

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Iowa State Chess Association
Held at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Iowa City on Saturday, July 17, 2021

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:23pm.

Secretary's report (Ben Darr)

Ben reported that membership renewals have remained slow in the absence of tournaments, but we expect this to pick up again as tournaments get going. He also reported that the chess club in Dubuque has reopened and is getting more attendees than before.

Treasurer's report (Ming Lodh/Eric Vigil)

Ming presented the current budget for the organization.

IASCA 2020 - 2021 Treasurer's Report

	General Fund			Scholastic Fund			Total
Starting Balances (7/10/2020)			5,384			925	6,309
	Revenue	Expense	Net	Revenue	Expense	Net	
Tournament							
Iowa Closed	0	(1,229)	(1,229)	0	0	0	(1,229)
May Day Fun Tournament	0	(60)	(60)	0	0	0	(60)
Sam Naylor XI	93	0	93	0	0	0	93
Rockefeller, Barber, Denker	0	0	0	388	(506)	(118)	(118)
All ACCESS (Jim Freeksen)	0	0	0	0	506	506	506
Girls	0	0	0	232	(11)	222	222
Senior	152	(113)	39	0	0	0	39
Iowa Class	222	0	222	0	0	0	222
Non Tournament							
IASCA Membership	1,516	0	1,516	0	0	0	1,516
En Passant	0	(490)	(490)	0	0	0	(490)
USCF Voucher	241	(1,100)	(859)	0	0	0	(859)
USCF Association Member Fee	0	(40)	(40)	0	0	0	(40)
Website	0	(25)	(25)	0	0	0	(25)
Other Donations							
Eric Vigil	0	0	0	180	0	180	180
Net Income	2,225	(3,057)	(832)	800	(11)	790	(43)
Ending Balances (6/30/2021)			4,552			1,714	6,266

**2020-2021 Income &
Expense Report and
Entries**

Financials							
Playing Site	COVID	Des Moines	Cedar Rapids	Iowa City	COVID	COVID	
Tournament	Grades	Rock/Denker	Indy/Team	Girls	Match Team	K-12 Open	Total
Entry Fee	\$15 each	\$Donation	\$25 each	\$20 each	\$15 each	\$15 each	
Entry Fees Online	\$ -	\$ 407.95	\$ 800.00	200			\$ 1,407.95
Cash on site	\$ -						\$ -
Donations	\$ -	\$ 506.49					\$ 506.49
	\$ -	\$ 914.44	\$ 800.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,914.44
Trophies		\$ 306.49					\$ 306.49
Site Fees		\$ 200.00	\$ 760.00	\$0.00			\$ 960.00
Rating Fees			\$ 40.00	\$ 10.50			\$ 50.50
Miscellaneous Expenses							\$ -
TD Fees							\$ -
Memberships							
	\$ -	\$ 506.49	\$ 800.00	\$ 10.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,316.99
	\$ -	\$ 914.44	\$ 800.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,914.44
Organizer Retainage (Up to 50%)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ 407.95	\$ -	\$ 189.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 597.45

Entries							
Year	Grades	Rock/Denker	IndyTeam	Girls	Match Team	K-12 Open	Total
2008	134	8	134	8	38	51	373
2009	141	7	93	10	38	81	370
2010	102	13	75	15	29	99	333
2011	84	21	98	20	24	116	363
2012	129	33	117	23	36	85	423
2013	78	42	109	22	32	95	378
2014	96	32	101	23	40	88	380
2015	84	33	97	23	64	86	387
2016	90	41	89	15	94	44	373
2017	94	32	53	11	70	79	339

2018	44	58	76	7	64	55	304
2019	55	50	64	13	52	72	306
2020	79	49	28	4	80	0	240
2021	0	25	58	10	0	0	93

Prepared by Eric Vigil 6-30-2021

President's report (Eric Vigil)

Eric reported that after ten years of his leadership of IASCA, the organization as a whole is in better financial shape than when he started. He also noted that there is significantly more interest in chess coming out of the pandemic.

Scholastic report (Eric Vigil)

Eric reported on the scholastic chess finances (see previous page), pointing out that we currently have more funds available than usual here. He also noted the pre-COVID gradual decline in scholastic tournament entries. Eric will continue as the scholastic director, and will be able to devote more energy to it since he will no longer be president.

USCF Delegate report (none)

Website update (Mike Volz)

Mike reported that the website now has a links to the crosstables of finished tournaments, rather than simply removing finished tournaments from the site. The links can be found under Crosstables under the Tournament heading on the main site. Mike is still working on getting the site running better on mobile devices. Mike was commended for his improvements to the website.

***En Passant* update (Cub Noble)**

Cub reported that *En Passant* is back on track to put out four quarterly issues in 2021. He called on the membership to submit annotated games, stories, or other content for the magazine. Arshaq Saleem suggested that *En Passant* award a game of the year, or brilliancy prize, for a particularly good game, to be presented with annotations and commentary in the magazine.

Election of Officers

President: Jim Hodina was nominated and unanimously approved as President.

Treasurer: Ming Lodh was nominated and was unanimously approved as Treasurer.

At-Large Member of the Board of Directors (Filling Jim Hodina's seat 2024): Nikhil Patel was nominated and unanimously approved for this seat.

USCF Delegate for 2022 meeting in Rancho Mirage, CA: Dave McComb was nominated and approved for this.

Old Business

A motion was made to financially support the Iowa senior champion to attend the US Open just as we already do for the scholastic champions. The membership approved this motion in the amount of \$300, with payment contingent upon submission of a suitable article to *En Passant*.

Eric reported that our 501-c-3 application was approved, but no further action has been taken on this.

Six new people were inducted by the membership into the Iowa Chess Hall of Fame, adding to the three original inductees listed below.

John Osness. For his longstanding work with US Chess and contributions writing the 1st edition of the USCF Rulebook.

Roger Gotschall. For his longstanding work with USCF ethics and scholastics committees and Iowa Chess.

Louis Paulsen. One of the strongest chess players in the world throughout his life, resident of Dubuque in the 1850s, and prolific contributor to chess opening theory.

The new inductees are:

Orestes A. Brownson II. For his editing of the *Dubuque Chess Journal* in the late 19th century, one of the premier chess publications in the world at the time.

Ben Munson. For his influence on many Iowa chess players, several of whom spoke up during the meeting.

Bob Long. For his publication of many outstanding chess books with his publishing company, Thinkers Press.

John Penquite. For his excellence in postal chess, breaking the record of highest rating in America at 2939 in 1993.

Mitch Weiss. For winning the Iowa Closed Championship six times with a peak rating of 2360, his editing of *En Passant*, and his earning of the USCF title of original Life Master.

Syl Scorza. For his influence on chess in Iowa, both as a strong player who won the state championship, and as an organizer and leader who served IASCA in many capacities.¹

New Business

The membership briefly discussed a possible change in the Closed Championship, adding Senior Champion and K-12 Open Champion to make it an 8 player event mirroring the US Closed and their addition of both the Senior and Junior Champions. This would make the Closed Championship a two-day event. The membership tabled the proposal until next year's meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26pm.

¹ Secretary's note: Syl Scorza died just two weeks after being inducted into the Iowa Chess Hall of Fame, on August 1, 2021.