

# 2023 MCA Business Meeting Minutes

## March 31, 2023 – Billings, MT

Attendees: 17

### Status Report:

Discovered Website Dropping 20+% of all email requests

- This has been happening for at least 2 years
- Website built on WordPress but uses old components that are no longer supported
- Email issues also impacted by internet changes to reduce spam (spf)
- Gary Solomon has volunteered to rebuild website

Recognition for all the volunteers who contribute to MCA

- Running chess.com club: Dan Mattson
- Scholastic Coordinator: Eric Walthall
- Website Developer: Gary Solomon
- Web Master: Jack Finlay
- Facebook Maintenance: Wilton Strickland & Eric Walthall
- Tournament Directors: Dan Mattson, Gary Solomon, Kevin Kuehnel, Brent Downey, Eric Walthall, Thad Suits
- MCA Historian: Gary Solomon
- USCF Delegate: None

Membership & Financials

- Growing membership, many young players
- 110 members but fully half have never paid dues since 1<sup>st</sup> year free for unrateds
- MCA has about \$2,300 – unchanged in 12 months
  - Balance would have gone down if all TDs had accepted the TD Incentive

### Board Election:

No candidates came forward, single vote to re-elect entire board – Passed

### Board Changes to Constitution:

Change the name of various board positions:

- Executive Vice President to Vice President (considered VP by USCF)
- Eastern Vice President to Board Member at Large
- Western Vice President to Board Member at Large
  - The new names are more standard for boards
  - Given the lack of volunteers to run for the board does restricting to East & West help ?
- Passed

Require any board candidate to be an MCA member for 12 months – Passed

### **Costs for Junior Members:**

- Dan Mattson led a discussion of membership & tournament fees for juniors
  - Many states charge flat amounts
  - Multiple junior members supported everyone paying the same
- Tournament Fees: not voted on – decision best left to TDs
- Annual MCA Membership Fee for Juniors
  - Vote with 3 options – stay the same, raise to \$10, raise to \$15 (like regular)
    - Raise to \$15 passed, zero votes for stay the same

### **Time Control for Tournaments:**

- Dan Mattson led a discussion of 105/D5 vs 90/I30 (which he used in the Sept tournament)
  - 90/I30 is very common across the country
  - I30 means by definition you can never be in time trouble
  - I30 may lead to higher quality end games
- Decided not to vote – more experimentation may occur

### **Budget:**

- Kevin Kuehnel led a discussion on what MCA should be doing with the current balance
  - Spent all the money that came in during last 12 months
  - Percentage of new members who renew and pay for first time will have large impact on next 12 months
  - No vote or firm decision but various options should be put in front of the membership at the next annual meeting

### **Meeting Adjourned – Other Topics Withdrawn**