

Minutes, MSCA Board Meeting, 9 October 2024

Attendees: Jenny Bourne, Tim Radermacher, Scott Carpenter, Ed Bourgeois, Sean Nagle, Mike Benson, Nels Truelson



Tim highlighted some points in the monthly financial report; we are in very good shape. The Northern Open generally went well, although we need to be aware of a personnel change that could affect our relationship with the Roseville Skating Oval. The Walker Library event also went well, and we are likely to be asked back for additional tournaments within the public library system.

The upcoming TD meeting will address a number of important issues, including the process associated with assigning TDs and determining what events will be in the Grand Prix. These decisions rest solely with the MSCA board. In addition, we will discuss policy regarding who is listed as a TD on the official USCF submissions.

The planning for the Midwest Regional Women and Girls tournament (to be held concurrently with the Rochester Open at the Rochester Chess Festival) is moving along nicely, thanks to Tim and Dennis Mays. We should get the flyer out soon and will take every opportunity to promote this event.

Ed will attend the MEA gathering. He and Scott have developed a QR code so that people can obtain information about us easily.

The board unanimously agreed to renew the appointments of Joe, Bert, and Nels to the HOF committee. We also discussed how we want to deal with email retention; Tim will investigate what comparable non-profit organizations do and report back.

Nels and Tim opened the discussion of how we might consider restructuring the board, perhaps by having some members be mostly responsible for day-to-day business and others act mostly as advisors on long-term issues. This will be an ongoing discussion.