

CHICAGO INDUSTRIAL CHESS LEAGUE

Fall Business Meeting of August 31, 2016

At: Fermi in Batavia

Attendees:

Larry Cohen (Renaissance Knights) Aaron Maney (Treasurer, DGCC)
Art Olsen (Central Division Chair, UOP) Lenny Spiegel (Fermi)
Jerry Thomas (Secretary, ALU Dragons) Jim Thomson (President, Motorola Kings)
Bill Whited (Publicity Chair, Willowbrook) Jeff Wiewel (West Division Chair, STCC)

MINUTES

President Jim Thomson called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. and welcomed the attendees.

A. OFFICERS REPORTS and STANDARD BUSINESS:

1. President – Jim Thomson

Jim mentioned that none of pending proposals were critical or vital. The league went pretty smoothly with the new 'B' teams. That was OK except when several 'A' teams forgot the rules for playing a 'B' team. Jim did have a problem with getting all the officer positions filled.

2. Secretary – Jerry Thomas

Jerry said there were no changes to the spring business meeting minutes. The minutes were published in the bulletin. Attendees approved the minutes unanimously.

3. Treasurer – Aaron Maney

Aaron Maney agreed to stay on and presented a report of the 2015 Receipts, Disbursements, and Cash Reconciliation. He said he will be preparing a 2015-16 budget after the meeting. Post meeting: Aaron provided 2015-16 budget (see CICAL web site) and Jim Thomson will email it to captains for approval.

The banquet ran over budget. Part was due to teams taking dues credit in the prior year and the banquet ticket portion of this was not included in the banquet's receipts. The banquet is expected to self-fund. The banquet ran \$144 over budget. Aaron agreed to allocate the banquet ticket portion of teams taking to dues credit to the next year's banquet budget. Attendees agreed to not change the amount of dues this year.

The dues are \$75 for 'A' teams and \$60 for 'B' teams for this season.

Team captains should submit their team dues payment

Make all checks payable to: **Chicago Industrial Chess League**

Remit payment to:

ATTN: Aaron Maney
Chicago Industrial Chess League
4760 SAINT JOSEPH CREEK RD APT 106
LISLE, IL 60532

4. Division Chairs:

Central-Art Olsen, Chair

Art said that the Renaissance Knights team is moving to the Central making 5 teams in the Central Division. UOP, Motorola, Excalibur's, and Willowbrook are returning. Art said Excalibur's had trouble fielding a full team. Bill Whited said that Willowbrook will stay in the Central and not move back to the West Division.

East-Tony Jasaitis, Chair (via email)

Looks like we are losing up to two teams.
Slalom Consulting has lost too many people to attrition.
Renaissance Knights have expressed strong interest in joining the Central Division. See Central Division report.

This leaves the East with the following teams:

University of Chicago
Northwestern University
Rogue Squadron
DRW Trading
Citadel
Hedgehogs

I will await confirmation of RENKT's status before drawing up a schedule. For one thing, they referred to the other division as "North", so the current team locations may or may not work out for them.

West-Jeff Wiewel, Chair

Jeff explained that, with the exception of the 2 Lucent teams which are discussing whether to combine, all other teams are returning. He said the West is solid with all 4 'B' teams returning and 8 or 9 'A' teams. St. Charles has a new temporary site until January, the Pawns and Wombats are changing sites.

5. Playoff Chair-Brian Smith

Jim Thomson said he filled in, but would not do it this season.

6. Publicity Chair-Bill Whited

Bill said that there was very little activity this summer. He went over the ICA and USCF affiliates and we have most of the chess clubs. The other chess clubs did not have viable sites for matches. Maybe a corporate minded individual would help in the position. Bill explained that finding the right individual to contact in a corporation was a problem. Attendees suggested that we put something on the CICL web site with some sort of incentive for signing up. Bill said we are not hurting for teams right now and there are lots of options available for new teams. Jeff Wiewel mentioned there is a HS tournament on January 10th that he is TD for that has a coach's room. Bill and Jeff will discuss this after the meeting.

