



Northwest Chess Board Meeting – 2nd Quarter 2023 Sunday, August 13, 2023, via Zoom (online meeting)

In attendance: Aniruddha Barua (WCF), Ralph Dubisch (director-at-large), Wilson Gibbins (OCF), Eric Holcomb (retired Business Manager), Duane Polich (Publisher), Jeff Roland (director-at-large), and Josh Sinanan (WCF).
Absent: Alex Machin (director at large). Time: meeting called to order by Josh at 9:07 p.m. Pacific Time.

Minutes – The March 5, 2023 (special) and March 26, 2023 (follow-up) board meeting minutes were approved unanimously, except Ralph abstained due to not having attended the March 5 meeting [motion Duane/Wilson]. The June 11, 2023 1st Quarter and Special Board Meeting minutes were also approved [motion Wilson/Duane], but see below for comments by Duane about Washington State taxes.

Old Business, including previous “high urgency items.”

- Membership processing
- Still must be automated. Josh had a video of his discussions with Jointt, a Seattle-based company offering membership services. Their “growth package” would allow up to 1,500 members, which may or may not be enough. There are various issues including importing data, interfaces with PayPal and Stripe, family memberships and sending renewal notices. There is a 10% discount available, however, an API (Application Programming Interface) is not in the basic \$50/month package. [An API would be very useful for tournament software to access membership information.] The board decided to start a 30-day free trial around Labor Day [Ralph/Wilson motion passed unanimously], with Josh in charge, and consult with David Hendricks about transition issues for his online registration system.
- Wilson suggested that we might still consider a membership management system “plug-in” for WordPress, which is available as part of our web hosting (although some plug-ins might have an additional fee).
- Wilson also mentioned that the upcoming Oregon Open might have as many as 200 entrants (currently about 150 registered), which is a challenge for membership management since OCF membership is required for Oregon residents to play in this event.
- Washington State Taxes
- To follow up on previous discussions, Duane noted that WCF memberships may be taxable, but possibly only the state portion. [The state sales tax rate is 6.5%; amounts above that base rate are for local sales taxes.] An expert opinion is still needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 p.m. [motion Wilson/Ralph; agreed by all].

Recorded and transcribed by Eric Holcomb.