

WSECC Policy Board

Meeting Agenda

15 June 2007

6:00 p.m.

Type of Meeting: WebEx Web Conference

Meeting Facilitator: Peter Meisner (James Stripes, Board Secretary may be late)

Board Members : Larry Clark (region 1), Steve Davis (region 1), Peter Meisner (region 2), April Nowak (region 2), James Stripes (region 3), David Sommers (region 3)

- I. Call to order**
- II. Approval of minutes from last Board meeting**
posted at
<http://www.wsecc.org/Documents/Policy%20Board%20Meeting%20Minutes%204-20-07.pdf>
- III. Approval of minutes from Coaches meeting**
posted at
<http://www.wsecc.org/Documents/2007%20WSECC%20Annual%20Coaches%20Meeting.pdf>
- IV. Open issues**
 - a) Divisions at State Tournament (Policy 3.1.7)
sandbagging
team scores (fairness to small teams)
limits on playing up
other issues of fairness (those just over the line)
 - b) Control of qualifying tournaments (Policy 3.2)
tournaments that fail to meet criteria have served as qualifiers
How can the Board assert control?
 - c) Policy Clean-up
proposal to remove parenthetical sentence in 2.2.1.3
other suggestions?
note: all instances of WSRS have been changed to NWSRS, as approved at 2006 Coaches Meeting
 - d) Clarification of team eligibility for home schooled students (Policy 4.2)
- V. New business**
 - a) NWSRS administration
succession plan following unforeseen emergency
relieving and/or reducing over reliance on Kirk Winges

b)

WSECC Mission Statement and Goals (proposed)

The Mission of the Board is to enhance, develop and grow scholastic chess in Washington State, through the development and issuance of clear policies for the operation of the State Championship and qualifying tournaments.

Long Term Vision (3-5 years)

Double the active player base. An active player is a player that plays a minimum of five games in a year.

Double the number of schools with active chess clubs.

A state tournament with 2000 or more children playing.

Develop a continuity and succession plan for the current rating system.

Develop a permanent college scholarship foundation for State Champions.

Investigate the possibility of organizing and operating a regional western states scholastic championship tournament.

Short Term Goals

Develop a 501(c)(3) corporation using the current policy board as the board of directors.

Reasons for setting up a 501(c)(3)

a) Obtain a blanket insurance policy that tournaments and clubs can get coverage through

b) Provide background checks for coaches, judges, TDs and other volunteers.

c) Pay for net-meetings, etc.

Develop an income stream (get a cut of the state tournament revenue, get a cut of the ratings revenue stream)

Open a bank account.

Develop a board maintained calendar for approved qualifying tournaments.

Develop a system for narrowing the state championships down to one winner per grade while increasing the number of participants at State.

VI. Adjournment