

CSCA Meeting 3/14/15

**Saturday March 14, 2015
West Haven Police Dept.
200 Saw Mill Road, West Haven, CT 06516
(203) 937-3900**

Minutes

I. Call to order (WH Police Dept) 10:15am

II. Notice of Meeting (Mr. Celone).

Directors: Jim Celone, Charles Gregory, Derek Meredith, Bruce Swan, Rick Bauer, Tom Hartmayer, John Fikiet

Members: Gert Hilhorst, Alex Lumelsky,

III. Minutes of 03-14-2015 Annual Meeting (Mr. Gregory).

Motion to accept minutes, Mr. Bauer. Second Mr. Swan. Unanimous vote in favor.

IV. Reports

1. Treasurer's Report for period supplementary to date (Mr. Milardo).

Balance as of 3/14/2015 is \$3,393.97

Motion to accept, Mr. Swan; Mr. Meredith seconds. Unanimous vote in favor.

2. Website Report (Mr. Celone).

Everything is up, and tournaments run by local organizers is put up. Everything up to date.

Gert is willing to update the website with information, pictures, winners etc.

3. Tournament/Events Reports (Mr. Celone)

Mr. Meredith: 2014 CT Blitz Championship good turnout, had in New Britain club for many years. Too far for southern and northern Connecticut. Well contested, no problems with any players. Ted Mchugh won and drew a grandmaster and still finished ahead.

Mr. Meredith: 2015 CT Quick Chess Championship First year ever, low turnout. Not a lot of players. 16 players and over quickly. Made a decision to shorten the rounds from 9 to 7 because of weather. Ran smoothly, the facility (Aremenian Church of Resurrection, New Britain) fine for the day, affordable and can use again for the future. Ted Mchugh won this even also.

Mr. Meredith: 2015 CT State Chess Championship – Top players played themselves for a few rounds, candidate section winner seeded into the next top section with paid entry. CCFC in Norwalk a beautiful venue. Broadcasted live on CCFC. G/60 first 2 Rds then G/75 last 2. 16 upper section. 19 candidate section.

4. Administrator Reports: Scholastic Chess (Aldi), Ombudsman (Bauer), Scholastic Grants (Aldi), Membership Secretary (Fikiet).

Scholastic Chess Report – Mr. Swan: K-8 K-12 Championship at CCFC, April 25; K-1 K-3 K-6 at St Thomas April 26. No one will be left outside because they can't afford to get in.

Continuing to expand Fairfield (close to 300) adding elementary schools. Swan is in 7 out of the 11 schools. Meredith talking about donating used chess boards to Swan.

Mr. Hilhorst: Highschool matches highschool chess league between a handful of towns

Alex is running a regional in Simsbury

Tom 4 round scholastic Farmington library 4 sections 70 registrations rated. G/25 5 Delay

Tom Hartenmeyer - \$100 for chess sets

Ombudsman report – Mr. Bauer. Rick met with Mr. Lumelsky and he has a lot of ideas on how we can improve our organization and what we provide to kids. Some are more practical than others. Rick

was in phone contact with Rich Jackson wanting to see where he is, whether or not he wants to be reinstated and whether he is willing to address his debt.

Membership Secretary Report – Mr. Fikiet. How to get organizers to send membership info.
Proposal by Mr Bauer to eliminate membership cards and charge CSCA fee for permission to host tournaments. Tom Hartmeyer seconds. Discussion to follow at a later date, possibly a meeting in June.

V. Unfinished Business

1. 2015 CT State Championship update. Mr. Meredith. See above.

2. 2015 CT State Scholastic Championships update Mr. Swan

Accepting registrations, sending out blanket flyer as a discount for chess coaches. They expect one paper one check anything else gets sent back. Proceeding fine, K-8 K-12 at CCFC charging \$500 for facility.

K-1, K-3, K-6 at St. Thomas in Fairfield. Not in the food business (too messy, not enough profit)

3. Rich Jackson

2006 Scholastic Championships organizer payment $207 \times \$5 = \1035 – not paid

Mr. Bauer proposal that Rich Jackson be reinstated by paying 50% of his debt to the CSCA (\$517.50). Seconded Mr. Hartmayer. Discussion. Vote: motion does not pass.

Mr. Swan proposal that Mr. Jackson be sanctioned until he pays \$1035. Seconded Mr. Gregory. Vote: motion passes. Mr. Meredith and Mr. Bauer oppose.

VI. New Business

1. Calendar of CT Chess Events

Gert Hilhorst agrees to help with website, forward anything about championships to Jim then forward to Gert.

2. Proposals for the improvement of the CSCA State Championship

Heard some of Mr Lumelsky's proposals; Mr. Lumelsky leaves early...12:15. We will consider his proposals at future meetings, including strive for lower entry fees, more openness reaching out to parents, too many trophies.

3. Other New Business

Meredith – Action G30 tournament

Tom – Proposes girl tournament

Bruce – Top female prize

VII. Adjournment.

Motion for adjournment. Mr Swan

Meeting adjourned 1:00pm (2hrs 45 mins)