

# New Mexico Chess Organization

## March 2024 Meeting Minutes

Date: March 9th, 2024

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Dions, Yale & University

### Board Members:

Present: Daniel Serna, Steve Perea, Kevin Zemko, Will Barela, Kaitlyn Klein-Sutton, Preston Herrington, Scott Lewis

Absent: Ken Lopez

Quorum? Yes

Meeting called to order at 6pm by Daniel Serna

### President's Notes -

- K-12 State Championship was great success. One complaint with unreasonable demands.
- Domestic Non-Profit paperwork for NM Secretary of State has been emailed. Application fee paid. Awaiting response.
- Taxes are being worked on by Daniel Serna and Dean Brunton
- Website hosting renewal was paid by Daniel Serna using NMCO debit card. Card details were updated with domain hosting service.

### Treasurer's Notes -

- NMCO bank account at \$8,234 with more PayPal registrations that have not been transferred from registration of K-12 State Championship
- K-12 Tournament was positive \$1,720 after expenses. Revenue was \$2,380 and expenses were \$622.80.
- Stipends for scholastic representatives are projected at \$450. We are targeting \$500 per scholastic player. Awaiting revenue from All-Girls State for final totals.
- Senior Championship section profited \$300. This amount could be stipend for Senior. Total will be determined at a future board meeting.

### Old Business -

- Scoresheets and pens were approved previously, but not ordered yet. Upcoming sale will be used to save money before next event.
- Stripe Account for tournament registration has not been set up yet. Daniel Serna will assist Ken Lopez in setting this up before the next board meeting.
- Learner's Chess Event for June was canceled by Victor Lopez because the time control was too slow for Learner's players. Learner's will organize their own age level tournament instead. NMCO is planning to run a Grade Level Championship in Fall.
- Northern and Southern NM tournaments. Northern NM (Santa Fe) has a venue, but needs a date. Southern to be organized by Will Barela. He will research date and venue. Format options will be sent to Will Barela. Farmington Four Corners Open is finding a date. Planned for June or August.
- FIDE Tournament in August was tabled indefinitely. Planned for August, but needs more conversation on format/prizes before moving forward.

### New Business -

- Webmaster will coordinate with Daniel to set up other social media accounts. Specifically, X (formerly Twitter) and Instagram. Facebook is tied to user accounts. Scott needs to create on to admin Facebook page.

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- 2024 Class Championship. Sections are bands of 200 rating points: Expert/Master (2000+), Classes A, B, C, D, E, F & under. Four rounds preferred. Time control previously was g/90+30 for all sections over two days. For 2024, Class F & under will be g/30d5. Class E through Expert/Master will be g/60d5. Venue: AIMS@UNM. Date: Saturday, July 27th. Unrated players may play in Class E or F and cannot win title. Unrated players are eligible for half of prize money. Prizes: \$150 for 1st place and plaque. Entry fee: \$50 (same for all sections), day-of registration: \$60. Break-even for entries is 24 players. **Passed unanimously 7-0.**
- 2024 State Rapid & Blitz Championship. Date: June 29th. Entry Fee: \$30 per event, \$50 for both. Will Barela is researching venue for Las Cruces as venue. Format: Rapid will be g/15d5. Blitz will be g/3+2. One day event with lunch break between tournaments
- Scholastic Rapid & Blitz Championship in Q4 of 2024. Deadline of July 31st to find a venue in Las Cruces. Board is considering hold two regional Rapid & Blitz championships for North and South. No motion or finalization. To be discussed further at next board meeting.
- 2024 Women's State Championship. Chief TD will be Kaitlyn Klein-Sutton. Food and drink concessions will be available. Steve Perea is donating pins to all participants. Need to order medals for Scholastic tournament. **Passed unanimously 7-0.**

Next Meeting Date and Time

- Sunday, April 14th at 7:15pm. Location: AIMS@UNM following conclusion of Women's Open

Meeting closed by Daniel Serna.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Secretary, Kevin Zemko

Meeting Minutes approved by:  
Daniel Serna, President

  
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