

Minutes, MSCA Board Meeting, 13 November 2024

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



Tim briefly went over the financial report and the 2025 budget. We also reviewed the timeline for the annual meeting and discussed the MSCA's ongoing need for dedicated Treasurer and Tech Coordinator roles to operate effectively; Sean will draft language about this to propose at the annual meeting. We will change the way we generate funds for the Grand Prix prizes and stipends for players representing the MSCA at national tournaments – in the future, these funds will come from general revenues rather than specific tournaments. This will enable us to keep fees low and raise our prize payouts.

Jenny summarized the Apple Valley tournament experience – it was very successful, with 132 players – and noted some possible changes for next year, such as adding another section. She also reported substantial interest in additional scholastic and blitz events and will meet with other board members to determine if this is financially feasible. The Rochester tournament planning is going well; Sean and John Bartholomew agree that we should cap the number of participants in the simul at 60. We are in good shape for the Class Championship next weekend.

We finalized and approved the schedule for next year's tournaments and determined the events that we will include in the Grand Prix. We also discussed potential new venues for tournaments and the addition of young chess interns/assistants at major tournaments. Tim will send out the schedule to TDs.

Ed talked briefly about prison outreach and will keep us informed on his correspondence. We continued our discussion regarding the development of an e-mail / document retention policy. Our next meeting is December 4.