

CHICAGO INDUSTRIAL CHESS LEAGUE

Fall Business Meeting of August 26, 2015

At: Fermi in Batavia

Attendees:

Jorge Barrera (R. Knights)	Greg Bungo (DGCC)
Dan Eustace (ALU Dragons)	Irwin Gaines (Ratings Chair, Fermi)
Tony Jasaitis (Est Division Chair, Hedgehogs)	Alexey Kochemirousky (Uchicago)
David Lee (Excaliburs)	Aaron Maney (Treasurer, DGCC)
Art Olsen (East Division Chair, UOP)	Josh Persons (Slalom)
Kurt Stein (Willowbrook)	Jerry Thomas (Secretary, ALU Dragons)
Jim Thomson (President, Motorola Kings)	Bill Whited (Publicity Chair, Willowbrook)
Jeff Wiewel (West Division Chair, STCC)	Vic Zaderej (Molex)

MINUTES

President Jim Thomson called the meeting to order at 7 P.M. and welcomed the attendees. He said we have a good mix of people here.

A. OFFICERS REPORTS and STANDARD BUSINESS:

1. President – Jim Thomson

Jim mentioned that we had a number of proposals carried over from our last meeting. The 'B' team proposal and recruitment were worked on over the summer.

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 presented the treasurer's report. He said he continues to gather information from Andy Mosley regarding historical costs from previous seasons, specifically 2013-2014. There was an actual negative cash flow of \$777 during the CICLs FY14-15. This upcoming season's proposed budget for 2015-16 is planned to have a negative cash outflow of \$588.

A portion of this outflow is due to the budgeted 3yr. webhosting / domain renewal of \$323.64 that will occur in June 2016. Irwin asked if the \$325 dues credits under revenue causes our 2014-2015 deficit to be overstated. Aaron is clarifying the method of accounting being used and recognizes that the term "revenue" may have confused the matter, since it was actually referring to cash receipts.

The method being used is a modified cash basis of accounting. Almost everything is accounted for based on cash received and cash disbursed (vs. income and expense). The budget presented at the meeting shows historical inflows and outflows of cash for the period of 08/01/2014 – 07/31/2015 as found in the 3 years' worth of financial statements obtained from the bank.

Cash receipts and cash disbursements would've been exactly the same whether or not the

325.00 credits were included.... the “modified” part of this method relates to how the organization addresses liabilities. Its sole purpose is to assist in the planning for liabilities that the CICL will be obligated to meet in the future. Domain renewal is the most obvious.

With regards to the dues credits, we are essentially planning for the reduced amount of cash that we will be receiving because XYZ team/s will have to pay less than the normal dues. This coming season, for example, if the dues credits were left out of the budget, the amount of funds anticipated from upcoming dues would be short of what was planned. It is also helpful to show how dues credits from previous seasons influenced the end amount of cash received for that particular season, even if they have already been applied.

In 2014-2015, for example, the actual hard cash received was the \$1,200 shown. If the credits had not been applied then it would’ve looked like we received \$1,525. This would’ve have reduced the apparent amount of cash outflow down to (453.16).

2014 - 2015	2015 - 2016
\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
500.00	500.00
(325.00)	(250.00)
25.00	-
\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,250.00
262.50	300.00
112.70 (a)	-
0.24	0.50
\$ 1,575.44	\$ 1,550.50
\$ 880.50	\$ 800.00
783.06	750.00
325.00	-
174.93	175.00
65.00	65.00
-	323.64
-	-
100.00	-
-	-
10.00	10.00
14.11	15.00
\$ 2,352.60	\$ 2,138.64
\$ (777.16)	\$ (588.14)

So, if one was to reconcile the cash between periods using the (\$453.16) amount, the ending cash balance in the bank would be off by that amount.

The proposed 2015-16 Fall Budget was based on 20 ‘A’ teams, no change in dues, and - the new individual bulletin incentives. -There will be a deficit of \$588.14. After the ‘B’ discussion (see the ‘B’ team proposal section for the details), attendees decided that ‘B’ team dues would be \$60. Attendees approved the budget: vote 14 for and 2 abstentions.

