

## MEETING OF THE USCF EXECUTIVE BOARD ON AUGUST 10, 2000

The Executive Board of the US Chess Federation met on August 10, 2000, at the site of the US Open in Saint Paul, Minnesota. All eight Board members were present: Bob Smith (President); John McCrary (Vice President); Jim Pechac, (Vice President for Finance); and Members-At-Large Joe Ippolito, Garrett Scott, Helen Warren, Tim Redman, and Doris Barry. John McCrary assumed the duties of the vacant Secretary's position for the Meeting.

President Bob Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. The Board immediately went into closed session for about one hour.

### OPEN SESSION

The first item of business were the motions arising from Closed Session discussion:

**EB-00-118** (Board): The agenda is adopted.

**PASSED**

**EB-00-119** (Board): With the change of EB motion 00-91 to reflect the intentions of the President as documented in the wording of the official transcript of the May meeting, the Minutes of the May 20-21 Board meeting are adopted.

**PASSED**

**Note:** Motion # EB-00-91 is thus changed to read as follows:

(Smith) The Board expresses its appreciation to the President's Special Financial Committee, accepts its recommendations in principle, and refers them to the Executive Director for immediate study as to their impact on the budget and their appropriate implementation. **PASSED 8-0**

Additional note: The original version of EB-00-91, which was included in the Minutes of the May Board meeting, was the written version which was read immediately prior to voting and included in the transcript as such. The changed version given here, which differs slightly but substantively from the written version, was verbally offered by the sponsor prior to the reading of the written version, with much discussion intervening between the verbal change and the reading of the written motion. The Board at this August 10 meeting unanimously agreed that the changed version as given here would be considered the intended version of the motion.

**EB-00-120** (Board): Moved, that the Executive Board and the Executive Director jointly review the CFO at the Executive Board Meeting that occurs closest to but preceding the next Annual Meeting in 2001.

**PASSED 8-0**

(Note: The Annual Meeting is the Delegates Meeting specified in the Bylaws.)

**EB-00-121** (Board): The Executive Board has reviewed the performance of the Executive Director and is pleased with his work to date. The Executive Board expresses its confidence in the Executive Director, George DeFeis.

**PASSED 8-0.**

**EB-00-122** (Board): The Executive Board has reviewed the performance of the *Chess Life* Editor Glenn Petersen and is pleased with his work over the last year. We congratulate him on his promotion to Chief Technical Officer.

**PASSED 8-0.**

### BUDGET DISCUSSION:

Copies of the revised planning budget were distributed to Board members and persons in the audience. This budget had been revised by a Board conference call on August 2, 2000.

It was noted that the budget would be thoroughly discussed at the Finance workshop, which would be the appropriate forum.

Discussion occurred, with some audience participation, on the general topic of costs to service a member. Part of this discussion had to do with the proper pricing of an Internet category of membership. Such pricing would need to consider marginal costs such as printing and mailing magazines. The overall cost to service a member includes overhead costs as well. The general consensus is that expenses per member exceed revenues per member significantly at current membership and dues levels.

**EB 00-123** (Redman, McCrary): The Executive Board adds to all factors in the dues factor plan an additional factor of 80% for Internet categories. **PASSED 8-0**

**FIDE matters:** A brief discussion occurred regarding FIDE problems and the potential role the USCF should play in resolving them. The consensus was that this discussion should be deferred until the FIDE workshop and the Delegates Meeting.

**AWARD**

**EB 00-124** (Redman): Lawrence Lampert is given the USCF Special Services Award. **PASSED 8-0**  
(Note: This was offered as an objections procedure motion by e-mail in June but some Board members did not recognize it as such. Thus, it was re-voted for the record at this meeting.)

The President adjourned the Board meeting, to be followed by the Executive Board/Staff Forum.