Minutes, MSCA Board Meeting, 10 January 2024

Attendees: Jenny Bourne, Tim Radermacher, Scott Carpenter, Dane Zagar, Ed Bourgeois, Mike Benson, Nels Truelsen, Vanessa Lee



Tim and Scott shared the slides prepared for the February members meeting. We plan to emphasize how well the year went, both in terms of financial outcomes and outreach to players. Nels presented the Hall of Fame committee report and we voted in three new members: Andy Polis, Eugene Kerkay, and Andrew Tang. Scott showed us his excellent methods for tracking membership status and for emailing people at the appropriate time to renew. Jenny and Tim reported that the online training is marginally worthwhile but does take a considerable amount of time.

We are in good shape for the next few tournaments, with a plan for running the awards ceremony at the Winter Open and the good news that Sarah is now a FIDE director (necessary for the MN Open). We will need to change the tournament scheduled in Duluth/Superior so that it does not conflict with Grandma's marathon (move from June 22-23 to June 29-30). Tim and Andy Grube will work to find a possible block of hotel rooms as an alternative to the dorms.

Upcoming meetings: Feb. 23 (in-person annual meeting at MN Open)

Upcoming events: Plymouth Easy Chess, Jan 17 Winter Open Jan 20-21 MN Open Feb 23-25 Scholastic Mar 9-10