

2023 WVCA Business Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2023

Welcome

President Elijah Schultz welcomed all to the annual WVCA Business Meeting and called the meeting to order.

Secretary-Treasurer Benjamin Good read the meeting minutes from the 2022 WVCA Business Meeting. Bob Greer moved that the meeting minutes be accepted as read. David Hundley seconded the motion and it passed.

Secretary-Treasurer Good read a financial report. Benu Rellan moved that it be accepted as read. Bob Greer seconded the motion and it passed.

Old Business

No progress was made on a WV Chess Hall of Fame.

The Chess Camp with GM Swiercz was a success. There is a 2-page article in Chess Life about the camp. The \$500 was greatly appreciated. The camp roughly broke even thanks to the support of the WVCA. GM Swiercz is committed to doing another camp next year.

New Business

Bob Greer moved that the WVCA offer \$500 in funding to hold another camp in 2024. Craig Timmons seconded the motion and it passed.

Benjamin Good moved that the WVCA Constitution be updated for clarity and to define a Junior Member as one whose age is under 21. The specific changes are as follows:

Rewrite Article III, Item 2 and insert new item 3:

2. There shall be the following classes of membership:

- a. Regular: One year membership for those 21 years of age or older at the beginning of the term.
- b. Junior: One year membership for those under age 21 at the beginning of the term.
- c. Family: One year membership for multiple family members in one household.
- d. Life: Membership for the life of the member.
- e. Honorary Life: A life membership granted by the membership at a Business Meeting.

3. All memberships include full voting privileges.

Bob Greer seconded the motion and it passed.

Benjamin Good moved that the WVCA Constitution be amended as follows:

Change Article III, item 4:

4. The Fiscal year shall begin on the day of the annual business meeting and end on the day before the next annual business meeting.

Benu Rellan Seconded the motion and it passed.

Benjamin Good moved that the WVCA Constitution be amended as follows:

Change Article VIII: add "Trustees shall maintain a WVCA membership throughout their term."

Benu Rellan Seconded the motion and it passed.

Benjamin Good recently inquired about adding a checking account with debit card with United Bank, where we have had a Savings Account since the late 1980s. The account is free for a basic business checking account. Benjamin Good moved that the WVCA add a checking account to our existing savings account. Benu Rellan seconded the motion and it passed.

Benjamin Good moved that the WVCA Bylaws be amended as follows:

Insert new item 3a: The tournament shall be named the "Thomas Bergquist Memorial". It is permissible to use familiar language such as adding "WV State Chess Championship" in tournament announcements and using "WVCA Champion" on any trophies or plaques awarded to the winners.

Markle Butcher seconded the motion and it passed.

Craig Timmons moved that the WVCA Bylaws be amended as follows:

Change item 4: Replace "The WVCA shall conduct a G-30 Action Championship to be held between March 1 and July 1" with "The WVCA shall conduct an Action Championship to be held between March 1 and July 1. The time control shall be Game in 29 minutes with no delay and shall be USCF Quick Rated only."

Bob Greer seconded the motion and it failed.

Benjamin Good moved that the WVCA Bylaws be amended as follows:

Change item 4: Replace "The event should be seven (7) rounds if possible." with "The tournament shall be a Swiss system event with at least 6 rounds. There will be one section, open to all players."

Elijah Schultz seconded the motion and it passed.

Benjamin Good moved that the WVCA Bylaws be amended as follows:

Append "The WVCA Junior Championship is open to WVCA Junior Members only."

Benu Rellan seconded the motion and it passed.

Craig Timmons moved that the WVCA Bylaws be amended as follows:

Insert item before 3d: "There shall be a one-day scholastic section. The time control and format are at the discretion of the tournament organizer."

Benu Rellan seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 4 to 5.

Lewis Sanders brought up the idea of seeking grant money to further scholastic chess programs in the state. No specific motions were made, but the scholastic coordinator has been charged with looking into the matter.

Election of Officers

President

Benu Rellan nominated Elijah Schultz, seconded by Craig Timmons.

Craig Timmons moved that the nominations be closed. Bob Greer seconded the motion and it passed.

There being only one nominee, Elijah Schultz was elected by acclamation.

Vice President

Benjamin Good nominated Benu Rellan, who declined.

Benu Rellan nominated Craig Timmons, seconded by Bob Greer.

Markle Butcher moved that the nominations be closed. Sam Timmons seconded the motion and it passed.

There being only one nominee, Craig Timmons was elected by acclamation.

Trustees (2)

Markle Butcher and Bob Greer were nominated by Benu Rellan, seconded by Elijah Schultz.

There being only two nominees, Markle Butcher and Bob Greer were elected by acclamation.

Delegates to the USCF (Primary/Alternate)

John Boylin was nominated as the primary delegate by Bob Greer, seconded by Elijah Schultz.

Bob Greer was nominated as the alternate delegate by Elijah Schultz, seconded by Sam Timmons.

Markle Butcher moved that the nominations be closed. Elijah Schultz seconded the motion and it passed.

There being only one nominee for each position, John Boylin was declared primary delegate and Bob Greer was declared secondary delegate by acclamation.

Bids for 2024 Championship Tournaments

State Championship

Bob Greer offered Clarksburg, with a 5-round 2-day event on September 14-15, 2024.

Elijah Schultz moved that the nominations be closed. Sam Timmons seconded the motion and it passed.

The Clarksburg bid was accepted.

Action Championship

Benu Rellan offered Huntington.

Benu Rellan moved that the nominations be closed. Sam Timmons seconded the motion and it passed.

The Huntington bid was accepted.

Appointments

No appointments were made or changed.

Dismissal

Benu Rellan moved that the meeting be adjourned. El seconded the motion and it passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Benjamin Good
WVCA Secretary-Treasurer