

Meeting Minutes of South Carolina Chess Association Annual Meeting held at Hilton Garden Inn Columbia, SC on October 16, 2011, 2:00pm -2:25pm

Members present in attendance: 21

Quorum was determined and President David Grimaud called the annual meeting to order.

Election of Officers

John McCrary presented the report of the Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor were also solicited. John McCrary presided over the elections of Presidential and USCF Delegate. President David Grimaud was reelected by unanimous vote to the office of President. President David Grimaud was reelected by unanimous vote as USCF Delegate.

President David Grimaud presided over elections of the remaining offices.

Vice President Mickey Lauria was reelected by unanimous vote.

Treasurer David Causey was reelected by unanimous vote.

Daniel M. Smith was elected as Secretary by unanimous vote.

Vice President Mickey Lauria was reelected as USCF Alternate Delegate by unanimous vote.

Announcements

Member Danny Purvis discussed the Martin Gardner Celebration of the Mind and a simultaneous exhibition by former SC state champion Charles Walter at Dutch Square Mall on Friday 10-21-2011.

Treasurer David Causey received high praise for his Meritorious Service Award from the USCF, awarded at the US Open in Orlando, FL in August 2011.

At the ribbon cutting ceremony of the World Chess Hall of Fame and Museum in St. Louis, MO, Former USCF President John McCrary was recognized for his work as Hall of Fame Chair and President of the US Chess Trust which was critical in founding the Hall of Fame in 1986. John McCrary was also recognized as co author at the of the Boy Scout Merit Badge book. As part of the Boy Scout Merit Badge launch ceremony in front of the Hall of Fame, a living chess game was played by local scouts. The game was the most recent in the Earth vs Space matches hosted on uschess.org.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer David Causey reported a loss of \$92.17 for the fiscal year, citing Denker and Barber representatives' sponsorship, tournament sponsorship, and purchase of 2 Bluetooth DGT boards as the major expenditures. A major credit cited was the sale of 2 DGT boards to the NCCA for \$1000 and the final balance of SCCA was in excess of \$5000. A detailed balance sheet was offered upon request to Treasurer David Causey.

Member's Report

Treasurer David Causey reported the SCCA currently has 194 total members, 113 of which were registered as scholastic and the remaining 81 were adults.

Activities of the Association

President David Grimaud recognized former State Champion Dr. Philipp Lamby for his contributions to SC chess and lamented on our loss to the Grand State of Texas. (Dr. Lamby has accepted post at Texas A&M University).

President Grimaud recognized other State Champions:

Blitz Champion: Dr. Edsel Pena as SC Blitz Champion

High School Champion and Denker Representative: Daniel Caiello (on tie-breaks due to five-way tie)

Middle School Champion and Barber Representative: Kevis Tsao

Polgar Representative: Hannah Whatley

College Champion: Daniel Dodds

Senior Champion: Wayne Christensen

Reports from Scholastic Coordinator David Whatley and Collegiate Coordinator Rade Musulin Sr. were given. David Whatley is actively adding new members and Rade Musulin Jr is making strides in establishing a chess club at Lander University.

Reports were given on the following tournaments:

Lee Hyder Memorial, Snowstorm, SCOpen, SCClass, Columbia Open.

Local Reports were given from the following clubs: Charleston Chess Club, Columbia Chess Club, Florence Chess Club, Greenville Chess Club, and Greenwood Chess Club.

No new actions or motions were discussed.

The meeting was closed by President David Grimaud.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel M. Smith". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Daniel M. Smith
SCCA Secretary
October 31, 2011