

# MetroWest Chess Club Board Meeting Minutes

10-24-02

Kennedy Senior Center, Natick, Mass

*Minutes Prepared by Harvey Reed & Mark Kaprielian*

Scheduled: **6:30 PM**

Opened: **6:50 PM**

Closed: **10:29 PM**

<i><b>Board Members</b></i>		<b>Arrive</b>	<b>Depart</b>	<i><b>Guests Present</b></i>
President	Mark Kaprielian	Present	6:02	Robert Powell
Program Director	Neil Cousin	Absent		
Treasurer	Mike Barry	Absent		
	John Chamberlain	Present	6:30	
	Jim Krycka	Present	6:50	
	John Niarhos	Absent		
	Harvey Reed	Present	6:40	

Note: All vote tallies are shown as For – Against – Abstention, e.g. 5 – 2 – 1

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## I. Meeting Called to Order

### A. Introductory Remarks – Mark Kaprielian

President Mark Kaprielian welcomed those present to the meeting. He outlined that this meeting had only two primary objectives, namely, the marketing proposal and the Policy and Procedures rework proposal. He stated that he believed all this work could be accomplished in two hours if we stay focused on primary objectives.

### B. Review of Agenda – Mark Kaprielian

No items were added to the agenda.

## II. Reports

No Reports were called for or given.

## III. Topics for Discussion and possible Action

### A. Marketing Proposal – Harvey Reed

Harvey Reed discussed his proposal for marketing efforts.

#### ***Motion\_2002-10-04***

*Reed, Kaprielian 2nd*

**That the MCC budget \$800 for creative/graphic talent to enable marketing efforts. The deliverables are: (a) Logo; (b) Homepage with FrontPage template; (c) artwork for banner. Harvey Reed is the Project Manager.**

***Passed: 4-0-0***

### B. Policies and Procedures rework – Mark Kaprielian

The board proceeded with the central purpose of the meeting, which was to review and approve reworked Policy and Procedure documents. The primary motivation for the effort is to bring the current policies and procedures in line with the recently approved Bylaws which were themselves reworked to bring them into alignment with the new Articles of incorporation.

#### ***Motion\_2002-10-05***

*Krycka, Kaprielian 2nd*

**To approve the “MetroWest Chess Club General Policies & Procedures” document, as revised at this meeting.**

***Passed: 4-0-0***

#### ***Motion\_2002-10-06***

*Krycka, Kaprielian 2nd*

**To approve the “MetroWest Chess Club Monthly Tournament Program Policies & Procedures” document, as revised at this meeting.**

***Passed: 4-0-0***

### C. Pairing option – Avoid pairing team-mates / club members is possible

Discussion about the avoid pairing options of the pairing software. Mark examined the pairings produced by the program, and confirmed that the pairings may look unusual, but are correct, based on using the avoid pairing same team option being enabled and with the players designated as being a team.

Powell expressed concerned that some people may be paired in an un-natural way. We divided the discussion between a MCC general policy improvement, and if so, then what to do about next round.

People that have requested “team” status include student/teacher; people from the same other club, parent/child. So this validates the use of “team” pairing rules. However, one way to avoid this situation is to play up in a different section, unless both people fall into the highest section.

After much discussion we decided that some accommodation is a good thing for newbies and family members. We decided then to NOT allow team pairings in any section other than the lowest section of a multi section tournament, and then only for family members. The recommendation is for the TDs to have one reference sheet to register any allowed teams.

***Motion\_2002-10-07***

*Krycka, Chamberlain 2nd*

**That the MCC does not allow team/club avoidance for pairings in any section other than the lowest section of a multi-section tournament, and then only for family members, effective November 2002. The recommendation is for the TDs to have one reference sheet to register any allowed teams.**

***Passed: 4 – 0 - 0***

**D. Marketing Director**

Per the new MCC general operations and program structure, we decided to appoint a Marketing Director to start working on the new homepage, website, and targeted campaigns for Experts and Masters.

***Motion\_2002-10-08***

*Kaprielian, Krycka 2<sup>nd</sup>*

**To Appoint Harvey Reed as Marketing Director.**

***Passed: 4-0-0***

**E. Adjournment**

***Motion\_2002-09-09***

*Reed, Krycka 2nd*

**To Adjourn.**

***Passed: 4 – 0 - 0***