

Board Meeting – Morgantown Chess Club
First Christian Church
March 30, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:37pm. In attendance were Club President Jens Madsen, Vice-President Martin Harper, Treasurer Shih-Houng Young, member-at-large Jason Young and new acting secretary J. Terry Wassell. Jens announced that Terry has agreed to serve as acting secretary and Terry thanked Jens and the Board for the opportunity. Jens distributed the agenda for the Board meeting.

- I. Meeting Minutes. There was a **MOTION** by Martin to accept the minutes of the January 7, 2006 meeting, second by Jason. **The MOTION was unanimously passed by the Board.**

- II. Presidents Report
 1. Jens reported that we currently have 15 members, and that we are expecting a few additional members to join in the near future.
 2. A discussion regarding the organizing and re-establishment of the West Virginia University Chess Club ensued. Jim Eakins commented he will take the lead and “it will be done.”
 3. Jens commented that the Spring Open and the Inaugural and March Madness tournaments were a success. Also the “friendly match” with Washington, PA Chess Club was a success.
 4. Jens mentioned that in the Fall, we should have some “outreach” to WVU to recruit new members. Also an announcement in the Dominion Post and the Daily Athenaeum are planned. Additional publicity for chess was the interview of the scholastic winners that Jens prepared.

- III. Treasurer’s Report
 1. Shih-Houng reported there is \$135.00 in the treasury.
 2. Expenses include book, trophy, etc. Every year we pay \$40.00 to the USCF for club affiliation. The club has a “wish list” of future purchases.
 3. Martin offered to contact banks starting Monday April 3 for sponsorship and donations. The possibility of donations from some local law firms was also discussed. Jason suggested that a brochure would help in soliciting donations. It was also mentioned that the club

might obtain new members from law firms. Terry commented that you should not make an illegal move when your opponent is a lawyer.

4. The IRS Identification number has been obtained. This is a prerequisite for opening a club bank account.
5. A donor could potentially “sponsor” an upcoming event – namely, our premiere event the Mountaineer Open tournament.

IV. Budget for the remainder of the year.

1. Shih-Houng presented an excel spreadsheet. The most expensive item needed is software for organizing tournaments. This is a \$90.00 cost with periodic upgrades (maybe \$20 for upgrades). Some Demo software for the program WINTD is available. Jason offered to investigate the demo software to check how well it would have worked with the last tournament.
2. Flyers prepared for the May Day tournament were well received in Pittsburgh. Jens distributed many copies.
3. We discussed the website and obtaining our own domain name “MorgantownChess.org” at some small expense. Jens showed a report on the number of visits to the website and amount of downloaded data from Oct, 05 to present.
4. We discussed a “wandering trophy” for the club championship.
5. A **MOTION** was presented by Martin to authorize the purchase of chess software after evaluation. 2nd by Jason. The **MOTION** was unanimously passed by the Board.

V. Activity Calendar

1. Jens distributed the website list of future activities.
2. April 25 Blitz tournament G/5 Round Robin.
3. The Board discussed the May 4 / May 18 “Almost summer” tournament SS/4, G/75. With May 25 as a possible “make up” date for games.
4. May 6 (Saturday) is the Morgantown May Day Tournament.
5. June 8 – possible lecture by Jason Young on the Denker tournament.

VI. Mountaineer Open Planning

1. This is the 8th Mountaineer Open Tournament, the last was held more than 12 years ago. This will be August 5-6, 2006 with 3 rounds Saturday and 2 Rounds Sunday time control 30M/60Min + G/60 with 2 hours allotted each player per round.
2. Jens mentioned he will check about having the August Mountaineer Open tournament held on the WVU campus – possibly the MountainLair Student Union.
3. We discussed the option to reschedule the Mountaineer Open for Mid June if other West Virginia Chess events may be rescheduled. However, this will not leave sufficient time for planning.

VII. Other Business

1. Action Item: Jens will contact BOPARC regarding “Chess In the Park” on one Thursday in July and one Thursday in August.
2. A scholastic tournament is needed this summer – possibly July 13 or alternatively June 29 or July 27.
3. The club needs another tournament director. Jim Eakins commented he is interested and “it will be done.”
4. Jens suggested we should prepare a bid to host the WV state Championship in Morgantown for 2007 on Labor day weekend. There was a **MOTION** by Jason to offer a bid to host, and a 2nd by Jens. The **MOTION** was unanimously passed by the Board.
5. The Morgantown Chess club wants to present a team for next year’s entry in the Pittsburgh Chess League.
6. It was suggested that the MCC needs a logo. Jim Eakins commented he will take the lead and “it will be done.”
7. At 9:37 pm there was a **MOTION** by Martin to adjourn the meeting, with a 2nd by Jason. The **MOTION** was unanimously passed by the Board and the meeting was adjourned.