WGPO extra time meeting minutes
From Kathleen Murphy, Secretary
Sunday, January 29, 2023

Note: Agenda is as specified in WGPO Articles of Incorporation

Attending:
Board members: Laurie Cohen, Will Anderson, Conrad Bassett-Bouchard, Jan Cardia, Bennett Jacobstein, Kathleen Murphy

Call to Order and Welcome:
Secretary Kathleen Murphy called the meeting to order at 11am (central time), January 29, 2023.

New Business:
This is an extra time meeting to conduct some time-sensitive business:

1. **MOTION**: We are in receipt of Steve's resignation, effective 1/26. We need to have a President. Officer positions must be filled, this can not remain open. Discussion of who moves into the role.
   - Ayes 6 for Laurie for the period through December 2023 Nays 0, this motion passed unanimously. Conrad and Will are a Vice President jobshare. Jan stays Treasurer. Kathleen stays Secretary. Bennett stays At Large. We all agree to help and support each other as we are new in these roles and learning.

2. **MOTION**: We need to vote on whether to give Jan and Laurie comptroller rights with Wells Fargo per the following proposed memo: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1foUVF87IBURfIgNn7ygHxM7Tt17VyAOmnh_br0QJ26k/edit (Kathleen to screen share during meeting if people don't see the agenda in time).
   - Ayes make Jan and Laurie both comptrollers 6 Nays 0, motion passed unanimously

3. **MOTION**: Move the WGPO mailing address from Steve's address (4330 **Vernon Ave** S, Minneapolis, MN 55436-1524) to Kathleen's (5512 42nd Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55417).
   - This is for the MN state forms, anything from Legal for Good, incorporation paperwork and anything else that fits.

- Tournament entries are mailed to the PO box in Moraga CA for processing.
- The business location is Jan's in FL (bank statements, W9, everything similar)
- Ayes 6 for this address change Nays 0, motion passed unanimously

4. **TASK**: We need a Signer of the Hasbro contract. We agree the signee should be Will Anderson. Will will do a comparison reading of the previous contract to make sure it's the same.

5. **DISCUSSION**: Do we want to add a 7th officer to backfill Steve now? The bylaw sounds like we have choice and don't have to decide now. Here is the bylaw: Section 6. Vacancies. Vacancies in the Board of Directors may be filled by a vote of the majority of the remaining Directors. Each person so elected shall be an interim-Director until that person or a successor is elected at the next annual meeting.

6. **DISCUSSION:** Tournament Entry collections and deposits per Bennett's request for a decision. The request is:
   - A. All tournament entry fees are paid either by a check made out to WGPO and sent to the WGPO PO Box in Moraga or paid to the WGPO PayPal account
   - B. All tournament entry fees are paid directly to the director.
   - Resolution: For low cost tournaments*, Bennett can compile a spreadsheet of who paid and expenses and share with Jan
   - Takeaway item: Define the parameters of "low cost tournaments," will be presented to board. *(This takeaway item is owned by the Tournament and Ratings Committee.)*

7. **DISCUSSION**: Vaccine and/or mask mandates for Word Cup. The request is Word Cup specific but should it be org-wide? Can the director have some discretion as long as they put their guidelines in the flyer? Should we poll the membership on this? Some players have mentioned reactions to the vaccines. We have a player base that may be more sensitive than other gaming groups since we skew a little older. More conversation to come in this space. Questions we have: When do we need to know? What is driving the ask? What are obstacles? What is contract bridge doing? (not just chess) What are the other Scrabble groups doing?

8. **Quick share:** we have Slack on a free trial. I have applied for the discount program but we don't have a decision from them on if we qualify. I think the free trial ends on 2/18 or so. More to come. Kathleen is pushing to get to resolution.

Can move to Feb 5th meeting if we go over time today:

8. **Sharing/need input**: We need names for the conduct committee. Steve had already approached Helen and she's on board and ready. She needs peers. This team would handle complaints about players. Please see slack channel where Helen is seeking more clarity/formality in this space.

9. **Sharing**: There's a fundraising match suggestion that now has $300 behind it. Kathleen kicked it off to the fundraising committee and they're running with it and a few other ideas. Steve gave Helen an estimate of about $5000 for annual expenses (web hosting, insurance, fees, state paperwork, etc). Once the banking is transferred, can we get this data and share it with the fundraising committee?

Meeting adjourned at noon central time