



Northwest Chess 4th Quarter 2022 Board Meeting Sunday, January 22, 2023, via Zoom (online meeting)

In attendance: Ralph Dubisch (director-at-large), Eric Holcomb (retired Business Manager), Duane Polich (Publisher), Jeff Roland (director-at-large), Josh Sinanan (WCF), Aniruddha Barua (WCF). Absent: Wilson Gibbins (OCF) and Alex Machin (director at large). Time: meeting called to order by Josh at 7:38 p.m.

Minutes – The September 25, 2022 (3rd Quarter 2022) meeting minutes were approved unanimously [motion Ralph/Duane]. The Hall of Fame meeting minutes (special board meeting of August 22, 2022) were also approved.

Magazine – The new publication schedule seems to be working. [The new schedule is Friday deadline for ads; upload/approve Saturday evening, then print on Monday (of the week of mailing).] Josh would still like to begin having Wenatchee World mail the magazines in Redmond instead of Seattle or Tukwila.

Membership – Eric presented an updated membership chart. WCF membership is at a record high during the 20-year period that Eric has kept records.

Membership Processing – 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. Chris Kalina (who lives in Minnesota near Dr. Sisira) may be able to help. This is very urgent!

Budget/Finances – As of the date of the meeting, Duane reported \$7,159.47 in BoA checking. However, we are behind on invoicing for ads and GP fees. Invoices were sent through April 2022, but are needed for May-December 2022. Jeff will assist by preparing an advertising spreadsheet.

Software – Josh reported on a software package called “SettleKing,” which is a locally-developed payment processing system for tournaments but is not currently operational.

Nonprofit Status/Taxes – (1) Eric to assist Duane with filing the 1099NEC (Nonemployee Compensation) tax forms for 2022 and will eventually supply Duane with the password to the service provider. (2) The Washington Excise (and sales) tax return due on April 17 is a major concern. Duane has not yet assembled most of the data needed. What to do? Another meeting in a week or two was suggested. (3) 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. Ralph said he may be able to make the filing if Duane supplies the data.

Oregon Chess Federation – The OCF share of memberships collected by NWC in 2022 has not been calculated or paid to OCF. This is becoming very urgent. A list needs to be prepared. No resolution.

Idaho Chess Association – Has the ICA paid NWC for 2022 premium memberships and ads yet? Adam Porth was supposed to send a check, but apparently it hasn't been received. Eric will resend email (previously send to Adam) to Jeff, so that Jeff can assist. No resolution.

Washington Chess Federation – Josh suggested that the WCF membership share (of funds collected or remitted to NWC) should be at least 20%. Currently it is zero and has been for several years – all funds go to the magazine and are taxable to the member/subscriber. No decision currently. We need the budget for 2023 including the printing and mailing costs for the magazine.

Grand Prix – Go ahead and pay the 2022 prizes as determined by Murlin. There will not be a GP in 2023.

Advertising – There was yet another discussion of ad rates. Some rates should increase, with the minimum full-page rate increasing from \$100 to \$120. Tabled until we have a budget.

Hall of Fame – As of January 2023, publication of inductees in the magazine has begun.

Next Board Meeting – The 1st Quarter 2023 board meeting will be scheduled for March. We will try to use emails or informal discussions to resolve some issues first.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m. [motion Jeff/Duane; agreed by all].

Recorded and transcribed by Eric Holcomb.