

Tacoma Chess Club Annual Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 27, 2006

409 Puyallup Ave E, Tacoma, WA

The 2006 annual membership meeting of the Tacoma Chess Club (TCC) was called to order by President David Wight at 8:24 PM at the club's meeting location at the DTI Soccer Store Building, 409 Puyallup Ave E, Tacoma, WA. TCC officers in attendance: David Wight, Vivi and Paul Bartron, Gary Dorfner, Eric Holcomb, Mike MacGregor, Carl Nighswonger and Bill Rogers. A number of club members who are not officers were also present.

- **Library** – David thanked Mike MacGregor for his excellent job sorting and cataloging the club's library. There are 16 boxes of books (about 200 books total). We will make a list available, and put a check-out system in place. Some videos and other materials are also available.
- **Secretary's report** – Eric Holcomb made a brief statement about his work as club secretary in 2005, but also stated that his primary responsibility is as Northwest Chess Business Manager.
- **Treasurer's report** – Mike MacGregor reported that we had a net surplus of \$331.98 in 2005, thanks mostly to interest on our large balance. Also see the membership and tournament reports.
- **Membership** – We want to retain and increase membership (With \$1,595 collected in dues, 2005 was better than 2004, but could be even better!). Possibilities include increased recruitment of juniors in cooperation with Boys/Girls clubs, etc. Carl has some plans for junior events. The Washington Chess Federation is planning to conduct a membership drive in which Gary will participate.
- **Webmaster's report** – Mike also gave this report, which showed an average of 18 unique visitors per day in 2005, up from 12 per day in 2004.
- **Tournament report** – 2005 totals of seven 2-day events, four 1-day events, plus our Friday night tournaments. The net profit from tournaments in 2005 was \$383. A vote was held on keeping more Friday nights open for "skittles" rather than organized events, but this option received only one vote, so we will keep things as-is. Other sites such as libraries will be considered for some 2-day events.
- **Shirts** – Gary suggested that we order 50 tee shirts with the club logo for a total of about \$300. This suggestion was tabled until a future board meeting.
- **Nominations/Elections** – The following individuals were nominated and elected for the club offices specified: President – David Wight, Vice-President – Carl Nighswonger, Secretary – Eric Holcomb, Treasurer – Mike MacGregor, Publicity Director – Vivi Bartron, Sergeant at Arms – Paul Bartron, Tournament Director – Gary Dorfner. Todd Burnworth expressed interest in a scholastic director position if this is added to the club's bylaws.
- **Scholastics** – Gary is involved in two scholastic events in the Tacoma-Puyallup area this month.
- **Meeting location** – Our lease comes up for renewal at the end of May. We will likely renew despite some limitations of the current site.
- **Other Activities** – David is interested in possible chess instructional and chess playing activities at the Purdy women's prison. Outside participants would need a background check.

The annual membership meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM. (Only a 33-minute meeting!)

Minutes recorded by Eric Holcomb.

TACOMA CHESS CLUB
2005
Annual Treasurer's Report

For the year 2005 the club had a net profit of \$331.98 because the interest from the two Certificates of Deposit, \$2,341.26, more than offset the gross loss of -\$2,009.28, which is total revenue, \$2,228.33, less expenses, \$4,237.61.

BALANCE SHEET			
	CREDITS	DEBITS	NET
MEMBERSHIP AND GUEST FEES	\$1,617.00		
TOURNAMENTS	\$383.33		
MISCELLANEOUS	\$228.00		
TOTAL	\$2,228.33		
RENT		\$3,260.00	
PHONE		\$265.02	
PURCHASES		\$712.59	
TOTAL		\$4,237.61	
GROSS PROFIT OR LOSS			\$2,009.28
TOTAL INTEREST			\$2,341.26
NET PROFIT OR LOSS			\$331.98

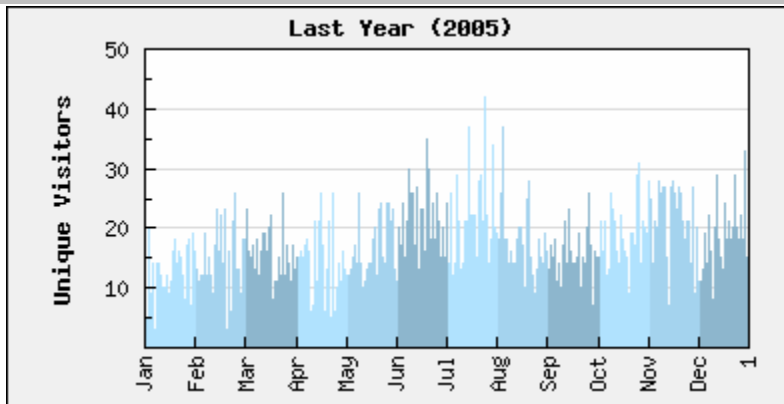
Club memberships remain the primary source of revenue and also part of the reason the club had a net gain. Last year the club paid \$200 per month for rent at the American Legion, January through May. Since June 2005 the club has been paying \$320 per month for Room 11 at the DTI Sports Building, which amounts to an additional \$840 (\$120 x 7) in rent. To negate this extra expense the club had 35 members either join or renew this year, which is significantly improved from the 19 members recorded for 2004!

