

Minutes of the meeting held on February 23, 1976.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. Those present were:

Guthrie McClain, Chairman
Raymund Conway, Chess Room Director
Russell Freeman
Paul Whitehead
Joe Tracy (alternate)
Nicholas Maffeo, Secretary

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without reading.
2. Paul Whitehead was appointed a committee of one to canvass the Chess Lesson sign-up sheets and confer with Mike Goodall about scheduling the first class. Peter Grey was designated an alternate for Mr. Goodall.
3. Guthrie McClain reported that he would arrange for one of the grandmasters from the Lone Pine tournament to give a simultaneous at the Mechanics' Institute.
4. Roy Conway reported that it was advisable to keep the Chess Room closed until 11:00 A.M. daily, because of thievery. He said that members would not be inconvenienced thereby, because observations had shown that there was no chess activity early in the morning. It was moved and seconded to recommend 11:00 A.M. opening to the Board of Trustees. Motion passed.
5. It was moved and seconded to hold the A. B. Stamer Memorial Tournament on June 18 - 20, 1976 - a 5-round tournament. Motion passed unanimously.
6. After a discussion of the price structure of the "Stamer", a motion to retain the same entry fee was passed by a vote of 4-1.
7. The next Charles Bagby Memorial was discussed. The consensus favored an 8-man tournament beginning January 8, 1977. This tournament pays out more than it takes in, and means of paying for it without depleting our Chess Room Fund were discussed. Sometimes other events, such as a simultaneous exhibition, may lose money, and the principle of making a small profit on the majority of our activities was reaffirmed.
8. Mr. Conway described the new chess tables, to be converted from library tables, which will provide for 82 players. There was a discussion of the overall decor, and it was explained that the Board of Trustees pays for all furniture, fixtures and equipment as well as repairs and decorations. The Chess Room Fund is reserved for activities.
9. A motion was passed to set up a ladder for Kriegspiel players and to encourage Kriegspiel as a Chess Room activity.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Maffeo,
Secretary