

## Minutes, MSCA Board Meeting, 8 November 2023



**Attendees: Jenny Bourne, Ed Bourgeois, Tim Radermacher, Scott Carpenter, Vanessa Lee, Dane Zagar, Nels Truelson, Andy Grube**

Tim's operations/financial report indicated that the MSCA is in fine shape with excellent growth in membership and good financial results from tournaments. The board agreed that we could place some of our cash funds into an additional CD. We will bring information to the annual membership meeting about income, expenses, and assets, and we will solicit ideas about how to use our liquid assets to support our mission to serve the Minnesota chess community.

We approved the Winter Open flier and the 2024/25 tournament plans with minor changes. In particular, we moved the Twin Ports open to October and adjusted a few dates. Scott informed us about a proposed bylaw change that we will send out to the membership.

Much of our meeting was spent on delineating the qualifying procedures for the closed championships. We decided to add an official section for U2200 provided that the qualification process is the same as for all other sections. Jenny will write up the approved procedures and submit them to the board for approval to add to our policies.

We talked briefly about the possible pairing of a chess tournament with the MN Timberwolves Organization. Dane will meet with the Timberwolves representative and report back as to possible arrangements. We also plan to seek a volunteer to help lead efforts at tournament planning. We noted the success of the Apple Valley Scholastic.