

Agenda for
General Membership Meeting
Last Revision 01-25-98

Topic: Direction and Future of the Club
Date: 02-08-98
Time: 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Location: Natick Senior Center
Who may Attend: All Club Members

Objectives for the meeting and some of the methods by which they shall be achieved:

1. To have an open forum of the members of the club to discuss maintaining and possibly expanding the programs of the club.
2. To have a well-organized and well run meeting where impassioned debate may occur but all parties remain amicable.
 - An Agenda shall be distributed in advance of the meeting.
 - The meeting shall start and end promptly at the times stipulated by the agenda.
 - The moderator shall explain and gently guide the attendees in the process of debate as contained within the clubs adopted rules of order and shall adhere to that process.
3. Present a reasonably full background on the current state of the club and the major considerations for its viability.
4. Have prepared statements on various topics at the meeting to save time and present previously discussed material in a short and concise manner..
5. Create a list of recommendations constituting a plan of proposed plan of action that can be disseminated to the membership for their consideration and that the next Board of directors can take under consideration for implementation.

NOTES:

The topics in the first section will be presented as background material and are not subject for debate or discussion in this meeting. It is important that the information is understood clearly and time will be taken to answer questions on the material. It is projected that this section will take no more than a half-hour.

Prepared statements will be presented and discussed at the appropriate times throughout the meeting.

I. Review of the Current State of the Club

- A. Financial Outlook
 - 1. Historical Balanced Budget situation.
 - 2. Agreement with the Senior Center.
 - 3. Statement of usable and committed funds.
 - 4. Annual budget estimate.
 - 5. Cash flow and tournament finances.
 - 6. Recent and projected material purchases.
- B. Attendance
 - 1. Historical
 - 2. Trends and projections
 - 3. Promotional activities in place
 - a) Flyers and Cards in local Libraries, some stores
 - b) Free Chess course in the works for the general public
 - c) New to USCF who join the club get a free entry to a tournament
 - d) Over 2200 get Free entry to all events
- C. Organizational Status
 - 1. Current Board of Directors
 - a) Mark Kaprielian - President
 - b) Mike Barry - Program Director and acting Treasurer
 - c) Peter Feeney
 - d) Harvey Reed
 - e) Tom Powers
 - f) Larry Eldridge
 - g) Unfilled
 - 2. Active Tournament Directors
 - a) Mark Kaprielian
 - b) Mike Barry
 - c) Tom Powers
 - d) David True
- D. The Clubs Exposure to Risk
 - 1. Stability of the current agreement on the Facility.
 - a) Financial impact of having to move.
 - b) Likely hood of finding a new location
 - 2. The pool of active TDs
 - 3. The pool of physical club managers

II. Topics for Discussion

- A. Do we wish to become/stay a Chess Center or a Chess Club
- B. Modifications to Existing Programs
 - 1. Tournaments
 - a) Prize Structure
 - (1) Should we increase the number of events with GPP points (i.e. bigger prizes guaranteed)
 - (2) Should we increase Prizes?
 - (3) Should we have more Class Prizes?
 - (4) Should we participate in the "USCF Tour" program?
 - b) Entry Fees
 - (1) Over 2200 have free entry. Some feel this should be raised or changed?
 - c) Sections
 - (1) Should we try to have three sections but only guarantee two for multi-section tournaments?
- C. Reducing Organizational Risk
 - 1. Increasing the TD pool
 - a) Creating inducements and Publicizing the need.
 - 2. Increasing the number of physical club managers
- D. Possible New Programs
 - 1. Should we re-institute participation in a chess league?
 - 2. What should we do about Lectures?
 - a) Have them only on non-round Tuesdays?
 - b) Have them on another night or Weekend?
 - c) Distort the time control on an existing tournament?
 - d) Have them start early or rounds start late?
 - 3. Should we try and setup having people present or teach on a regular basis for either beginners or possibly the study group, i.e. supervised study?
 - 4. Should we try and arrange simulms for the club? (as opposed to being for the publicity and promotion)
 - 5. Second night or day for the club
 - a) Would we want a second night?
 - b) Can we muster sufficient organizational support?
 - c) What would the format or features of a second night?
 - (1) **Pot luck?** - Having a TD on hand to setup matches or mini events on the fly that could be one night or multiple nights?
 - (2) Informal play only?
 - (3) **Quick Chess?**
 - (4) League play?
 - (5) Re-institute a Challenge Cup?
 - (6) Thematic?
 - (7) Lectures, Lessons?
 - (8) Arrange group lessons by various coaches?
 - (9) Schedule in Coach lesson times (rent out space)