



GCA Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting of the Georgia Chess Association board was held on July 29, 2017, at The Village Corner restaurant in Stone Mountain. The meeting was called to order at 7:17 PM.

Attendees

Dr. Fun Fong, Thad Rogers, Amrita Kumar, David Hater, Parnell Watkins, Allen Walk, and Michael Muzquiz

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from previous meeting were approved with minor changes.

New Business

- Budget:
 - PayPal 5,247.18
 - Wells Fargo
 - Checking: 15,468.75
 - Savings: 22,932.75
 - GoFundMe: 2,038.21
 - Total: 40,329.71
 - PayPal + Wells Fargo = 45,686.89
- Motion was made to have David Hater as signatory for GCA bank account.
 - Motion passed
- Will post links for events from Atlanta Chess Center. Recurring events will be posted once; only dates will change from month to month.
- Place holders (i.e. postings that are not finalized) will not be posted on GCA calendar.

- Motion made to adopt new policy for posting events on GCA calendar for non-GCA events.
 - Motion passes
- Board discussed Infinite Energy Center contract. Board will require more investigation of expenses and accommodations before deposit is made for the venue. Will require 250 rectangular tables (or equivalent) for 1000 players. Parent holding area needs to have capacity for 1700 chairs; would be willing to accept that some of 1700 chairs can be located in common areas. The venue will position chairs and tables. May need weather/act of God clause or event insurance. Parking and WiFi will be free. Extra fees will be paid for EMT on site, AV, and power outlet usage.
- GCA having problem securing venue for QuickStart tournament. Board considering switching venue to World Changer church.
- Board considering holding event in Dublin, Ga.
- Board discusses complaint lodged against Frank Johnson regarding one of his tournaments. Board agrees to facilitate a resolution with Frank Johnson.
- Board member recommends distancing GCA from GA Tech because of issues that may be frowned upon by the USCF (i.e. holding unsanctioned tournaments, not paying prize funds). Further recommends that board invite Deepak Aaron to board meeting to discuss certain issues.
- Next board meeting to be held on Monday September 25, at Village Corner.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Secretary: Michael Muzquiz