

MSCA Board Meeting

4/21/23 – 6:00pm CDT



Attendees:

Tim Radermacher, Jenny Bourne, Nels Truelson, Scott Carpenter, Vanessa Lee, Ed Bourgeois, Jackson Wahl, Sarah Emmons, Rachel Schechter (all via zoom)

Meeting Minutes:

- (1) Insurance broker Jeff Danovsky from the Kaplan Insurance Agency reviewed our current policy, noting coverage types and amounts.
- (2) We approved the official minutes from our last meeting and reviewed our financial status. We agreed to revisit the question of reinstating the MSCA membership fee in 2024 (except for Scholastic and TCCL participants). In 2023, anyone can play in an MSCA event but only MSCA members can receive prizes. After reviewing our financial status, Tim will raise the membership fee question for years after 2023 at a later board meeting.
- (3) We determined that MSCA will send two delegates to the 2023 U.S. Open – Jenny Bourne (MSCA president) and Sarah Emmons (Senior TD). Alternate delegate is Jackson Wahl (Local TD). Jenny will submit names to the USCF by the May 1 deadline. As with other Minnesota delegations, the MSCA will provide a total \$400 in funding to attend the meetings and will budget this amount in future years.
- (4) We reviewed our upcoming tournaments, noting that Scott will assist Dane Zagar in the registration process for the Lake Superior Open (2d leg of the Grand Prix).
- (5) Scott will work with David McNeil to obtain editor status for the MSCA Facebook page. Scott and others will determine how to coordinate FB postings and replies to questions.
- (6) We decided not to accept donated trophies due to space constraints.
- (7) Ed and Nels will draft a “safe play” policy based on the USCF policy. We also began a discussion about safety measures, such as announcing exit locations, at our tournaments.
- (8) Tim will spearhead an effort to evaluate and possibly adopt a new registration platform over the summer. Others will include Jackson Wahl, Sarah Emmons, Scott, and possibly Chess Castle leadership.
- (9) Jackson Wahl, scholastic coordinator, will correspond with Minnesota representatives to the US Open events and submit names to the USCF by the June 1 deadline.
- (10) Ed will inquire as to the possibility of obtaining a booth at the MEA October conference (and possibly other venues) to provide information to local schools about chess. We also discussed various other ways to expand chess opportunities for elementary-school students.