

Motions from Conference Call 9/2/99

Resolved that in order to avoid inconvenience for scholastic players and their Families, the USCF will advertise the 1999 National Scholastic Championship.

In the future, this event will be open to competitive bidding. (McCrary) Passed 7-0 Ippolito absent *

The Executive Board authorizes the Executive Director to terminate negotiations with Richard Peterson and his affiliate for the 2000 National Elementary Chess Championship. The ED may immediately commence negotiations with other potential organizers for this event. The decision of the Board takes into consideration that the suggested terms proposed by Mr. Peterson is unacceptable as is the organizational performance of Mr. Peterson as assessed by the USCF and reviewed by the ED. (McCrary) Passed 7-0 Ippolito absent *

Motions from objection procedure

The Executive Board invites Richard Koepke and George John or a qualified individual in the area to New Windsor, at their convenience, during the period October 1- 3, for the purpose of inspecting the installation and operation of phase 1 of the computer system due for implementation on October 1, 1999 and to answer questions concerning its operations. USCF will reimburse their travel and lodging expense. (Warren, Redman, Barry, Pechac) Passed 7-1 Smith opposed. Smith later withdrew his objection and the motion passed 8-0.

Executive Board of the USCF endorses the establishment of the World Chess Hall of Fame and Sid Samole Chess Museum by agreement between the U.S. Chess Trust and Excalibur electronics. The EB requests that the USCF Delegate to FIDE supports any feasible proposal that may be presented for FIDE cooperation with the US Chess Trust on this project. (McCrary) Passed 8-0

The USCF Secretary and Board Members with assistance from the Business Office will select an appropriate sampling of EB Binfo's for mailing to USCF Delegates prior to the US open Delegates meeting. These binfo's reflect the more significant EB actions of the previous year, including pertinent financial, budgetary, operating and technical reports. (Warren, Redman, Barry, Pechac) Passed 7-0 Scott absent *

Move that the \$35.00 per diem reimbursement for EB members be suspended. Motion failed in objections procedure. (Redman opposed)

Motions From Executive Board Meeting October 1-3,1999 New Windsor, New York.

Draft version of motions.

Executive Board has reviewed the appeals of Weiss and Martinez. A win has been awarded to Weiss and a draw to Martinez. (Redman) Passed 7-0 with Scott absent *

Executive Board suspends the policy of copying all appeals to EB. (Redman) Passed 7-0 Scott absent)

Executive Board appoints John McCrary and Tim Redman as a sub-committee to review all appeals to the Board prior to full Board consideration (McCrary, Redman) Passed 7-0 with Scott absent. *

Executive Board authorizes the strategic planning sub-committee to develop and conduct a survey of membership interests with a target date of January (McCrary, Redman) Passed 7-0 with Scott absent. *

The recommendation for a monthly financial report package by the Vice President for Finance is adopted. Passed 7-0 Scott absent *

1.Summary financial and analytical data. The MDR format (monthly data report) may be an acceptable format. Graphic charts may be used.

2.Base financial report packages: Balance sheet and profit and loss statement.

3.Operating, planning and performance schedules for each of the major functional areas.

Appropriate summary financial and operating schedules will be placed on the USCF website (Pechac) Passed 7-0 with Scott absent *

Executive Board ratifies the action of the Executive Director and the LMA Committee in providing the loan to operations. (Redman) Passed 7-0 with Scott absent. *

Move that the \$35.00 per diem reimbursement for EB members be eliminated. (Warren, Smith, Barry, Ippolito) Passed 7-0 Scott absent *

The Executive Board conveys their condolences to Rich Koepcke on the death of his father. The board thanks Richard for his willingness to travel to New Windsor and offer his expertise in the evaluation of the computer system. (Redman, Barry) Passed 7-0 Scott absent *

The computer progress evaluation by Richard Koepcke has been postponed for a few weeks. The board visited the office where a demonstration was given of the various

customized screens. Installation of the new system will be completed and operational on Oct. 4, 1999. Passed 7-1 Scott absent *

The Secretary is authorized to contact Holly Prisco in an effort to resolve the issue concerning the return of her retirement savings. Passed 7-0 Scott absent *

