

Washington Elementary Chess Policy Board Meeting  
March 8, 2010  
Teleconference

Members present:

- David Sommers
- Rick Jorgenson
- Norm May
- Mark Cohen
- David Hendricks

Meeting called to order 8:15 PM

1) Review of previous assigned items:

- WSECC Non-profit filing (Rick) is complete.

- Web page updates (David S)

David will post the Oct 31<sup>st</sup> updated meeting minutes now.

David will add the expiration dates to the alternate board members now.

As the bids for the 2012 state tournament are ready, they will be posted.

A section for the annual coaches' meeting will be added when provided by Norm:

Voting Ballot

Voting Pamphlet

Schedule of policy board meetings to be held

These items will be sent to Norm from various board members responsible for the content. Norm will forward to David Sommers and they will be posted to the website. Board members will be notified to verify accuracy.

Once the pages are posted, Norm will contact key coaches to get feedback to possibly adjust the items.

- Complaint procedures (James)

James was not present for the meeting, but Rick reported that this item is in progress and is not completed yet.

- WSECC Bank Account & Insurance (Ed)

Ed was not present but David Sommers reported that Ed would like to wait until the new board is in place before opening the account to avoid changing the account information after just a short time.

The board approved to allow just one person to sign the checks to avoid the logistical complications of having two people not close geographically having to sign checks.

No comment was made about the insurance for the board.

2) Voting & Ballot – Finalize procedures for obtaining the vote.

Made changes to the ballot to include Ed Dodd and Jeremy Kidd to the region 3 candidates.

Break policy Ratifications into 2 sections, housekeeping and more substantial items. The board feels that the housekeeping items are things most people would agree should be passed and little if any discussion is needed. The more substantial items may require more discussion or thought by the voters to determine the best action to be reflected in the policy.

Replace unsportsmanlike with a more neutral term and more reflective of the action to be taken. Such as “Stalling” to be resolved by adding a clock to the game early.

Add missing Ratification proposed by Mark to clarify tournament selection process.

Under the Advisory Opinions, possibly move to another sheet (not conclusive decision?).

Do you support the implementation of Over/Under... should be changed to removal of allowing Over/Under since the current policy already allows Over/Under. Change Yes and No to Over/Under Allowed, Over/Under not allowed or similar wording.

The voting pamphlet will be created giving more details as to the actual wording of the proposed policy change and some rationale behind the change. We did not feel a pro and con view be presented. We will post this to the website and a few copies will be made available on the day of the tournament.

3) Discussion regarding anticipation of movement by Leo to rescind 2011 bid.

The board will address this if the condition occurs. We will allow motions to be submitted to the board 2 weeks prior to the state tournament and posted to the website. And if this motion is presented, the board will determine the best action to take. The board did acknowledge that at this point signed contract and financial ramifications will result if the bid terms are broken.

4) Recommendation to modify the by-laws to have the Secretary allow a designee at the State Meeting.

Unanimously approved.

5) Final Review of Board Duties and requirements for State.

Voter ballots will be handed out during rounds 1 through 4 and at the beginning of the voter meeting in round 5.

Teams (as in prior years) will be allocated so many votes based upon the number of players in the tournament. A representative from the team may pick up a ballot, but the representative can only pick up a single ballot. (One person cannot pick up all the ballots for a team so we encourage a broader representation in the vote.)

Ballots may be cast any time during the day up to closing, which will be approx 10 minutes after the 5<sup>th</sup> round starts.

Ballots will also be used to vote for the state tournament location. (May be the same ballot as the other measures or a separate ballot.)

Daytime discussion sections:

Round 1

10 minutes after round 1 starts, the bid presentations will take place. There will be 10 minutes for each bid to be presented. After all the bids have been presented, a Question and Answer time will be allowed until the round is over.

Round 3

10 minutes after the rounds starts, a discussion meeting will be held to discuss any policy board issues including items on the ballot. Questions regarding the 2011 tournament can also be addressed here. (We may have limited board member representation at this meeting due to helping with other functions during the day. Questions are best addressed prior to the state tournament day as we are working hard to provide the best environment for the players and families!)

Round 5

10 minutes after round 5 starts, voting will close. Ballots will be tabulated. Ballot boxes will be at the pickup table and in the room where the coaches meeting is being held.

Prior to the state tournament, Signup4Chess will be sending out message to the registered players. The policy board is planning to send out the items on the ballot to make participants aware of the issues and to solicit nominations for the policy board.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM

--Norm May