

## **Minutes MSCA Board Meeting, 12 June 2024**

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



Tim started us off with the monthly financial report, noting that we currently have 467 members. He also updated us on the venues for the Class Championship (Chess Castle – contract to be drawn up) and the MN Open (Bethel College – contract to be signed). Our surge in membership has been recognized by the USCF, and Tim will pick up our award at the US Open later this summer.

We agreed to continue our current policies regarding the use of online rating for pairing purposes and the qualification slots for the Closed Championship. We modified one aspect of the Closed qualification – to permit a second-place winner to be eligible under certain circumstances – and postponed our decision about eligibility and rating until next meeting. We adopted the tiebreak playoff policy changes recommended by a subcommittee and will post these to our website. Scott presented a possible way to move to online postings of pairings (using a QR code) and we hope to try this out at the upcoming Blitz tournament.

Tim will meet with the Chess Castle Board a second time regarding our relationship with the Castle and will invite Roger Hale to attend. We offered suggestions about the slides he plans to present. We determined that we will need an in-depth discussion of our building plans at our next board meeting.

Ed proposed that we purchase a printed table cover for the MEA meeting (and also for tournaments); we approved this provided that the digital logo is readable and attractive. We agreed to modify our language about accessibility on our website and tournament flyers. We decided not to upgrade our USCF membership nor to offer free lifetime MSCA membership to HOF recipients.

Our next board meeting is on July 10 via zoom.