

## Tacoma Chess Club Annual Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 26, 2007

409 Puyallup Ave E, Tacoma, WA

The 2007 annual membership meeting of the Tacoma Chess Club (TCC) was called to order by Treasurer Mike MacGregor at 8:32 PM at the club's meeting location at the DTI Soccer Store Building, 409 Puyallup Ave E, Tacoma, WA. TCC officers in attendance: Vivi and Paul Bartron, Steve Buck (newly elected), Gary Dorfner, Eric Holcomb, Mike MacGregor, Alan Smith (newly elected). A number of club members who are not officers were also present.

- **Tournament report** (Gary) – Reported on attendance by event for 2006 events; only two events had 20+ players. Construction near DTI Bldg. may be a problem; possibility of using other sites and Freighthouse Square. Schedule of 1-day and 2-day events established for this year (subject to final review at next board meeting); tried to avoid conflicts with other chess events. There will be two two-section (open and reserve) events this year including the Puget Sound Open. There will also be Friday night events most weeks.
- **Membership** (Gary) – Reported membership totals for 2006 including 30 full-year, 2 half-year, 22 quarter-year. Total of 43 adults, 1 junior and 11 children. 22 of the memberships were new. These totals are up compared to 2005.
- **Treasurer's report** (Mike) – See handout for details. Our 2006 net profit (including interest) was \$1,141.67, and our total balance is \$50,000+. This was our best performance in several years; both membership and tournament revenues were up compared to other recent past years. We received a total of 59 membership payments, most of which are detailed in the membership report above. Our certificate of deposit matures on February 2. Mike and Steve Buck will handle renewal, which may involve switching to a different financial institution for a better rate.
- **Webmaster's report** (Mike) – Club website usage was up in 2006. There were 7,535 unique visitors, including a significant number from other countries. This represents 20.6 visitors per day on average, compared to 18 per day in 2005. Our web hosting expense is only \$5 per month.
- **Telephone** – Our club telephone number has the benefit of giving us a listing in the phone book, at a cost of about \$25 per month. We will keep this service for now.
- **Nominations/Elections** – The following individuals were nominated and elected for the club offices specified: President – Alan Smith, Vice-President – Steve Buck, Secretary – Eric Holcomb, Treasurer – Mike MacGregor, Publicity Director – Vivi Bartron, Sergeant at Arms – Paul Bartron, Tournament Director – Gary Dorfner.
- **Meeting location** – Our lease comes up for renewal at the end of May. There was no opposition to renewing despite some limitations of the current site, including the ongoing construction. It was reported that CRC Properties is the current building owner, and that no major renovations are planned. Future plans should still be discussed in case we do need to move.
- **Library** – Gary has most of the club's library at home; the checkout policy will allow members to check out two books at a time, with some exceptions. Mike MacGregor previously sorted and cataloged the club's library. There are 16 boxes of books (about 200 books total).
- **Publicity** – Ideas suggested included (1) Try more ads, such as signs on buses; (2) Have flyers available at libraries (good idea); (3) Have a sign in our window visible from the highway.
- **Other Comments** – (1) Question regarding Gary's plan to guarantee the prize fund for two tournaments (Evergreen Empire and Puget Sound Open). (2) Should we try shorter time controls such as G/90 or G/120? Maybe, but not all in favor. We have already switched to G/120 for most Friday evening events. (3) Please submit articles and annotated games to Northwest Chess! (4) Try to set up Tacoma Chess Club vs. Seattle Chess Club match.

The annual membership meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM. The next board meeting will be on Monday, February 5 at 7:00 PM. Minutes recorded by Eric Holcomb.