

Minutes of the Board Meeting  
Morgantown Chess Club (MCC)  
April 9, 2007

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM

In Attendance:

Jens Madsen, President  
Shih-Houng Young, Treasurer  
Martin Harper, Vice-President  
Terry Wassell, Secretary  
Jim Eakins, Member-at-Large

1. The minutes of the previous meeting on January 9, 2007 were reviewed. Recommended that Sections 5 c – 5 g moved to 4 f. Otherwise minutes of January 9, 2007 were approved unanimously.
2. The President's Report.
  - a) Attendance at regular meetings. Jens presented attendance chart
  - b) Accomplishments include:
    1. Unique website IP address visitors were 162 in January, 224 in February, 301 in March and 97 in April (to date).
    2. Deep Freeze Tournament had 3 groups of 4 players each.
    3. Morgantown Spring Open had 26 players.
    4. Cumberland, MD Chess Club 6 MCC players participated in 2 rounds.
3. Treasurer's Report
  - a) Budget. Current Balance: \$411.12 in MCC bank account.
    1. A donation of \$150.00 was made to the FC Church.
  - b) Anticipate expenses :
    1. \$40 Club membership, \$71 for website and another church donation. Purchase of 3 clocks and 10 boards and weighted sets still anticipated (about \$200 cost).
4. WV State Championship (September 1-3) Planning:
  - a). We should advertise in Chess Life for a cost of about \$20.00 for the months of July and August. Submit an announcement by May 10.
  - b). Final plans for the tournament:
    1. Decided the best option is to hold the tournament at FCC and the Church has approved this request.
    2. Discussed that the Motel reservations may be at a premium due to WVU football game. MCC may be able to reserve 5 rooms (Saturday and Sunday night). Suggestions Morgan Hotel, Ramada Inn, Comfort Inn.

3. Estimate 20-40 players, 6 rounds, 3 days, 2 rounds/day. Sat. 11AM, 5PM. Sunday 1PM, 6:30PM Monday 9AM, 2:30PM. Saturday evening Blitz championship. WV Chess Association business meeting could be held Sunday morning at 10 AM– at a site away from the Church. Prizes: about \$500 - \$550. Entry Fee \$35.00, \$30.00 advance entry (K-12). Guarantee prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> \$200, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$100, and other class prizes based on entries. We discussed making this a Grand Prix event with total prize guaranteed \$300.
  
5. Weekend tournaments:
  - a) Morgantown May Day tournament (May 5). Five players registered at this time, could have 30-40 players.
  - b) Hope to arrange to accept on-line payments through pay-pal for the May Day Tournament registration fee.
  - c) Scholastic tournament scheduling proposed April 28 from Noon to 5PM. To be held at the Community Room at Mountaineer Mall. Prizes to be ordered: 2 team plaques, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each section. The Fun Factory will offer the concession stand
  - d) Mountaineer Open in the Fall, October dates to be determined base on competing events.
  
6. Weeknight events

April 12 **April Fools', G/45 tournament (Rounds 1+2)**  
 April 19 **April Fools', G/45 tournament (Rounds 3+4)**  
 11 Players signed up. Swiss System Pairings.

  - a) Almost Summer Tournament: May/ June 4 rds G/90.
  - b) Summertime Grand Prix, thematic tournaments unrated.
  
7. Miscellaneous Business.
  - a) Discussed that June 2 is the Parkersburg tournament.
  - b) Entry of games needed.
  - c) Need additional T.D.s US Rule Book 5<sup>th</sup> ed.
  - d) Seminar format for chess lectures: Jim offered to present a couple games for discussion.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:07 PM.

Terry Wassell, Club Secretary. Next Meeting: End of July / early August.