

WSECC Board Meeting Minutes (Fourth Meeting)

The Board met at 8:00pm, Friday, April 18, 2008 via teleconference.

Present: Peter Meisner, Larry Clark, James Stripes, April Nowak

Agenda:

I. Proposal to reform WSECC as 501(c)3 organization

The Board approved 4-0 the revised language for this proposal and directed that it be placed on the agenda.

II. Clarification of Teams

The Board approved 4-0 the revised language for this proposal and directed that it be placed on the agenda.

III. Split meetings: Discussion and Voting

The Board approved 4-0 that a discussion meeting be held after round two, and a voting meeting after round five.

IV. Agenda for Coaches Meeting

The Board approved the following agenda:

2008 WSECC Coaches' Meetings

April 26, 2008

Time: Discussion Meeting 11:30 am

Voting Meeting 3-4pm,

Location: Overlake Christian Church, Choir Room, Bellevue, WA

Agenda:

1. Election for New Board Members

Terms expire for

Region 1 Larry Clark

Nominations to Replace:

Steven Davis

Region 2 Peter Meisner

Nominations to Replace:

Region 3 James Stripes
Nominations to Replace:

2. Bid for 2010 WSECC Tournament

The South Sound Chess Coaches Association (SSCCA)
Greater Tacoma Convention Center

3. Policy Changes recommended by Board

- a. Proposal to Reform current structure as 501(c)(3) charitable entity
(See attached)
- b. Definition of Teams, Schools, Team Membership (rewrite of Section 4)
(See Attached)

Agenda Item 3a for vote by the coaches on April 26th 2008.

Reorganization of the WSECC as a 501(c)(3) Charitable entity

The Coaches do hereby authorize the Washington State Elementary Chess Championships Board, hereinafter the WSECC to take the following actions in 2008.

1. To reform the current structure of the organization into a 501(c)(3) Charitable entity with the current Board as the officers of the new charitable entity.
2. When the new Charitable Entity is formed under IRS code 501(c)(3) then the Board is to take the following actions:
 - a) Transfer all of the duties and responsibilities of the current WSECC and the Board of the WSECC to the new Charitable Entity
 - b) Determine a means for the WSECC Charitable entity to implement an ongoing source of revenue and begin collecting said revenue.
 - c) Possible sources of revenue could be, but are not limited to collecting a small fee from each game that is rated through the rating system, collect a small fee from each tournament that is sanctioned as a State Qualifying Tournament, etc..
 - d) The Board shall obtain Errors & Omissions Insurance to cover all of the officers of the new charitable entity.
 - e) When the Board has collected sufficient revenue the Board is to secure a blanket insurance policy for use by clubs and tournament directors to meet the insurance requirements of the facilities where they are meeting.
 - f) The Board shall set up a system whereby tournaments will be pre-qualified as meeting the minimum requirements to be called a "State Qualifying Tournament".
 - g) The Board shall hire a Web designer or in some other manner cause a website to be developed which will post all pre-qualified tournaments as they become qualified.
 - h) The Board may set up committees and other positions within the organization as they see fit to carry out their duties.
 - i) The current rules set forth in the Washington State Elementary Chess Championship Tournament Policies ratified by the coaches in 2004, and amended annually since then, shall be the rules adopted by the new charitable entity.

- j) The Board is authorized to take other actions as they see fit in order to settle disputes and arrange for the smooth operation of Scholastic chess in preparation for the state tournament.
- k) The Board may make and implement decisions and rules without the coaches approvals; however, at the annual coaches meeting the Board is to present all rules changes for ratification by the coaches any rules change rejected by a Majority of the coaches will be removed from the rules pertaining to the WSECC.

Agenda Item 3B for vote by the coaches on April 26th 2008

Rewrite of section 4 of the current rules

4.0 Definition of Teams, Schools, Team Membership and allocation of school codes.

4.1 At the Washington State Chess Championships teams are comprised of students who attend the same school. (See also 4.3.2.3 and 4.4.2)

4.1.1 A school is defined as an institution which has one name, is located in one building or connected adjacent buildings, and is under one administrator and which provides core curricular instruction in English, math, science, and social studies. A “local public school” for a home schooled or virtual school student is defined as the public school the student would attend if attending public school.

4.1.1 Players attending a school as defined in 4.1 that has a “School Code” must play under that school code at the Washington State Elementary Chess Championship Tournament.

4.2 A student will be considered to attend a school if and only if he or she physically attends classes at that school building and receives more than 50% of his or her core curricular instruction during those classes.

4.2.1 Each school may enter only one team per section.

4.2.2 A sixth grader attending a middle school may compete with his or her fifth grade team or may compete for the middle school.

4.3 Teams may also be comprised of home schooled students.

4.3.1 A home schooled student is defined as a student who receives at least 50% of his or her core curricular instruction at home.

4.3.2 Home school students have the following options with regard to forming and/or participating on a scholastic team.

4.3.2.1 A home schooled student may represent his or her local public school when access to extra-curricular activities is permitted and the student resides within the boundaries of the local public school as defined in 4.1.

4.3.2.2 A home school student may join with other home schooled students who reside within the boundary of the local public school as defined in 4.1.

4.3.2.3 A home school student that receives part of his or her instruction through a home school resource center may compete for that resource center, which shall be considered for the purposes of these policies a “school” as defined in 4.1.

4.3.2.4 There may be more than one home school team per recognized public school district.

4.4 Teams may also be comprised of virtual school students.

4.4.1 A virtual school student is defined as a student who receives at least 50% of his or her core curricular instruction on-line, but not in the school building.

4.4.2 Virtual school students have the same options with regard to forming and/or participating on a scholastic team as home school students as set forth in 4.3.2.1-4.

4.5 A scholastic team must contain a minimum of two players to be eligible for team prizes.

4.6 There is no maximum number of players who may compete on a team, but only the top 4 scores in any section count for team score at the Washington State Chess Championships

4.7 School codes are the code used to determine a player's team in the NWSRS (Northwest Scholastic Rating System)

4.7.1 A code shall be assigned to any school, as defined in 4.1.

4.7.2 Home School teams shall be given a code when a coach or parent requests the code. Home school players and teams must meet all of the criteria of section 4.

4.7.3 Challenges to a player's eligibility to play on a team shall be made to the Policy Board. Affected team organizers or the affected player may submit challenges. The Policy Board shall decide the player's team code in the NWSRS system for the Washington State Elementary Chess Championship Tournament, and may also submit changes to the NWSRS system in January.

4.7.4 Changes by a player to his or her team code must be accompanied by an application (E-mail) indicating consent of both the old and new team organizer(s), and/or coach(es). Sixth graders switching between their old elementary or current middle school shall be exempt from this requirement.

4.7.5 A player attending a pre-school should use the school code for the school he or she plans to attend as a Kindergartener, and shall play in the Kindergarten section.

4.7.6 If an elementary school is limited to grades lower than 5 (i.e. K-2) the coach or team organizer may request that this school be combined with the upper grade school, which includes 5th grade to which the students would normally advance. Once requested, the combined school code will remain this way, until and unless the grade levels for the lower grades are re-aligned by the school district. In this situation five students from the combined schools will make the school code an "Active School".

4.7.7 Players who do not attend a school with an active code and do not meet the criteria for joining another school code will be coded as independent and will not play as a part of a team.

4.7.8 Any team found to have an ineligible player at the Washington State Chess Championships shall be removed from the team competition at the tournament. The individual players of a team removed from the team competition may compete for individual awards. All challenges to team membership must be submitted to the Board no later than ten days prior to the state tournament.