

KCA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES 2015

DATE: July 19th, 2015, 8 am

WHERE: Holiday Inn, 549 South Rock Rd, Wichita, KS

WHAT: Annual KCA meeting

Laurence Coker- secretary recording minutes

1. Copies of this year's agenda, last year's minutes, 2014-2015 financial report, and a review of previous year's Kansas Opens were handed out.
2. The Meeting was called to order by Brian Yang.
3. 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.
4. Financial items were presented by KCA treasurer Laurence Coker. Details of these financial items were given on a handout sheet given at the meeting. Main expenses were support of KCA sponsored tournaments and support of scholastic candidates to national tournaments. We also gave financial support to our delegate to USCF meetings. Main sources of income were two-fold- First; memberships from last years Kansas Open and memberships from KCA sponsored events. Second: Renaissance Festival booth income.
5. Renaissance festival was very briefly discussed emphasizing once again it is our main source of income. There has been a signup sheet at the TD table since the tourney started and a few have signed up already. Laurence Coker said he agreed to be in charge of our Renaissance Festival booth at least one more year.
6. In with the agenda and other notes is a sheet that presents attendance at this and previous Kansas Opens. This year we had 70 advance entries, of which 22 were free scholastic entries and 9 were \$10 paying entries in our main events. There were only 16 signed up for the Blitz in advance. This is on par with previous Kansas Opens. We ended up with 99 in the main events this year and 27 in the Blitz.
7. Brian pointed out that a contract has already been signed for the 2016 Kansas Open at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Lenexa, KS on July 15-17. He has been in discussion with the hotel where the current tournament is being held and he has a contract proposal for 2017.
8. It was emphasized that we only had one scholastic/adult tourney in the 2014-2015 year. Kyle Camarda brought to the groups attention there would be an effort to have more this next year with attention to advertising these tourneys on the Kansas website. There was a motion, a second, and a unanimous vote to eliminate the small rewards in reduction in Kansas Open entry fees.
9. There was just a brief discussion of our continuing to fund KCA sponsored tournaments.
10. There proceeded a discussion of issues related to enforcement of KSCA rules concerning tournament directors who are affiliate directors and who receive KCA advertising on the Kansas website and who receive KCA supported funding. As part of the discussion Kyle Camarda brought up concerns about fake Kansas Scholastic

championships, and about violation of the KSCA/KCA clearinghouse for tournaments. A motion was made which denies the use of the KCA affiliate membership, the right to advertise on the KCA website, and the right to funding for tournaments to any tournament director in Kansas who violates the KSCA/KCA clearinghouse or organizes unauthorized championship events. It was noted that the KCA, and its subsidiary the KSCA, are the only entities authorized by the USCF to hold state chess championships in Kansas. There was a second, and a unanimous vote to require compliance with KSCA rules and to address concerns with those who are not in compliance.

11. There was little discussion of funding of scholastic awards as it was assumed we would just continue present funding levels but once again emphasize funding is not given till after participation.

12. In the past there has been one delegate from Kansas to the USCF annual meetings. And, just this last year the rate had been raised from \$150 to \$200 support. Brian brought up that both he and CJ will be our delegates from Kansas to meetings in Arizona and requested funding for both candidates at the same level that was approved last year. There was a motion to fund CJ and Brian \$200 each this year as delegates to Arizona in August. There was a second. A vote revealed only one voting against this motion. And, it passed.

13. Election of officers- All officers this last year were nominated to be officers this next year. Each candidate was elected in separate motions. There were no opposing candidates for each position. Each candidate was elected in separate motions, seconds, and by unanimous votes.

- a. President- Brian Yang
- b. Vice-President- Kyle Camarda
- c. Treasurer and in charge of membership (Laurence Coker)
- d. Webmaster and editor (Laurence Coker)

14. John Schuller agreed to be on the policy board this next year. Officers- Brian Yang, Kyle Carmarda, and Laurence Coker will continue to be on policy board as well as Daryl Fouard and CJ Armenta leaving one spot open on the seven member policy board which will be appointed later by Brian Yang. All six policy board members for 2015-2016 year were in attendance.

15. There was no other new business. There was a motion to adjourn the meeting. There was a second, and all voted to adjourn meeting.

Present at meeting

1. Brian Yang
2. Laurence Coker
3. Kyle Camarda
4. Daryl Fouard
5. CJ Armenta
6. John Schuller
7. Leroy Asher