

Meeting minutes

April 20th, 2018

Attending:

Board members: Parnell, Thad, Dave, Amrita, San

Meeting started at 7:14pm with a short silence for Michael's dad.

1) Approving Last Meeting's Minutes

a) Discussions:

The board discussed about the timeline and procedure for bylaw changes. All changes to the by-laws should be submitted to the secretary 30 days in advance of the membership meeting. There are three bylaw changes proposed for the upcoming meeting. Thad will post on GCA Facebook inviting other members to submit other bylaw changes. Thad and Parnell will submit a revised proposal for the bylaw changes discussed at the last meeting. The board voted moving the bylaw changes as new meeting agenda item for today's meeting

b) Corrections

1. Changes to the past meeting minutes: Collegiate is on April 14th, not 21st.

Other business: Add a third change: GCA reserves cannot be depleted below than \$ 25,000 at any given time without approval from the members.

Board approves the meeting minutes for March once these changes are incorporated.

2) Old Business

a) Scholastic

1) K-8 Championship

a.) Discussion of tournament itself

Not much discussion other than it went well. There was some concern that awards were rushed, but event volunteers did not feel this was entirely true. Some discussion about North Atlanta High vs. Peachtree as a venue choice for next year, but the board thought that venue will always be good for some players and not so good for other players. We cannot find a satisfactory venue for all.

b.) People are asking where are the results

Webmaster has been implementing a new policy of posting cross tables and standings related to the tournament as an attachment to the tournament announcement. Players/parents/coaches can go back to the calendar posts to see the attached files.

2) Girl's Championship for U.S. Open Tournament?

Barry Gray has expressed an interest in hosting the Girl's event. The event was not combined with the Collegiate. The last date for submission of NGIT nomination is June 20th. Parnell Watkins has been assigned by the board to coordinate the event with Barry Gray. He will seek clarity on proposed date of June 2nd, finances, eligibility for players, tournament style. Parnell Watkins will provide an update to the board by April 27, 2018. If the event cannot be hosted by Barry Gray then the highest scholastic girl champion will be nominated for the NGIT.

3) Keith Sewell's Email on K-8 Regionals

Board likes the idea proposed by Keith and thinks it is worthy of implementation. Parnell Watkins will post an abridged version of the idea on GCA Facebook. However, the emails of the players should not be shared with other chess promoters. Chess promoters are always welcome to

4) High School Report

HS budget was presented to the board. Board liked that the event did not lose money and thanks to Ted Wieber for all his hard work. Web team will make sure that the cross tables and standings are posted along with the calendar post for the event.

b.) Open events

1) Senior Championship for this U.S. Open?

If USCF holds the invitational senior open event, then GA will nominate the highest ranked senior and give a stipend of \$500 to the player. Player has to attend the nationals to be eligible for the stipend. Nominations and stipend will be transferred to the next highest ranked player if the top most player does not accept.

2) Georgia State Championship

a) Promotion

Event needs to be promoted. Web team will request other adjoining states to post the event on their calendar. Phillip Taylor has committed to donating \$2000 for the event

b) Chief TD and Volunteer (Paid Directors and Volunteers)

Amrita presented the responsibilities and stipends for our volunteers. This is as determined and paid for all events until now. The board felt that it had reserve funds to give a small stipend to our volunteers for even events that did not make positive income. Amrita is the registrar for the State unless another volunteer wants to do this. Thad is the chief event coordinator and will order trophies etc.

c) Thad is Coordinator answering questions

Thad and Greg will answer queries for the State event. Amrita will answer registration questions.

d) Who is keeping track of the entries as they come in for website and computer.

e) Registration help. Same as above?

Amrita is handling registration for the state event.

3. Collegiate Tournament Report: moved to open events.

Dave will ask Ben Finegold for an update.

Other business:

1) Election procedure of getting out the candidates and bylaws to the members.

Thad will request members to submit changes to the bylaws by April 27, 2018. Michael is the election officer.

2) Warehouse and Storage Issues

Parnell, Thad, and Dave committed to meeting on May 5th to arrange the warehouse. Thad will bring shelving. All other board members are requested to help.

3) Vouchers

We still need to sell about 160 vouchers and upgrade about 16 more qualifier players. Parnell will buy more vouchers and give them to his campers.

New Appointments: Board appoints Parnell Watkins as the person in charge of the GCA Facebook postings. He will taking over this charge from Ashley Thomas. Please contact Parnell Watkins for any FB related posting. Parnell will also be posting all GCA events

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm. Next meeting scheduled for May 17th at Red Lobsters, North Lake Mall Area.

Following moved to next meeting.

Discussion of by law changes.

Eligible players for membership discounts etc.

3.) New Business

- a) Bank Accounts
- b) Needing to look for Scholastic Sites for next year right away if possible.
- c) Website calendar
 - 1) We need another Calendar Post Volunteer
 - 2) Do we need to start charging for advertising?
- d) Deciding when to have May's meeting.

4) Adjournment