

Minutes of the Board Meeting  
Morgantown Chess Club (MCC)  
January 9, 2007

Meeting called to order at 5:15PM

In Attendance:

Jens Madsen, President  
Shih-Houng Young, Treasurer  
Martin Harper, Vice-President  
Terry Wassell, Secretary  
Jim Eakins, Member-at-Large

1. The minutes of the previous meeting (Annual General Meeting, was read. There was one suggestion to add the text of the constitutional amendment that was approved at that meeting.
2. The President's Report.
  - a) Jens presented an attendance chart and noted that there are generally more than 10 members present at regular meetings.
  - b) Accomplishments include: The Mountaineer Open (17 players), 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Quads (12 players). The Scholastic Tournament over the Winter Holidays had 20 players.
3. Treasurer's Report
  - a) Budget. Current Balance: \$334.06 in MCC bank account. (increased from \$106.00) due to 2007 membership fees and scholastic tournament.
  - b) Anticipate expenses of a donation to the church and needed equipment: 10 weighted chess sets and some clocks.
  - c) Motion: to donate \$150.00 to the Church (with intentions to make another donation in the Fall, if budget permits). Unanimous approval (5 year votes).
4. State Championship
  - a) We should advertise in Chess Life for a cost of about \$10.00.
  - b) Submit an announcement in time for the July and August issues (publication deadlines require that we submit the announcement by April).
  - c) So, our plans for the tournament need to be final by April.
  - d) Estimate 50 players, 6 rounds, 3 days, 2 rounds/day. Saturday evening Blitz championship. WV Chess Association business meeting could be held Sunday morning – at a site away from the Church. If held at the Mountainlair, public parking is available in the garage.
  - e) Note: There may be a WVU football game the same weekend.
  - d) MCC will pursue holding tournament at the Mountainlair if WVU Chess Club dialog is promising.

- e) Alternative, plan B is to hold tournament at Hotel Morgan (site of a previous tournament) or the Church. If rental is required, funds would allow about \$100.00 per day to pay for room rental.
- f) We need to budget prizes and develop a spreadsheet for tournament plans.
- g) Consider specific sponsorship from potential supports: Mylan, Comcast/Adelphia, Barnes & Noble, Books-a-Million, Giant Eagle, Huntington Bank, Realtors, Car Dealerships.
- h) Consider about \$300.00 for naming rights (Mountaineer Open). Consider different levels of sponsorship (Pawn, Knight, Queen & King levels). Martin will coordinate (volunteers needed).

5. WVU Chess Club

- a) Report by Jim Eakins - the club may be (re)formed soon.
- b) John Withrow (sp?) may be president and WVU club would help with the State Tournament. Prof. Ian Christie may be faculty advisor.

6. Upcoming weekend events

- a) Flyers made for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Morgantown Spring Open (MSO) on March 10 and the Morgantown May Day tournament (May 5).
- b) March 10 conflicts with a Pittsburgh tournament (Metropolitan Open). Shih-Houng will collect entry fees for the MSO. There will be only one section (open & reserve combined). Hope to arrange to accept on-line payments through pay-pal for the May Day Tournament registration fee.
- c) Scholastic tournament scheduling proposed tentatively April 28.

7. Weeknight events

- a) Deep freeze Tournament (G/90). 3Rds Quad (2/1, 2/15, and 3/8)
- b) Visit from the Washington (PA) chess club and/or the Cumberland Chess Club.
- c) Miscellaneous Business. Computer data entry of Mountaineer games pending. Terry and Shih-Houng volunteered to help.

Meeting Adjourned 7:10 PM.

James Terry Wassell  
Club Secretary