

NBCC Annual Meeting 06-04-2024 (unapproved)

The NBCC held its annual business meeting on the Tuesday, June 04, 2024 at the Armenian Church.

1. Call to Order 7:15PM
2. Attendance : 24 members at the beginning of the meeting plus 1 who arrived later.
3. NBCC President Suhas Kodali and Secretary Mario Guevara Rodriguez reviewed the minutes of the 2023 business meeting; after a brief deliberation the members approved it. All 25 members present voted in favor
4. Bob Cyr, NBCC historian, gave his report.
 - The major highlights of 2024 were covered; Club Championship , the Bourque-Mashkov-Tkaczewski championship and the Strazdins Cup.
 - Bob explained the main highlights of the Grand Prix Contest and Best Game of the Year.
 - Annual Newsletter 20th year of publication now encompass over 540 pages of NBCC History. The report is also published in other chess forums and media.
 - Club members did thank Bob for his thorough report and congratulate him.
5. Presidents Report
 - Suhas did acknowledge and thanked Estee for her continued effort to open the Club every Tuesday.
 - He expressed his gratitude to David Herscovici, Roger Bessette and Joe Miglizzi for their help to close the club every Tuesday, the TD's who help to run the tournaments and a special mention to Roger Bessette
 - He highlighted the success of the Summer Open tournament and briefly explained why the Planet earth didn't take place this year.
 - He mentioned the significant increase in scholastic membership. The weekly training lessons have encouraged young players to join the club.
 - He thanked Justin Lalor for the hard work he devoted in implementing the NBCC non-profit status 501©(3)
6. VP Report
 - Vice President Justin Lalor showed the current NBCC bylaws and answer questions form members.
 - Justin offered to file the required tax documents and forms to comply with the 501©(3) status
 - He reminded the audience about NBCC availability to receive Tax deductible donations
7. Treasurer's Report
 - NM David Herscovici explained his 2024 detailed and comprehensive treasurer's report.

- David mentioned the positive change in the Unrestricted Net worth as a good sign for the financial health of the Club. He particularly highlighted the financial success of the Summer Open and Club Championship.
 - David informed the members about the prompt rent payments until December 2024 to the Armenian Church.
 - Joe Mansigian, a life time member and former NBCC President, did pass away this year. All members acknowledged him with one minute silence.
8. The election of officers / Board members took place for the September 1, 2024– August 31, 2025 club year.
- The President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary were re-elected unanimously to their positions for the following year.
9. During the new business portion of the meeting, the following ideas were brought forth by the membership:
- David Herscovici explained to the members the details of the rent agreement with the Armenian Church, after answering few questions the members did agree to renew the rent agreement
 - A recommendation to create a TD committee to discuss and solve members request and tournament situations was approved by the members. Suhas asked for 6 volunteers to be part of this TD committee; Estee Axelrad, Roger Bessette, Marc Bourque, Derek Meredith, Ian Wohlhieter and Rick Bauer did volunteer
 - Members discussed the possibility to start the tournament games before 7:00 pm in order to finish earlier, this would help the scholastic players. After exchange of comments and a brief survey, members agree to start promptly at 7:00 pm and not compromise the Chess lectures.
 - Members discussed the possibility to give an incentive to the volunteers who help to open and close the Club. A free tournament entry was recommended by the members.
 - Suhas expressed his recommendation to maintain the current membership fees next year due to the healthy financial situation of the club. Members did agree with his motion.

- A discussion around the posting of Club member photos in Social media, NBCC website and Instagram took place. Suhas asked the member if we should ask permission to the members before posting any photo. A suggestion to include a disclaimer on the annual membership was recommended
- Norman Burtness expressed his dissatisfaction when playing opponents during a tournament way below his rating. After few comments from the members, Suhas suggested that the newly formed TD committee should decide on this request.
- Mark Bourque expressed his concern when a sick player (especially kids) decides to play at the Club and potentially transmit a disease to other members. After an exchange among the members Suhas delegated this topic to be discussed by the TD Committee.
- Rick Bauer expressed his concern about the potential shortage of certified TD's at the club due to the new USCF certification requirements. A lively discussion among the members took place and a motion to certify more TD's was raised by Derek. A positive response from few members helped to identify potential TD's for the near future.

10. Without more points to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM with 25 members present.