

2019 NCCA BUSINESS MEETING

The 2019 NCCA business meeting was held at the site of the NC Closed Tournament on Nov.24th at 9AM. Board officers present were the following:

President: Debs Pedigo
First Vice-President: Walter Hyde
Scholastic Vice-president: Grant Oen
Secretary/Treasurer: Wayne Spon

Approximately 10 current NCCA Members were present.

Old Business

An Invitational was discussed at the 2018 Business meeting. This invitational was conducted prior to the Charlotte Open from Dec.27-29th. Benjamin Snodgrass and John Timmel tied for 1st.

New Business

1. Wayne Spon reviewed the inter rim financial report from Jan. 1 to Nov.22, 2019. Although the NCCA had higher than normal expenditures because of the new website, the treasury was down less than \$1,000 due to an increase in membership dues and the transfer of most of the PAYPAL funds. A bare minimum will be kept in the PAYPAL account from now on.

2. Funds from the scholastic acct. were transferred to the checking acct because the scholastic awards from the past have been paid. This past year, \$640 was paid from scholastic tournaments prior to 2019. The past practice of awarding the scholarship awards when the student turns 17/18 yrs of age is no longer in effect. Any future awards from tournaments prior to 2019 will be paid through checking.

3. The NCCA Sr. tournament was discussed in regards to the low attendance these past several years. A third section for 70 + Srs. may help to boost the numbers as well as advertising sooner.

4. Scholastic tournament income expenditures: Some adults seem to think that the NCCA dues are just supporting the kids, which is not true. The State Scholastic tmt does not affect the NCCA treasury in re awards and travel stipends.

5. The NCCA sponsored 4 players to the USCF Open Invitational Tournaments and provided a partial travel stipend to each player. The following are the NC representatives and their score from 6 games:

1. Denker: Pradhyumna Kumar Kothapalli - 3
- 2.Barber: Arya Kumar - 3.5
3. Nat'l Girls: Asha Kumar - 4.5
4. Senior: John Smithwick - 2

5. Debs Pedigo discussed the new website and its advantages.

This board & future boards will be able to more easily make changes to our website without depending on someone else outside the board to make changes.

Organizers who do a number of tournaments each year may now be given authorization to enter their own tournaments as far in advance as they like without depending on someone else to do this for them. This lets organizers control their tournament notices much more efficiently.

Membership in NCCA will be handled much more efficiently. When someone joins by signing up on website their membership is immediately reflected on current member list. New members should get a welcome notice to NCCA. When membership is getting within 30 days of expiring the member should now get a notice that membership is expiring in time for them to renew.

Before there was no notice system for expiring members. Many members then had expired memberships and fell off our current list causing our membership numbers to drop off not necessarily because members wanted to drop out, they just didn't know membership was expiring.

There is a current member list that can be downloaded in case anyone wants to see if they are a member and see their expiration date.

There is also an expired member list. When a current member let's, their membership expire it automatically comes off the current list and is put on expired list.

I believe before we had to manually remove names from one list and put them on expired list which often times resulted in many expired members showing up on current list which might have been very confusing for someone trying to determine their status.

We also have a tab that is reserved for members only use, which currently contains a Forum, Chess YouTube Training videos, and a suggestion box. We will be able to add more videos and other items for members only limited only by our imagination.

There are also a lot of useful information on our new website & without leaving our website you can now access USCF information quickly such as:

Players Search to look up any USCF player by name or USCF #, Past Tournament Results, Tournaments in other states, Top 1000 NC chess players with their current ratings, Top female players, and chess clubs.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:45