After the meeting, Aaron updated the treasurer’s report and updated CICL 2015-16 Fall Budget. The CICL 2015-16 Fall Budget and the approved dues form are on the CICL web site. **The dues are \$75 for ‘A’ team and \$60 for ‘B’ teams for this season.**

Team captains should submit their team dues payment (\$75 ‘A’ teams, \$60 ‘B’ teams) to:

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

ATTN: Aaron Maney
Chicago Industrial Chess League
352 Green Valley Drive
Naperville, IL 60540-5116

4. Division Chairs:

North (renamed to Central)-Art Olsen, Chair

Art said that the Renaissance Knights team is moving to the East leaving 3 teams in the North returning. Later in the meeting, the Willowbrook 'A' team agreed to join the North which will be renamed the Central Division - see the Divisional realignment section for more details. The Harper Junior Club is a possibility as they have a chess club where Art's daughter is a member. Bill Whited agreed to contact them.

East-Tony Jasaitis, Chair

Tony said the East lost one combined team, the ENOVA and Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The Renaissance Knights is joining from the North Division. Two new teams are joining - the University of Chicago as an 'A' team and the Slalom Consulting as a 'B' team. He may be able to create a combined team of the Trading Technologies with some previous Hedgehog players.

West-Jeff Wiewel, Chair

Jeff explained that, with the exception of Molex which is becoming a 'B' team, all other teams are returning. He said that Willowbrook may have a second team which would be a 'B' team. St. Charles is likely to have a second team as a 'B'. If the Dragons and Tyros players also form additional 'B' team, a 4 team West 'B' division would be created. The other 'A' teams make up the other West Division.

5. Playoff Chair-Brian Smith

Jim Thomson said Brian told him the playoffs went smoothly. Brian is not continuing as Playoff Chair, so this position is open. Jim asked for candidates. There were no candidates. Jim said this role had been done by the president and he would do it this season if no one could be found for it.

6. Publicity Chair-Bill Whited

Bill said he was working on recruitment. He had contacted Sears and did not receive an email reply after the initial contact. He said the Glenbard School System at the district (multiple schools) level was a future candidate. Also, the Glenwood chess club in the south area was very active and could be interested.

7. Bulletin Editor-Patrice Connelly (via email)

Patrice will continue as bulletin editor for the 2015-2016 season.

Last season we published a total of 7 bulletins, which was an increase from the previous season. More submissions were received than in the previous season, and we awarded four of the five categories for bulletin awards (we did not have any submissions for the fifth type of category). Patrice worked with the Ratings Chair and the President to confirm recipients, which worked well. She received positive feedback from the bulletin award recipients.

For game analysis content in the bulletin, last season included only player-analyzed games, as it was difficult to liaison with Steve Tennant to analyze games. Patrice is happy

to reach out to him again, or work with anyone else who would like to analyze games for the bulletin.

Patrice would like to ask the league to consider again offering awards for bulletin submissions. Last season the league allocated \$50 towards gift certificates for awards, which were presented at the June banquet. Patrice proposes the same award allocation towards the five types of categories again: Base player-analyzed game; CICAL Match Recap; Photo, Tournament recap; and readers'/editor's choice. As with the previous season, if no suitable submissions are received for a category, no award will be presented for that category.

Attendees unanimously approved the awards for bulletin submissions.

Note, all games are available on the web site for anyone to analyze and send to Patrice.

8. Webmaster-Irwin Gaines

Irwin said he is switching over to the new CICAL web site this week. He will provide an article for the bulletin explaining the new web site. Bill Whited asked Irwin to give him administrator access to our social media sites (facebook, etc.) as he would like to use them as Publicity Chair. Irwin agreed and will let Bill control and maintain our social media sites. Irwin mentioned that the webmaster and rating chair roles are connected.

7. Rating Chair-Irwin Gaines

Irwin said reporting match results and creating ratings has been very, very easy. People have been good submitting match scores via email to Irwin. The online score reporting tool is hard to use, but you can use it to submit your rosters by printing the screen shot.

Irwin said there were few complaints about ratings last season. He will put in the summer tournament ratings shortly.

Jim Thomson said that we should fix the online score reporting tool. Irwin replied it is written in an unusual and difficult to understand language.

10. Games Editor-Steve Tennant and Irwin Gaines (report by Irwin Gaines)

Irwin congratulated captains and especially division chairs for game submissions. He received all except 1 match. We put all game scores except for 2 matches on the web. He could not decipher 1 of the matches. The stamped envelopes worked well.

11. Trophy Chairman-Chuck Dobrovolny (via email)

Chuck reported that RTM got paid and everyone's happy with their trophies. Vic Zaderej will get his Centurion award when we play Molex. Matt Vail will get his officer award when I see him during the season.

