4/2/2023 NMCO meeting

4:30pm meeting called to order

Six members present, quorum. Willow LeTard president, Daniel Serna vice president, Preston Herrington member at large, Steve Perea member at large, Manuel Castillo Southern NM scholastic director, Heidi Fleck member at large/interim secretary.

Willow motions to waive reading of last meeting’s minutes, Daniel seconds, unanimous.

Wait until later for Treasurer’s report.

Willow: made over $700 off K-12. Unknown scholarships for invitationals. $6500 balance from before, unknown current report.

Willow: Distinguished service registry, Mr. Higgins, did amazing stuff for chess in NM. 1.5 yrs ago. Discussion of remove Mr. Higgins from distinguished service registry due to founded crime analysis. Willow motion to remove, second Heidi, unanimous.

Blitz/rapid – Socorro hotel is not an option, library won’t allow us to change money or charge. Joseph Cutchall is trying to ask the city about the opera house, no emails back. Christopher Tay also looking. Postpone if we can’t find anything because otherwise it’s too difficult for people to plan. Deadline of Apr 8th to decide a location for blitz/rapid.

May G/60 – 20th - International District Library available. AIMS? 6th – Central & Unser or AIMS. Sundays a possibility at AIMS. Steve requesting Sunday the 21st (4 rounds). U900 and Open. 1st, 2nd, under 1500. 1st, 2nd in U900.

5pm Christian Von Heune (treasurer), Christopher The (nominee for tournament organizer), Kevin Zemko (nominee for secretary), and Annabelle Romero (public) arrive

Christopher - Ramada is possible. UNM CE also possible.

Blitz/Rapid - Socorro, Los Lunas, Santa Fe. May 6th and 7th.

Christian - treasurer’s report – taxes have been filed, $340 in misc. expenses including taxes. $6500 in bank account, more in PayPal ($2500), so total $9000. Made $750-800 ish from K-12.

Willow: $2000 - $500 each for nominees going to Grand Rapids. Motion passed unanimously.

Daniel motions to provide $300 scholarship to represent NM, Steve seconds, unanimous.

Christopher Tay wants to be tournament organizer. Kevin willing. Unanimous vote for Christopher Tay to be tournament organizer.

Kevin nominated as secretary. Unanimous.

ABQ/RR. *Holiday Inn* - $400/day and a room rate (if 10 people book rooms, 50% off). Total would be $1050 any weekend in June. 2nd floor, church group meets at the same time and might be noisy. Possibly might be half off. *UNM CE* – same size, $329/day pre-tax. Home2 Suites, room rate – per diem rate ($119). *Ramada Plaza* - $350/day, $81 room guaranteed room rate (if we don’t get 10, we have to pay the difference). Willow motions to holds ABQ/RR at UNM CE in June. Preston seconds, unanimous. June 24th/25th (preferred) or 10th/11th. If they’ll give us a courtesy block where we don’t have to guarantee rooms, use that. Contract needs to go to Christian and Willow.

ABQ/RR 4 rounds 10 and 3 first day, 9 and 2 second day.Open, U18, U14, U9, and single day scholastic. $20 for scholastic U900, $35 for regular U900. 90+30. Possible FIDE rated, will vote in email thread. 25d5 for scholastics. $10 discount for all sections unless open is FIDE-rated, then not in open. $20/$35/$40/$50/$60. Possible U19/U15 if we FIDE rate the Open. Scholastic prizes will be medals. On-site registration: 30 min before tournament starts. $10 on-site charge. Valid USCF ID to register, create infographic. Same prizes as for senior.

Scholastic director? No nominees.

U.S. Open – delegate August 5th and 6th. Daniel is one, Kevin and Heidi are interested as other two. Table scholarship decision until next month. Name as many alternates as possible. Talk to parents of players.

Class – same venues as on ABQ/RR open.

Joseph Cutchall arrives. Possibly Willow, Heidi or Joe as delegate?

Joe – no progress in Socorro due to non responsive. May 6th and 7th Socorro.

7pm on May 21st at AIMS is the next board meeting

Willow read out guaranteed and likely invitational qualifiers.

6:42pm meeting ended