7. Bulletin Editor- open (no report)

Attendees agreed to allocate \$50 towards gift certificates for awards, which will be determined by new bulletin editor. Jim Thomson said Rob Eaman agreed to contribute bulletin articles and materials. Bill Whited will contact his team members who have done bulletins previously to see if anyone would be bulletin editor.

8. Webmaster-Irwin Gaines (no report)

Jim asked that any concerns about the CICL web site be sent to Irwin. Several attendees mentioned that the 2016 playoff results were not on the web.

7. Rating Chair-Irwin Gaines (via email)

Ratings ready to go (although we still might want some updates to handle B teams properly, especially MIP calculation). Please remind everyone that rosters are due, I only have a roster from Motorola so far.

Jim Thomson said 2 changes were needed.

- 1) MIP excludes games with teammates. If they play a counting board, it should be included in MIP. Attendees agreed.
- 2) The way we are showing rating reports need to have it separated by 'A' and 'B' team results. Attendees discussed several possible reports and agreed that results should be separated between 'A' and 'B'.

Irwin suggested a sliding rating cap such as both teams agreeing to it. Jim Thomson said we need an actual proposal on this which can be emailed to team captains for discussion.

10. Games Editor-Steve Tennant and Irwin Gaines (no report)

Steve Tennant cannot receive game submissions via email. Bill Whited said he would contact Irwin about some game editor candidates.

11. Trophy Chairman-Chuck Dobrovolny (via email)

Jim said Marty did this last year and we were under budget. Marty had told him the current vendor is excellent and we should keep that vendor. Chuck will be able to resume this position for the coming season.

Teams are not getting back to Chuck on choices. See new business.

12. Banquet Chair- open (no report)

The last banquet was a little over budget. Jim asked that feedback be given to the new banquet chair.

B. ELECTIONS and APPOINTMENTS

Appointments –

Bulletin Editor – open.

Ratings Chair, Webmaster, Games Editor – Irwin agreed to continue.

Trophy Chair – Chuck agreed to continue.

Banquet Chair – Larry Cohen volunteered to be banquet chair.

Playoff Chair – Bill Whited volunteered to be playoff chair.

C. NEW TEAM ADMITTANCE and Existing Team Change

Willowbrook is changing their name to Burr Ridge chess club (BRCC). There are no new teams.

D. OLD BUSINESS

None.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Dues submission

Aaron described a problem with team dues unreceived which the team said they sent. As it was at the deadline, the team was assessed a penalty. Attendees agree that if a team mails their dues near the deadline, they should mail it so that they have proof, such as registered or first priority mail. Attendees unanimously approved this. Jerry Thomas agreed to update the CICL Constitution.

2. High School team eligibility

Bill Whited said we need to change the high school eligibility to allow for students from multiple schools on a team. As no new high school teams are entering this season, attendees agreed to defer this until the Spring Business meeting.

3. MIP Ratings proposal

Jim Thomson agreed to create an email proposal on this. See Ratings Chair report for some details.

4. Awards

Aaron said people don't cash checks quickly and suggested that awards be gift cards involving chess stuff instead. Attendees discussed and decided on AMAZON gift cards instead of cash. Attendees unanimously approved this. Aaron will also discuss other options with Chuck, the trophy chair, and provide a proposal.

Aaron and Jim Thomson said that we are not handling awards for ties properly. Attendees agreed that ties should split the award. For example, a tie for 1st and 2nd should split the combined 1st and 2nd place awards. Attendees unanimously approved this.

Aaron said Chuck mentioned teams are not getting back to him on their award choices. Chuck (via email) suggested that the default award would be due credits. Attendees discussed this and changed the default choice to trophies. Chuck intended to give teams 10 days after playoff Saturday to email him their choice before assigning the default. Attendees unanimously approved the default choice of trophies after 10 days.

F. DISTRIBUTIONS:

- **Score sheets** Please contact your Division chair if you need them.
- **Match result sheets** Teams needing Match Results Sheets should contact their Division chair.
- **Game Score sheet submission envelopes** Jim Thomson has the game score sheet submission envelopes for the Central and East Division teams. Irwin will distribute them to the West Division teams. Jim Thomson will check via email with the captains on whether they have enough envelopes and sheets.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 P.M.

Jerry Thomas, Secretary September 7, 2016