbabi won the Barber this year. She also won the all-girls championship. Thus, the second place candidate in the all-girls championship, Shahrzad Hajiarbabi, is to receive funding for all-girls candidate award this year.

11. It was noted Brian Yang had appointed CJ Armenta as Kansas delegate to the annual meeting at the US Open. CJ, though a member of KCA, is a resident of Missouri. It was pointed out by Ralph Bowman it is not required by USCF that a delegate actually be a resident of the state he represents, and he (Ralph) had represented other states in the past. There followed a brief discussion as to amounts of money to be paid to KCA delegates in the past. We paid no money in 2013 as we had no delegate. When funded in the past the Kansas delegate has never been paid more than \$150. A motion was made to fund CJ \$200 for his participation as our delegate at the annual meeting of USCF at the US Open in Orlando, FL. There was a second, and the motion passed unanimously..

12. New business: There followed discussion of the large size of the Reserve section as far as its affect on prize money awards. There were 76 players in the Reserve section this year with many of these were scholastic players. Suggestions were made as to having accelerated pairings in the future. Also, discussed is the possibility of having two reserve sections (one under 1400 rating). There was discussion of lowering rating on Reserve section to under 1600 rating. It was decided to leave this type of decisions up to this year's policy board. Discussion ended.

13. Election of officers. Brian Yang as current President initiated voting. Noted on agenda are the present officers.

President- Motions were made for candidates Brian Yang, Kyle Camarda, and Gabriel Maurer. A vote followed: Brian Yang received 12 votes, Kyle Camarda 3 votes, and Gabriel Maurer 1 vote. Brian Yang is reelected President.

Vice-President- Dan Holmes, the current Vice-President said he did not want to be Vice-President again. Only Kyle Camarda was presented as a candidate and he was elected unanimously.

Secretary/ Treasurer- It was pointed out that Laurence Coker is the current secretary and treasurer. He stated he wanted to continue in those capacities and he was reelected unanimously.

Webmaster and editor- In 2013 it had been passed that these two positions be one person. Laurence Coker presently has these positions. He was reappointed. Dan Holmes volunteered to help Laurence in his capacity of editor and Shakti Shimpi volunteered to help Laurence in his capacity as webmaster.

14. A motion was made to end meeting, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Attendance from signup sheet-

1. CJ Armenta
2. Dan Holmes
3. Laurence Coker
4. Kyle Camarda
5. Daryl Fouard
6. George Verhage
7. Tammy Lewis
8. Brian Yang
9. Ralph Bowman
10. Shakti Shimpi
11. Hongbiao Zeng
12. Sheena Zeng
13. Michelle Zeng
14. Karlyn Brown
15. Lillian Brown
16. William Brown
17. Troy Schuh
18. Gabriel Maurer (attended but did not sign signup sheet)