

Minutes of 2018 Kansas Open Annual KCA Meeting

1. Copies of this year's agenda, last year's minutes, 2017-2018 financial report, signup sheet, and renfest schedule were handed out.
2. The meeting was called to order by Brian Yang, the President of KCA.
3. The previous year's minutes were reviewed and approved.
4. Financial records were presented by KCA treasurer Laurence Coker. Details of finance items were on the handout. The main expenses were support of KCA support for scholastic candidates, the delegate to the US OPEN, and one KCA sponsored event. The 2017 Kansas Open lost a little money that was not significant according to the treasurer. The main sources of income were two fold: memberships sold at Kansas Open and New Year Bash and money made at our Renaissance Festival booth. The money made at the 2017 Renaissance Festival booth was an all time record.
5. This years Renaissance Festival is being handled in a different manner. Laurence Coker will be coordinator, but different people were in charge of each weekend. Joe Conklin is to be in charge of first weekend, Arlie Cummings is to be in charge of the next three, Tom Moloney is to be in charge of fifth weekend, Laurence Coker in charge of sixth weekend, and Rick Hodges in charge of the last weekend. Neither Joe Conklin nor Tom Moloney were present at the meeting today.
6. It was announced the site of the 2019 Kansas Open, Wichita Kansas, at the same site as the 2015 and 2017 Kansas Opens, July 19th to 21st. Contract has already been signed and down payment made.
7. There was a discussion of KCA sponsored events. Kyle handed out a scholastic schedule. Small tournaments that do not require KCA membership will continue in conjunction with these scholastic tournaments. There was a discussion of KCA sponsored events. There was only one last year, the New Year Bash. It was pointed out there was a profit for KCA for the New Year Bash as new memberships exceeded sponsorship fee. There was a motion to limit the number of KCA sponsored events by any one tourney director to 5 in a year. Discussion followed. There was a second and then a vote and all present voted in favor of limiting the total number of KCA funded tourneys by one director in one year (one Kansas Open to the next) to 5.
8. Funding scholastic players to US OPEN and delegate was discussed. There was a motion to increase funding next year (2019) to \$250 each. There was a motion and second and all present voted in favor of except one abstaining from vote. This person expressed concern about the increased funding in light of increased expenses for facilities for the Kansas Open and because of uncertainty of the continuation of renfest chess booth past 2018.

9. It was presented that there was to be a senior representative to senior tournament at the US OPEN: Hongbiao Zheng. He can attend as his daughter is also participating in a scholastic event. And, he is the right age to attend the over 50 age event. There was a motion to fund him \$200 for this event. There was brief discussion, a second, and a vote. All present except one abstaining person voted in favor. A discussion of a mechanism for choosing the senior candidate in 2019 proceeded. In conjunction with the all-girls Kansas scholastic event in 2019 a tourney will be held to choose the 2019 Candidate

10. Brian said he could be delegate to USCF annual meetings at US OPEN. He reassured us that like last year his responsibilities as assistant tourney director would not prevent him from doing an adequate job in this responsibility.

11. Laurence presented information concerning paypal use this year. He noted about a third to a half of early entries paid with paypal for their entries (37 out of 88 early entries). He also noted paypal charges for the services are about 3.6% of money brought in. Figures were given. There was a brief discussion of increasing entry fees in light of this but this was tabled for the tourney directors, organizer, and policy board to decide at a later date. We are also waiting for final financial figures on this year's Kansas Open to make decisions on this matter.

12. Election of officers.

- a. President- Brian Yang was nominated as the only candidates and he was elected by acclimation.
- b. Vice-President- Kyle Camarda was nominated as the only candidate and was elected by acclimation.
- c. Treasurer and charge of membership-Laurence Coker was nominated as the only candidate and was elected by acclimation.
- d. Webmaster and editor- Laurence Coker was nominated as the only candidate and was elected by acclimation.

Present at meeting-

1. Rick Hodges
2. Laurence Coker
3. Kyle Camarda
4. Arlie Cummins
5. Tom Claman
6. David Paden
7. Liam McKinney
8. CJ Armenta
9. Brian Yang
10. Thomas Tran