

Minutes

of the Board meeting held

Sunday, April 9, 1995

7:00 PM at Mark & Liz Kaprielian's House

Revised 7/1/2007

Opened: 7:18 PM
Adjourned: 10:28 PM
Duration: 3:10

In Attendance:

Board Members

Mark	Kaprielian	President	Present
John	Lanza	Program Director	Present
Tom	Powers	Treasurer	Present
Kevin	Norby	At Large	Present
Daniel	Siedman	At Large	Present
Chris	Spellman	At Large	Absent
Al	Ward	At Large	Absent

General Membership

None

Agenda Item 2, Rules of Order for conducting business:

↓ **Motion & 2nd: To approve the proposed rules of order for conducting all business of the F.C.C. Motion Passed, 4,0,0. (In favor, against, abstentions) (Note: Tom was not present at the time of this vote)**

Agenda Item 3, Selection of Board Meeting dates for 1995:

- It was agreed that the 2nd Sunday of a month would be the preferred day selected to provide consistency and ease of remembering.
- Due to the practice of exchanging information on Tuesdays and the ability of most of the board being able to communicate by e-mail, the frequency of planned meetings does not seem to be any more necessary than every other month.
- Dates selected are target dates and can be changed or canceled if necessary.
- Date currently selected are as follows:
 - 06-11-95 - 7:00 PM
 - 09-10-95 - 7:00 PM
 - 12-10-95 - 7:00 PM

Agenda Item 4, Approval of Minutes for the Board Meeting held **02-12- 95**

- Accepted without corrections

Agenda Item 5, Treasurer's Report

- Tom Powers reported that as of August of 94 we had about \$800 and at the end of February, 95 we had about \$400.
- Tom stated that he will put together a more current Treasurer's report for distribution.
- The board informally agreed that we will temper our actions for the time being to achieve a goal of \$1,000 dollars of useable funds in reserve. This is the amount the club has traditionally had in reserve for quite some time.
- Income and Expenses can be roughly categorized as follows:
 - USCF dues - All in, All out
 - Entry Fees - Some in, Some out
 - Dues - All in
 - Rent & supplies - All out

Agenda Item 6, New Facilities

- General consensus was reached that since the Senior Center does not collect rent but does accept donations, we plan to make donations on a regular basis but do not want to get locked into an expectation of a monthly time frame or a specific amount.
- It was informally agreed that we should make a cash donation initially and seek out the Center's feeling about us making future donations in the form of facilities improvements, i.e. cabinets, tables.

↓ **Motion & 2nd: That we give a one time, non-periodic donation of \$100 this wee to the Senior Center. Motion Passed, 5,0,0. (In favor, against, abstentions)**

- Mark will find out how to deliver the check and how it should be made out.

Agenda Item 7, Draft of Program for the year

- The program schedule as outlined in the calendar titled "Framingham Chess Club Dates of Importance" was reviewed with modifications of several events made.
- Mark will create a new calendar of events to reflect the changes.
- John suggested that the task of being a TD be distributed among various people so as not to create a burden or cause burn-out among those acting as TD. The board felt this was a good idea and asked John to put together a list.
- The board discussed the recent passing of Stanley Crowe, a long time member of the club.

↓ **Motion & 2nd: That we rename the Mark Bond Classic to the Stanley Crowe Memorial. Motion Passed, 5,0,0. (In favor, against, abstentions)**

Agenda Item 8, General Tournament Policies revisions - To discuss the imposition of fines, player of the year, time control for first round, etc.

- The issue of late starting times and pre-registration were also discussed. It was stated that only a small portion of members pre-register or enter by phone.
- It was agreed that the current rules regarding fines should be more strongly enforced, that exceptions will be made at the discretion of the TD and that the News Letter should re-emphasize start times and penalties.
- Mark will create a poll to solicit feedback from the members regarding their opinions on late starts and how we should deal with them as well as why do people register late.

Agenda Item 9, Membership Renewal Drive.

- The reasoning behind having dues expire all at one time or staggered through the year were discussed.
- No particular action was decided regarding Membership renewal.

Agenda Item 10, F.C.C. Digest - Presentation of concept and discussion of partitioning of work

- Mark discussed the concept behind the idea of the Digest which is to gather all materials and information regarding the club and the running of the club into one place so that the board and future boards of the club will have a document to guide them.
- Mark asked that everyone carefully review the "Snippets" section for accuracy so that we may put together new promotional material from them.
- Mark also asked that people actively submit material for inclusion into the Digest.

Agenda Item 11, F.C.C. Open Tournament

- Mark will continue to work in the background to put together a plan and supporting materials for an event to be targeted in the February of 96 time frame.

Agenda Item 12, Dues Structure & Rates

- Given that our monthly expenses have been significantly reduced by our moving to the senior center, no change in our dues structure at this time was seen as necessary.
- The benefits of membership were outlined as follows:
 - Club discount on USCF renewal
 - Chess League
 - Reduced Entry fees
 - Newsletter

Newsletter Discussion

- It was agreed that we should set a target of every 2 months for the sending of a Newsletter
- The newsletter should contain standard sections such as the following:
 - Upcoming events
 - From the President or other Board Members
 - Results of our events
 - Contact List
 - Calendar for the year
 - Player of the year standings
 - Dues Announcements
 - Emphasis on Starting times and enforcement of penalties
- It was noted that not all categories need to appear in every issue. Some, such as contacts or a calendar for the year can be used as fillers for odd pages and such.
- Kevin volunteered to Edit the Newsletter if other will provide him with content fitting into the standard sections.

Informational Items Discussion:

- A flyer should be put together for the TD to hand out for non-members that summarizes our policies, Trial membership, Family plan, etc.
- A card to be kept in the pairings box to track no-show violations and penalties shall be implemented.
- Mark will make copies of our Calendar of Events available at the club.