

# 2022 MCA Business Meeting Minutes

Attendees: 15

## Status Report:

First year full tournament schedule since Covid

- Doing better than many similarly situated states, as they have canceled tournaments, we haven't
- Growing membership, many young players
- Grand Prix points
  - Formula was updated since last year's open producing negative points
  - New formula for this season is used by several other states, with minor modifications
  - Everyone with a positive score receives points
  - Recent change to Grand Prix points, because USCF re-rated all of our tournaments, changing numbers by a small fractional amount

## Financial Report

Comparison of Balances from Previous Years

1. MCA Balance as of 2019 (most recent available recording): \$930
2. MCA Balance as of now: \$2,280

MCA Revenue sources:

- Annual Memberships/renewals
- Commissions on USCF Memberships
- MT Open
- Donations

Possible Reasons for this increase in MCA funds:

- Kevin has significantly reduced the cost of the annual Closed
- Not all TDs accepting TD incentive
- Increased average attendance at our tournaments
- Noticed an increase in MCA memberships

**Current MCA membership: 181**

Board Voting

- Rasul is the first person in recent MCA history to run against an existing board member
  - First recent contested election
- Dan, Mike, Andrew and Kevin are running unopposed
  - Unanimous approval
- Contested election

## Rasul vs. Wilton for Executive VP position

### Rasul's 2 minutes speech

- Introduction, studies computer science as an undergraduate student at UM
- Running to gain experience as an effective Executive
- General system he applies to his work
- How to applying time effectively
- What can I contribute to the community?
- Knowing your strength/maximizing your strengths
- Don't know what the duties are

### Wilton's 2 minute speech

- Thank you to Rasul, demonstrating a growing community
- Founded the Facebook page
- Provides photography
- Provides legal input on issues to MCA
- Active participant in several schools
- Represent the organization and helps grow the organization

### Voting:

Wilton was elected.

Comments: Respect and appreciation to Rasul for volunteering to run for the board

Suggestion: Become a tournament director to help direct MT tournaments

### **Tie Breakers Change for Swiss Style Tournaments Proposal (Constitution Change)**

- With Dan Mattson
- Several dozen options for deciding a Tie Break
- Four tie breakers applied in succession to determine a result
- Not used for money
  - Money is split regardless of tie breakers
- Tie breaker is only used for the top 3 finalists in the Open to determine who goes to the Closed
- Would hypothetically be used in a tie if we gave trophies

### The Four Tie Breakers

- Proposes dropping the Modified Median – currently the 1<sup>st</sup> tie breaker
- Because it drops the lowest score & our tournaments are too short to drop scores
- Proposes keeping the next 3 (Solhoff, Cumulative, Cumulative of Opponents) & adding Opponents Average Score

Comments:

Sample size of a five round tournaments is too low to drop scores  
Rule book has people who have done the math and we should stick with current system which is the USCF suggested tie breakers.

Add Modified Median to #4 tie break? Or put Kashdan at #4. Proposal modified to add Kashdan.

### **Voting on**

Remove Modified Medium from #1 and Add Kashdan as 4th: **Passed**

Takes effect April 2, 2022

### **Proposals on Changing Qualification Rules for Closed (Constitution Changes)**

#### **Proposal #1 – Require Defending Champion to play in tournament in current season**

- Defending champion gets an automatic slot in the following year's closed
- Propose they must play in at least one tournament in the following season to activate that default slot
- Must be at least 4 grand prix tournaments in the season for the rule to apply
- If the defending champion does not qualify, any co-champions will be eligible for the defending champion slot in tie breaker order with the same restriction

Comments: Co-champion status arrived when speed chess tie breaker was significantly disliked

Voting: **Passed**

#### **Proposal #2 – Remove priority of co-champions when less than 6 players qualify for Closed**

Comments: Places more value on the current chess season (Open & Grand Prix)

Voting: **Passed**

### **Information and Volunteer Calls**

- Have until May 1st to register to Vote for USCF Officers
  - By default, USCF members are NOT voting members
- MCA Delegate to USCF Congress – any volunteers ?
- In need of more Tournament Directors – any volunteers ?
  - Currently only have 3
    - Will reduce the number of tournaments per year
- How to become a TD
  - Copy of rule book
  - TD software for Microsoft computer
- Eric Walthall is looking for a back-up website administrator
- Following year Eric might step down from Scholastic tournament administrator

### **chess.com Presence**

- Setting up Blitz, bullet and other events
  - Dan is looking for more administrators to help
- Alex, Andrew, Rasul volunteered to help establish tournaments