

Minutes

of the general Club meeting held
Sunday, February 8, 1998
12:00 PM at the Natick Senior Center
Revised 7/1/2007

Opened: 12:00 PM
Adjourned: 3:00 PM
Duration: 3:00 PM

In Attendance:

Board Members

Mark	Kaprielian	<i>President</i>
Mike	Barry	<i>Program Director</i>
Tom	Powers	<i>At Large</i>

General Membership

Barry	Ball
Steve	Iverson
Homer	Franck
David	True

Resolutions:

- It was resolved, by unanimous consensus, that the clocks should be donated for scholastic purposes, with programs associated with club members given first opportunity.
- It was resolved, by unanimous, consensus that the club should invest in making our two current GPP qualifying events be increased to 15 points and that at this time, no other action be taken regarding the GPP program.
- It was resolved, by unanimous, consensus that as average attendance allows prize funds to increase, the club first increase the availability of Class prizes followed by adjusting up the place prizes to create a greater differential between first and second place.
- It was resolved, by unanimous, consensus that the same number of Class prizes should be available for each section. I.e. no preference is shown for any section.
- It was resolved, by unanimous, consensus that the club not participate in the USCF Tour program as its cost does not confer sufficient benefit to the members.
- It was resolved, by unanimous, consensus that the club leave in place, the policy of free entry to those with a 2200 rating or higher.
- It was resolved, by unanimous, consensus that the average attendance be reviewed in six months to see if 3 sections can generally be supported. Two thoughts regarding this were noted, namely: we may have to pre-announce the split points and we should probably announce that the lower two sections may be merged.

Other items of note:

During the review of the recent and projected material purchases, a discussion was held regarding what should be done with the old clocks. The key point regarding the clocks is that they are somewhat unreliable and that we don't want to have them in use at the club.

During the review of the Clubs Exposure to Risk, the fact that the club is dependent on one person with only one alternate available to open, TD and close, and whom is still undergoing training, was very disturbing to those assembled. It was agreed upon that a concerted effort to promote the training of TDs should be undertaken.

Extensive discussion was held regarding the various programs suggested as well as a second night or day for the club. Two thoughts sum up the discussion. First, that the current stability of the club is already tenuous regarding manpower. I.e. we don't have any people ready or willing to support a second night. Secondly, and more to the heart of the matter, "The club is not good at novelty". What this means is that any activity or program not targeted at rated, regular time control chess, has never proven to be well supported by the membership.

The last part of the agenda was addressed rapidly as we got into time trouble near the end.

All those in attendance seemed to be of the opinion that the meeting was useful and very informative.

Submitted by Mark Kaprielian, President.