12. Banquet Chair-Katherine Zak (no report)

A new banquet chair for this coming season is needed. Jim described the duties consisting of securing a banquet venue and dealing with them.

B. ELECTIONS and APPOINTMENTS

Appointments – Jim said that the person is in the role last year, he will reappoint them.
Bulletin Editor – need a bulletin editor to take over when Patrice finishes this season. It would be best for the new bulletin editor to work with Patrice to learn this.

Ratings Chair, Webmaster – Irwin agreed to continue.

Trophy Chair – Chuck agreed to continue.

Banquet Chair – Jim asked the attendees to contact their team members to see if anyone was willing to do this.

C. OLD BUSINESS (see web site for full text of these proposals)

1. Simplified B Team Proposal

Jim mentioned that the committee quickly coalesced to 4 player ‘B’ teams with a lower rating cap. However, 2 weeks before our meeting there were many emails about other details of this proposal. Attendees discussed whether a player could play on both an ‘A’ and a ‘B’ team. Attendees decided that if a Division consisted of both ‘A’ and ‘B’ teams, then the player could not play on both teams. If there was a separate Division just for ‘A’ teams and another one just for ‘B’ teams, then the player could play on both. Attendees unanimously approved this proposal with this revision about players participating on multiple teams. Jim Thomson will revise the proposal.

2. Revised and New Team Admittance

-Renaissance Knights Jorge Barrera of the Renaissance Knights explained that the AON players are dropping out and they have office space downtown for a playing site. They wish to move to the East Division. Tony Jasaitis said that East Division matches currently start at 6 P.M. Jorge said that was OK. Attendees unanimously approved this revised team.

-University of Chicago Alexey Kochemirousky of the University of Chicago described his proposed East Division ‘A’ team consisting mainly of 2nd year students. They are in Hyde Park, but could possibly play at a downtown site. This would be an uncapped team. Attendees unanimously approved this new team.

-Slalom Consulting Josh Persons of Slalom Consulting described his proposed East Division ‘B’ team. They have 8 players and 2 perspective rooms for a playing site and they are downtown. Attendees unanimously approved this new team.

- Trading Technologies Tony Jasaitis said he is working on forming this team which would be a ‘B’ team in the East Division.

- Molex/Aurora Vic Zaderej of Molex explained they wanted to become a ‘B’ team in the West Division. Attendees unanimously approved this revised team.

3. Division Alignment

Jim Thompson displayed a Chicago Area map of the teams and the Divisions. The North Division has only 3 teams and needs at least one more team. Attendees agreed that one or more of the West Division teams needed to move to the North Division. After quite a bit of discussion about the travel required, Bill Whited agreed to move his Willowbrook ‘A’ team to the North Division for this coming season. The teams in the

North Division then decided to rename their division to the Central Division since this better described where their teams were located.

4. 'B' League

Bill Whited of Willowbrook, Aaron Maney of Downers Grove Chess Club and Jeff Wiewel of St. Charles Chess Clubs said that their teams would have a 2nd team which would be a 'B' team in the West. Dan Eustace of Dragons said that the Dragons and Tyros might have players to form a 'B' team, but needed to discuss this with their players.

5. Eligibility Rules

Partly addressed by 'B' Teams. Remainder deferred.

6. Rating Comparison

Irwin, the rating chair, said he reviewed this and it is not a problem. He also could not see any rating improvement needed. Ratings will not be changed.

D. NEW BUSINESS – Further Improvements for the CICL

1. Ratings Cap on Chess Business Organizations

The proposal is "A company or organization that has a stated chess related purpose and hires/admits significant numbers of employees/members based on their chess playing abilities to perform functions dependent on these abilities will be subject to the rating cap for club teams."

Attendees questioned what was significant numbers and how would anyone determine a company's hiring criteria. Jorge Barrera said that the Renaissance Knights hired people without chess expertise to run chess functions such as directing a tournament. Attendees, after some discussion, decided to remove the hiring criteria from the proposal. The revised proposal is "A company or organization that has a stated chess related purpose will be subject to the rating cap for club teams." Attendees approved this revised proposal: vote 14 For, 1 Against.

E. DISTRIBUTIONS:

- **Score sheets** Jim Thomson distributed score sheets to the teams that needed them.
- **Match result sheets** Jim also distributed match sheets to the teams that needed them.
- **Game Score sheet submission envelopes** Irwin Gaines distributed game score sheet submission envelopes to all the teams.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Jerry Thomas, Secretary September 1, 2015