

Chess League Minutes  
September 13, 2017

Introductions of those present: Sam Kassis (Pres), Gabriel Boyd (Vice-Pres), Ed Baur (Treas), Howard Granok (Secr), Jonathan Powers, Seder, Jim Voelker, Bob Howe (MCA), Mark Smith, Brad Schmidt, Napoleon Carter, Ellis Smith, Molly Osburg, Grace Foo, Jen Minute, Lucas Spriggs, John Wiedner, Jason Miller. One more present—did not sign in.

Executive board was introduced.

**Elections—officers were elected as a slate.** Sam Kassis (pres), Gabriel Boyd (vice-pres), Ed Baur (treas), Howard Granok (secretary).

Training new TD and computer operators.

Ed Baur announced that he will be retiring at the end of his two-year term. Bob Howe mentioned Tom Rehmeier as a possible replacement. Howard Granok and Brad Schmidt both expressed desire to learn WinTD.

MSHSAA

Currently at 40 schools, representing all areas of the state. 50 schools are required. If we make 50 schools by the November tournament, MSHSAA will count this year as our first of two years to make the 50. Brad Schmidt: In Illinois, state sanction guaranteed coaches a salary and transportation. Recognition has been a benefit for them. Illinois had a playoff system. Chess has grown every year since it became a sponsored sport. Perhaps if we offered prospective schools support we could increase to 50. Maybe a grant to MO schools could be sponsored? Could the Chess Club and Scholastic Center be brought in for outreach? Tony Chen is a possible contact at the Club.

Red Rook

Tournament to start November 7-December 12th. \$10 for 6 weeks. Tournament is for K-8; format is 2 games, one as white and one as black. Run by Howard

2017-2018 Schedule

Elementary school tournament, October 14th, will be rated this year. League will be buying bulk memberships, \$9 each.

Rest of the schedule was announced. New site on schedule December 16th at Harris Stowe State University, parking right in front of the gym, with concessions. January 27th tournament is tentative due to a conflict with IL state qualifying tournament. Napoleon Carter can talk to Clayton HS about a possible date and is working on rescheduling with Wydown, too.

State Tournament is locked in for the next two years at Battle HS in Columbia.

HS league registration date is advanced to October 30th or due in person at the Maplewood-Richmond Heights tournament November 4th. Send in the form, even if the check is coming later.

Jason Clark will be selling equipment at all of our tournaments, plus the state tournament.

Questions/concerns/comments

Napoleon Carter is seeking someone to cook at their tournament.

Brad Schmidt asked if next year we might have an October tournament in Illinois? Jim Voelker asked if we could have a second team tournament next year. Jen Minute said that not enough elementary schools play in team tournament at present. Much discussion.

**Voted for fall open at Maplewood being 4 rounds at 45 minutes time control for all sections. Motion passed.**