



Northwest Chess 2nd Quarter 2020 Board Meeting Sunday, June 21, 2020 via Zoom (online meeting)

In attendance: Chouchanik Airapetian (WCF), Ralph Dubisch (director-at-large), Eric Holcomb (Business Manager), Alex Machin (director-at-large), Duane Polich (Publisher), Jeff Roland (director-at-large) and Josh Sinanan (WCF). Absent: none. Time: The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.; and was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Minutes – The April (1st Quarter) and May (committee) meeting minutes were approved [Duane/Ralph].

Bylaws – Board members previously agreed to give the Bylaws one final review. The review was completed, and the board unanimously approved submitting the “short form” IRS nonprofit application. (The application will be for 501c3 tax-deductible nonprofit status.) [Ralph/Duane] We also need a copy of the annual report to the State of Washington. Duane files this report as the registered agent.

Budget/Finances – With the latest WCF advance of \$5,000, we have \$8,000-plus available. WCF has been highly successful with online tournaments, whereas OCF hasn’t done much since the shutdown of over-the-board chess events. ICA also had a recent board meeting, which was reportedly a bit “nasty.”

Branding – There was a discussion of “co-branding,” etc., but there was no motion.

NWC “Prime” Discussion – Ralph prepared a draft letter to organizers about this idea to offer additional content and benefits as part of a “prime” membership. Ideas include posting games online with annotations in the PGN files. What do organizers want? Ideas include advertising discounts, GP discounts, and post-event coverage. The name “prime” may not be a good idea because Amazon uses it. “Premier” or “Enhanced” could be alternatives. A motion was made [Jeff/Alex] for Ralph to review and send the letter to organizers; then we will review any feedback next time.

Grand Prix – Murlin Varner had a question and suggestion about the handling of fees collected from out-of-state players. Previously these fees would go into the fund of the state where the event is held, but now will go into the fund of the state where the player resides. This is more important now with the number of online events the WCF is holding. Motion passed [Chouchan/Ralph].

Website – The NWC “Prime” idea could require website upgrades such as membership management software and enhanced blog capabilities. These upgrades are yet to be decided.

Magazine Committee – There was not a discussion, however, a committee meeting was tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 19.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m. [motion Jeff/Duane; agreed by all].

Recorded and transcribed by Eric Holcomb.