MEMBERSHIPS

NAME	DATE	EXPIRE	RECEIPT	CURRENCY	PAID
HOLCOMB, Eric	1/28/2005				\$60.00
WOODLIEF, Eric	1/7/2005	1/7/2006			\$60.00
ANDERSON, Lanss	1/7/2005	1/7/2006			\$60.00
ROWE, Thomas	1/7/2005	1/7/2006	622989		\$60.00
ANDERSON, Larry	1/21/2005				\$20.00
MACGREGOR, Michael	1/28/2005	1/28/2006	622997		\$60.00
SESSIONS, George	1/28/2005	1/28/2006	622994		\$60.00
BARTRON, Vivi	1/28/2005	12/30/2005	622995		\$60.00
BARTRON, Paul	1/28/2005	12/30/2005	622995		\$60.00
NIGHSWONGER, Carl	1/18/2005	1/18/2006			\$60.00
RABY, Robert	3/4/2005	8/15/2005			\$35.00
PRINCE, Glen E.	3/3/2005			Check #4159	\$35.00
WISDOM, Collin	4/1/2005	7/1/2005			\$20.00
HILL, Garrett	5/13/2005	5/12/2006		14886	\$30.00
SLATER, Brian	5/6/2005	8/6/2005			\$20.00
MCCORMICK, Kyle	5/13/2005	11/13/2005			\$35.00
ETTINGER, Constantine	5/21/2005	8/21/2005			\$20.00
BUCK, Stephen	5/17/2005			Check #2021	\$60.00
MARION, Frank	6/3/2005	6/3/2006			\$60.00
PITRE, H.G.	6/3/2005	6/3/2006		3674	\$60.00
HORNICKLE, John	7/1/2005	6/30/2006			\$60.00
MAHANEY, Jesse	7/8/2005	3/18/2006	Junior	4153	\$30.00
OLSON, Jerry	7/8/2005	1/8/2006		3102	\$30.00
WIGHT, David	7/22/2005	5/21/2006			\$60.00
GLEICH, Bill	7/22/2005	1/22/2006		1019	\$20.00
CURRY, John	8/5/2005	2/5/2006			\$35.00
MACGREGOR, Logan	7/29/2005	7/29/2006		379632592	\$60.00
ROGERS, Bill	8/26/2005	8/3/2006		6329	\$60.00
MACDONALD, Scott	8/31/2005	8/31/2006		2054	\$60.00
RABY, Robert	9/23/2005	3/23/2006			\$35.00
ALI, Jaleel Abdul	9/23/2005	12/23/2005			\$20.00
BURNWORTH, Todd	10/7/2005	3/7/2006			\$35.00
ROMPOGREN, Michael	9/30/2005	9/30/2006		2756	\$60.00
ANDERSON, Larry	9/30/2005	9/30/2006		8469	\$60.00
KLEIST, Carol	12/19/2005			1054	\$35.00
				TOTAL	\$1,595.00

In summary, the club needs to focus its energy and time on increasing and maintaining memberships.

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Graph Summary:

Total Visitors for Year: **6144**

Average Per Day: **18**

Regarding the club's web site, www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com, total visitors in 2004 were 3,990, with an average of 12 unique visitors per day. In 2005 the total visitors almost doubled, to 6,144, with an average of 18 unique visitors per day. In simple terms, a *unique* visitor refers to a computer. A person may access the site hundreds of times in the year, but is only counted once if using the same computer to access the site. If the same person accesses the site using two different computers with different internet service providers, then that person would be counted twice. For our purposes, we may presume that the average person is accessing the site from the same computer, which means we had at least 6,144 different people access our site last year, with an average of 18 per day. The heaviest usage appears in the summer and again during the last two months of the year.

Since it was mentioned in last year's financial report, Stephen Christopher's book collection has been itemized as assigned: the books chosen for the club's library have been listed with the club's other library books in an Excel spreadsheet, and those books not chosen for the library have been priced to sell at the club. All of the club's library books have been boxed, categorized, and alphabetized, and will be stored at Gary Dorfner's home for safekeeping and future access by club members.

To continue financially viable, the club must increase its membership even more if the club wants to continue paying \$320 per month for rent. Although tournaments and book sales bring in some revenue, they're relatively insignificant when compared to memberships.

Sincerely,

Mike MacGregor
Treasurer

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