

Minutes, MSCA Board Meeting, 23 August 2023 7-8 pm, via Zoom

Attendees: Jenny Bourne, Tim Radermacher, Scott Carpenter, Ed Bourgeois, Vanessa Lee, Nels Truelson, Andy Grube, Jiten Patel. Absent: Dane Zagar



We read and approved the minutes. In the future, we will dispense with this at meetings and instead circulate and approve minutes immediately after each board meeting.

Tim gave a brief update regarding financials and operations. Of note is that Challenger 2 turned a minor profit because several people accepted boards and pieces in lieu of membership. Tim plans to contact Sisira about fees for the registration platform.

We approved the flyer for the Class Championship. We have an arrangement with a Rochester hotel for lodging for this tournament. We are hopeful about attracting more TCCL teams and will determine later if TCCL will be held on two separate nights each month or will be combined into one session.

The affiliate agreement is looking good, with input from Dane Zagar, Andy Grube, and Dennis Mays. We are on track to implement agreements on January 1, 2024.

Tim and Scott will report back about the possibility of automating membership fees.

Jenny gave a short recap of the delegates meeting at the U.S. Open. The meeting is worth attending; next time, delegates might consider going to a few sub-committee meetings as well as the plenary sessions.

Regarding safe play: We agreed that MSCA will pay for the new USCF-required TD training for MSCA TDs. After some discussion, we adopted the policy drafted by Nels and Ed for the MSCA. We will publish the policy and discuss how to circulate it at the October TD meeting.

We decided to pay for a booth at MEA as part of our outreach efforts in education. We tentatively plan to have Ed and Tim staff the booth, as well as our scholastic coordinator if he is available.

We agreed to have all our upcoming scheduled meetings via zoom, including the January meeting. Our next board meeting is September 13.