

## SUMMARY OF THE AUGUST 02, 2007, USCF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Board convened in closed session at 9:06 AM at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Cherry Hill, NJ to discuss contract and personnel issues, including a performance review of Executive Director Bill Hall. Present were 2007 Board members Joel Channing, Bill Goichberg, Randy Hough, Don Schultz, and Sam Sloan. Bill Hall was present by telephone connection. Those elected to the 2008 Board were invited to sit on on the closed session. Jim Berry was present as were Pat Knight, Myron Lieberman, Rachel Lieberman, and Mike Nolan.

The meeting was opened at 10:04 AM. Those present during at least part of the meeting, in addition to the above, included but were not necessarily limited to: Dewain Barber, Stan Beckwith, Frank Berry, Bill Bluestone, Hal Bogner, Dr. Frank Brady, Gary Alan Fine, Mark Fins, Aviv Friedman, Roger Gottschall, Jim Gray, Brenda Goichberg, John Haskel, Daniel Lucas, Stephanie Pitcher, Robert Posey, Tim Redman, Larry Reifurth, Peter Spizziri, Jim Stallings, Denis Strenzwilk, Hal Terrie, Sunil Weeramantry, and Harold Winston.

Bill Hall presented the Executive Director's report. He reported on the Profit Sharing plan and called on Hal Bogner to report on the status of the website.

Hal Bogner indicated that the new pages would be complete by the end of August. By September there will be no navigation to old pages without going to archives. Functionality and content will be at or above projected levels.

Other topics mentioned in the report included write-in votes in the election and the Chess Trust agreeing to pay USCF \$200 as part of a reconciliation of the financial status between USCF and the Trust.

A budget review focused on a Scholastic Council recommendation to increase the funding of the World Youth.

An extensive discussion of the relationship between the LMA and Operations included an explanation of the new "OLMA" procedure, which was passed as part of the budget at the May meeting.

Bill Hall mentioned that there are three new moderators on the USCF forum and made the following motion to fill a vacancy on the Forum Oversight Committee (FOC):

**EB07 – 114 – Hall** - The Executive Board adds Wayne Praeder to the Forum Oversight committee. **PASSED 4-1** with Sam Sloan opposed.

Bill Hall went offline at 11:16 AM. The "Junior Tournament Membership" was then discussed. Bill Goichberg offered the following motion:

**EB07 – 115 – Goichberg** – Tournament Memberships (TMs) will be revised as follows: All adult TMs will cost \$12, of which \$10 can be applied to a regular adult membership. Junior TMs will cost \$7, of which \$5 may be applied to a Young Adult, Youth, or Scholastic Membership. **PASSED 4-1** with Sam Sloan opposed.

Sam Sloan presented a number of motions for consideration

**EB07 – 116 – Sloan** – Resolved: Executive Director Bil Hall is hereby censured and reprimanded for failing to provide documents to the Board pertaining to the Pension / Profit Sharing Plan. **TABLED 5-1** with Sam Sloan opposed. on a motion by Don Schultz.

**EB07 – 117 – Sloan** – Inasmuch as Bobby Fischer is a USCF member by Delegate mandate and a 1992 resolution submitted by Joe Lux, he is to be assigned a USCF ID number and his name and last rating is to be posted on the MSA section of the website as a USCF member. **REFERRED to the Top Players Committee 5-1** with Sam Sloan opposed on a motion by Don Schultz.

**EB07 – 118 – Sloan** – Grandmaster Larry Evans is hereby reinstated as a regular monthly columnist in "Chess Life" magazine. His regular monthly question and answer column is hereby restored. The Editor of "Chess Life" is hereby specifically ordered and directed to publish said monthly column. **FAILED 1-4-1** with Sam Sloan in favor and Beatriz Marinello abstaining.

**EB07 – 119 – Sloan** – Resolved: It shall be the policy of the USCF to rate (all players in) all World Championship events and all top level super-Grandmaster events. The Ratings Department is hereby directed to rate the 2004 and 2006 World Chess Olympiads in accordance with the regular USCF rating system. **FAILED 2-4** with Beatriz Marinello and Sam Sloan in favor.

**EB07-120 - Sloan** – The office is hereby directed to purchase a three-chip camcorder for use by the Publications Department to make videos of events such as the National Elementary Championship for broadcast on the USCF website, on You Tube and other media for promotional purposes, and also to make and record videos of the USCF Delegates meetings and Executive Board meetings. A SONY 2100 camcorder or equivalent at an estimated cost of \$2,300 is recommended for

tis purpose. **REFERRED** to the Executive Director 5-1 with Sam Sloan opposed on a motion by Don Schultz.

**EB07-121 – Sloan** – Inasmuch as Myron and Rachel Lieberman have provided the tapes of the August and November, 2006, meetings of the USCF Executive Board to the USCF Executive Director, and inasmuch as the Executive Director has failed and refused to provide these tapes to Terry Vibbert for uploading to the USCF website (Please note: The recordings are sent to the USCF office, not specifically to the Executive Director.), and inasmuch as this is in violation of the Bylaws and a Delegate mandate requiring that either a tape or a transcript of all USCF Executive Board meetings be posted on the website, the Executive Director is hereby censured for failing to provide those tapes and the office is hereby directed to provide those tapes to Terry Vibbert or such other person for uploading onto the website. The Board also thanks Terry Vibbert for the great work he did in uploading the tapes of the May meeting and most of the February meeting onto the website. **FAILED 1-4** with Sam Sloan in favor and Don Schultz not present. Please note: Don Schultz did not return to the meeting.

**EB07-122 – Sloan** – Resolved, the USCF hereby establishes the Irina Krush Tournament of Girl Champions, which is to be held annually at the same time and place as the US Open Chess Championship. **FAILED 1-4** with Sam Sloan in favor.

**EB07-123 – Sloan** – Inasmuch as at the meeting of the Board held on August 14, 2006, it was reported by the Executive Director that all or almost all of the financial records have been lost or destroyed, and inasmuch as the Executive Director subsequently reported that some records have been found in 125 storage boxes in a storage bin in Crossville, TN, and inasmuch as the Executive Director was thereupon ordered by the VP of Finance to conduct an inventory of these storage boxes and inasmuch as to this day the Executive Director has failed and refused to even begin to conduct said inventory, the Executive Director is hereby censured. **FAILED 1-4** with Sam Sloan in favor.

**EB07-124 – Sloan** – The Board hereby thanks Tim Tobiason for competing or nearly completing the difficult task of scanning and making available on DVD all back issues of “Chess Life” newspaper from 1946 through 1960. **PASSED 5-0**.

**EB07-125 – Goichberg** – Rating Fees are increased as follows:

\$.18 becomes \$.25

\$.20 becomes \$.40

\$.40 becomes \$.60

**PASSED 4-0** with Joel Channing not present.