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THE CHICAGO INDUSTRIAL CHESS LEAGUE BULLETIN

"Chess is the nourishment of the mind, the solace of the spirit, the polisher of intelligence, the bright sun of understanding."

Anonymous Persian

Representatives of The Chicago Industrial Chess League met last Friday to elect officers and outline policies for the coming year. Those present were Walt Elliott and Murray Cook of Western Electric, Don Johnson of Ill. Bell Telephone, Hugh Williamson of Stewart Warner, Don McCluskey of 1st National Bank, Irving Rosenfeld of Chicago Title & Trust, and Jim Brotsos of The Lakeside Press.

Jim Brotsos and Miroslav Mejstrik were unanimously elected Chairman and Treasurer, respectively. Don Johnson agreed to be co-signer for withdrawing League funds.

Team Size. The general League policy of maximum participation being of primary importance and a fair competitive basis being of secondary importance was raised and generally agreed to. Though some of the teams feel that they may not be able to raise 8 men for each match, it was agreed that the team size would remain 8 men until the first 6-game round is completed. At that time if it appears that forfeiting is a general problem, the team size may be reduced to six men.

Team Ranking. It was agreed that every team captain will make an honest effort to rank his team according to their current relative playing strength for every match.

Clock Games. Team players who wish to play clock-controlled games must so state before their match begins. If this request is made, the opponent must agree to play with a chess clock. The requestor will be responsible for furnishing the chess clock. The two players can agree to any rate of play, but the minimum rate will be 45 moves in the first two hours and 24 moves each successive hour. If either player fails to make the allotted number of moves within the time limit, he loses immediately. In clock games at least one of the players will be required to keep a written record of the game.

Adjournments. Arrangements for adjournments will be by mutual consent of the two opponents before their match begins. After 3 1/2 hours of play, however, either player can demand an adjournment even without prior arrangement. At the time the game is adjourned the player having the move must make a sealed move and give it to a third party who will not reveal the move until the two opponents meet again to complete the game. Adjourned games should be completed within 10 days. If an adjourned game is not finished within a reasonable time the League Chairman will have the adjourned position with the sealed move adjudicated by a chess expert; the fee for this will be shared by the clubs of the two opponents.

League Schedule. Enclosed is a general playing schedule for the coming year. Team captains will be responsible for arranging match details among themselves.

Starting Time. In general, all boards should begin to play at the same time. The standard grace period for late-comers will be 15 minutes from the agreed match time. Anyone who is not ready to begin his match within this period will lose his match on a forfeit.

Records of Match Scores. Home team representatives will be responsible for furnishing the visitors with a copy of the match score and for sending the original score with both team captains' signatures on it to the Chairman of the League.

Duties of League Officers. The Chairman of the League will be responsible for organizing team competition, determining and publishing team standings, appointing committees as required to fulfill specific League objectives, conducting all general meetings on League policy and elections of League officers (to be held each year before the new competitive season begins), and making all general executive decisions on matters not covered in written rules.

The Treasurer of the League will receive and disburse League funds as required and publish periodic financial statements to all member companies. A co-signer must be chosen each year to co-sign with the Treasurer for all withdrawals of funds.

Simultaneous Exhibition. It was agreed that a simultaneous chess exhibition early this fall would be a worthwhile extra event. League funds can be used to subsidize the expense. Povilas Tautvaisas, current Chicago and Illinois state chess champion, was considered to be the most desirable master to invite to play us. He is currently on vacation for the remainder of August, but will be contacted as soon as possible after his return.

All Star Game. Another event that was suggested for this year was a match between an all-star group of our top board players and one of the stronger Chicago area chess teams.

League Publicity. Letters have been written to the Chess Review and Chess Life describing The C. I. C. L. and mentioning that we would like to have other company chess clubs join us. The editors have been requested to publish these letters. Any news items of general interest to the League or interesting endings, traps, etc. from team matches are welcome for publication in this bulletin.

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The Chicago Industrial Chess League