



## **Northwest Chess 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2022 Board Meeting Sunday, September 25, 2022, via Zoom (online meeting)**

In attendance: Ralph Dubisch (director-at-large), Eric Holcomb (retired Business Manager), Duane Polich (Publisher), Jeff Roland and Alex Machin (directors-at-large), Josh Sinanan (WCF), Aniruddha Barua (WCF), and Wilson Gibbins (OCF). Absent: none. Time: meeting called to order by Josh at 7:07 p.m.

Minutes – The July 10, 2022 (2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2022) meeting minutes were not available, but the agenda from that meeting was reviewed. [The minutes are now available, and both the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter minutes will be reviewed and approved next time.]

Magazine – Since the last meeting in July, we have established working and communicating directly with Wenatchee World (WW) in Wenatchee, Wash., and it seems to be going well so far. This arrangement gives us better visibility into scheduling of printing and mailing dates, etc. New schedule will be Friday deadline for ads; upload/approve Saturday evening, then print on Monday (of the week of mailing).

Jeff reported that he is not expecting any more cartoons from Brian Berger, who has essentially retired from that task. We thank Brian for his past efforts.

Tournaments – Wilson reported that the recently held Oregon Open was successful.

Budget/Finances – As of the date of the meeting, Duane reported \$4,225.35 in BoA checking. Duane has reported some anxiety and pressure due to the extent and complexity of the accounting tasks. What to do? Who can do all the accounting? Will a professional accounting firm be required? Further discussion and action are needed.

Nonprofit Status/Taxes – A filing for IRS 501c3 nonprofit status is still planned. Ralph, who files an annual IRS report for the Free Internet Chess organization, previously offered to check on what would need to be filed for NWC. The answer is that we need to register for, and then file, an “e-postcard” with the IRS each year. Duane and Ralph still plan to work on this (on hold).

Membership – We are still waiting for Dr. Sisira (onlineregistration.cc) to respond to our requirements document (membership database description), which was submitted in July. Josh to follow up. A special board meeting will likely be required to approve any new membership system.

Hall of Fame – Announcement and publication of the “inaugural class” of six is on hold pending the gathering and editing of biographical information. As noted, in the previous updated minutes, “In a special board meeting held on Aug. 22, 2022, the board accepted the recommendations of the Hall of Fame committee regarding criteria and initial slate of inductees. As of January 2023, publication in the magazine has begun.”

Grand Prix – The 2022 GP in honor of Ignacio Perez is in progress. Murlin Varner is the statistician again this year but has announced his retirement after the 2022 competition. There is no alternative to Murlin currently, and we're not expecting anyone new to take on such a time-consuming job. As a result, we will not have a Grand Prix in 2023, and there will be no new GP event ads for 2023.

Advertising – There was yet another discussion of ad and subscription rates, including whether or not to offer online-only subscriptions to locations other than Oregon. No decisions were made. (However, we have accepted a couple of online subscriptions for Canadians due to high international postage rates.)

Business Manager Retirement / Status of Transition – This is mostly going OK since Eric's retirement as Business Manager, however, as noted above, there are serious issues pertaining to both membership processing and accounting, which need to be resolved.

Next Board Meeting – The 4th Quarter 2022 board meeting will be scheduled for early next year due to the holidays at the end of the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m. [motion Ralph/Wilson; agreed by all].

Recorded and transcribed by Eric Holcomb.