

2007 Washington State Elementary Chess Championships

Annual Coaches' Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2007

Meeting opened at 4:50pm at the site of the WSECC Tournament (Clark County Fairgrounds)

Present: Policy board members and approximately 80 parents/coaches.

Current WSECC Policy Board Members:

Region 1

- Jon Licht
- Larry Clark

Region 2

- John Rader
- Peter Meisner

Region 3

- Brian Talbot
- James Stripes

Secretary (host of next year's State Elementary Championships) – Elliott Neff

Announcement of \$500 scholarship for each grade, K-6, for next year's State Elementary Championships. This scholarship to be used for sending the students to the National Bert Lerner Elementary National Championships. More details to be published later. Scholarships provided by the Dexios Foundation.

Agenda:

- I. ELECTION FOR NEW POLICY BOARD MEMBERS – TWO YEAR TERMS – CANDIDATES VOTED IN AS LISTED BELOW
 - a. Region 1 term expiring, Jon Licht.
 - Replacement - Steve Davis
 - Alternate – Scott McDonald
 - b. Region 2 term expiring, John Rader.
 - Replacement – April Nowak
 - Alternate - John Rader (re-elect)
 - c. Region 3 term expiring, Brian Talbot.
 - Replacement - David Sommers
 - Alternate – Mark Schumaker
- II. VOTE FOR 2009 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
 - Presentation by James Stripes of bid for 2009 – Spokane

III. VOTE FOR POLICY CHANGES RECOMMENDED BY THE POLICY BOARD

- a. **Change 1.4.1 to read as follows: “The Policy Board shall conference a minimum of 3 times per year.”**
Notes: Currently reads “The Policy Board shall meet in person two times a year.”
With the possibility of voice over IP, web conferencing, and other electronic meeting tools, and the fact that any meeting in person requires considerable traveling, this removes the requirement to meet in person and also increases the minimum # of times for the board to meet. (approved)
- b. **Change 1.4.2 to read as follows: “The Secretary shall determine the time and date of the policy board meetings and shall distribute this information to the members a minimum of 7 days prior to the meeting. The Secretary shall call a meeting upon the request of 2 or more members of the policy board, or as needed to meet the minimum requirement.”**
Notes: Currently reads as “The location of the meeting will rotate between regions, and the hosting region shall secure the meeting location. The meeting date and location shall be provided to the Secretary one month in advance of the meeting. The Secretary shall distribute this information to the members in a timely fashion.”
This clarifies the responsibility of who is to call the meetings and shortens the advance notice from one month to 7 days since electronic meetings are feasible now. (approved)
- c. **Create 3.1.9 to read as follows: “The use of electronic recording devices shall be at the discretion of the tournament organizer.”**
Notes: There is currently only 1 electronic device allowed by the USCF for their events, and while issues of cheating with these devices have come up, this leaves the option and restriction of these devices up to the tournament organizer. (approved, with majority vote 45-25)
- d. **Change 3.2.5 to read as follows: “Restricted ratings tournaments may also qualify. The minimum will be an Under 800. Tournaments restricted to players not yet qualified for state will not count as state qualifiers.”**
Notes: Currently reads “Restricted ratings and points tournaments may also qualify. The minimum will be an Under 800.” The purpose of this is to clarify what is a state qualifying event and to avoid ‘lowering the bar’ for qualifying events. (approved)
- e. **Change first part of 3.2.7 to read as follows: “The first date to hold a qualifying tournament shall be the first Saturday after Labor Day (US) and the last date shall be two weeks prior to the state tournament.” (the rest of the section remains the same)**
Notes: Currently reads as “The last date to hold a qualifying tournament will be two weeks prior to the State Tournament. All tournament results must be submitted to WSRS by the Monday following the last eligible tournament date.” This sets the beginning time frame for qualifying tournaments for state. (approved, with majority vote – 13 opposing votes)

- f. Change 3.1.7 to read as follows: “The format of the Washington State Elementary Chess Championship Tournament shall use grade level divisions with the option of restricted ratings divisions within each grade at the discretion of the tournament organizer. These divisions shall use a minimum U800 restriction. If ratings restrictions are implemented, they must be implemented across grades 1-3 and/or 4-6.”**

Note: Currently reads as “The format of the Washington State Elementary Chess Championship Tournament shall use grade level divisions.” (Combined sections f, h, and I into one proposal – approved with majority vote 39-21)
- g. Change 3.1.8 to read as follows: “Players are required to play within their grade section.”**

Note: Currently reads as “Players are required to play within their division.” (approved)
- h. Change and combine old 3.5.2 and 3.5.3 to new 3.5.2 to read as follows: “Top scoring school teams for grades 1-3 combined and 4-6 combined. Kindergarten section shall not be included in calculation of team scores for 1-6.”**

Note: Currently reads as 3.5.2 “Top scoring school teams for grades K-3.” 3.5.3 “Top scoring school teams for grades 4-6.”
- i. Add section 3.5.3 to read as follows: “If ratings restrictions are implemented, team trophies shall be calculated and awarded for both the ‘open’ categories and the ratings restricted categories separately.”**

New Secretary – James Stripes (host of 2009 State Elementary Chess Championships)

Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.