The President, Vice President for Finance and the Secretary are requested to travel to New Windsor to meet with Richard Koepcke to evaluate the computer modernization. (Redman) Passed 7-0 Scott absent *

The Executive Board commends John L. White for his special service to the USCF. (Redman, Barry) Passed 8-0

USCF budgets \$75,000 for the 2000 US Men's and Women's Closed Championship. They will endeavor to raise additional funds for these events from sponsors. (Redman) Passed 7-1 Pechac

Organizers of National Tournaments who do not fulfill their financial and or accounting responsibilities in 45 days will not be awarded any national bid until their obligation has been met. Passed 8-0

It is the intention of the Board that space be allocated in Chess Life for communication with the membership by the President or other board members. (Smith, Redman) Passed 8-0

Executive Board directs the Internet Sub-committee, with the substitution of Jim Pechac for Joe Ippolito and the addition of John McCrary to formulate a policy and quality control standards for USCF non-exclusive partnerships with Internet groups and enter into negotiations with interested Internet chess providers. The committee will bring the recommendations to the Board. Passed 7- with 1 recusal, Joe Ippolito **

Executive Board authorized the Executive Director to create a membership drive with the intention of involving individual members in signing up new or returning members. The ED may offer five dollar gift certificates and shall emphasize only membership categories that yield net revenue. This drive shall begin in January 2000 and end in May 2000. A goal shall be established. (McCrary) Passed 7-0 with Warren abstaining

Executive Board refers the proposal that the USCF shall establish regional scholastic tournaments as qualifiers to the National Championships to the Scholastic Committee to report back with recommendations for action at the next Board meeting. (Redman, Scott) Passed 8-0

The USCF shall have a presence at the AARP Convention in Florida in the spring of 2000. The budget shall not exceed \$5000 with the intention that the booth or booths will be manned with local USCF volunteers. (Scott, Pechac) Passed 8-0

The TD recruitment and mentoring program targeting High School and College members shall be referred to the TDCC and Scholastic Committee. (Scott, Warren) Passed 8-0

The TD recruitment program targeting adults associated with Elementary and Jr. High School Chess programs shall be established. Recruitment of non-member parents will be emphasized. Motion Failed 5 against (Barry, Warren, Pechac, Ippolito, Smith) 3 for (Redman, McCrary,Scott)

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The Board refers the proposal that a non-member adult helping with the activities of a scholastic affiliate shall be eligible to become a club certified TD upon fulfilling the requirements for that level of certification to the Scholastic and TDC Committees for report and recommendation to the Board at its next meeting. Passed 7-1 Warren opposed

A discounted entry fee at USCF sponsored scholastic tournaments shall be available for affiliates with group entries. (Scott) Passed 7-1 Pechac

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Motions from Closed Session

The Grants and Historian committees are deleted. (Redman, McCrary) Passed 8-0

The Rules Book liaison Tim Redman presented a list of suggested members for the Boards consideration. Further members were suggested. Agreement was reached based on acceptance by the individuals. (Redman) Passed 8-0

Executive Board expresses its confidence in the Executive Director. 3 for (McCrary, Smith, Scott) 3 opposed (Warren, Barry, Pechac) 2 abstained (Redman, Ippolito) Motion failed.

Noting unsatisfactory progress in his updating of the USCF computer system, the Board terminates Executive Director, Mike Cavallo's employment with the Federation effective November 3, 1999, with our thanks for his many accomplishments and years of service. Should an outside evaluator or evaluators appointed by the President, the Vice President and the Secretary, certify to the Board in writing that the computer modernization has been satisfactorily completed before that date, after a board conference call including the evaluator or evaluators, this motion may be rescinded. During the conference call other Executive Director performance issues as outlined in Binfo 99-192, will also be considered.

The President is authorized to employ an interim Executive Director while the board engages in an open and international search for the new Executive director.

Passed 8-0

* Garret Scott was unable to attend the meeting on Friday.

* Joe Ippolito couldn't be reached because of technical difficulties.

** Joe Ippolito recused himself by stating that he was a paid employee of Club Kasparov. He is listed on their literature as Assistant Chief Educational Content Officer.

Doris L. Barry, USCF Secretary