

**SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL RVCC RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING : 09-06-08**

1) **CALL TO ORDER** : Meeting was called to order at 2:15 pm by RVCC President Richard White. ( Hereafter RW. )

2) **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** : ( "State of the Club" ) REPORT was given by RW.

a) **Festival in the Park**. This was held on May 24 and 25. Festival this year was well-attended, and was visited by more than 500 people over two days. Approx. 12 people's names were added to the club e-mail events list. Special thanks are due to Donnie and Daryl Doyle, Richard White, Mike Huff and others for their help setting up. National Master Russell Potter once again did the Beat the Master contest in the park for us this year at no charge.

b) **Commonwealth Games**. Turnout for this event was up this year ! The Saturday session for Youth was well-attended with 30 participants. The Adult section on Sunday had 16 players. Players came from as far away as Virginia Beach ! Bob Collins did an excellent job for us this year as the Tournament Director.

c) **Web Page**. More than a year ago, Tom Hales did an excellent job reviving the Club's Web Page. This revival has greatly helped to promote club events throughout the year. Beginning in July, Tom turned over the Web Page operation to Martin Cooperson. This has been a smooth transition. The Web Page has a more streamlined look, with a smoother navigation system in place. Board member Josh Lilly designed the new format and has been of invaluable help in co-ordinating all aspects of it with the folks doing the work. The technical contributions of computer guru Brian Roark have been of particular value. Rusty Potter has been co-ordinating content updating of the page. Thanks to all of these guys for a great Web Page effort !

d) **Local chess players e-mail Contact List Updating**. We now have a list of approx. 135 contacts within a 1.5 hour drive of the club. This has been due in large part to the creation of a new R.V.C.C. Database Contacts List based on the Microsoft program ACCESS. This effort was spearheaded by Rusty Potter, with technical assistance being given by both Martin Cooperson and Josh Lilly.

e) **SEASONAL SATURDAY SPECIALS**. :

These Grand Prix events have helped to generate excitement, enthusiasm, an increase in membership, and more volunteers for the club. These events were considered real successes by the club members !

The events were held on the following dates :

The Don Starkweather Celebration – Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> ,

The Walter Muir Memorial – May 10<sup>th</sup> ,

The Nelson Bond Memorial – Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> .

The Frank Creasey Memorial will be held this coming November 8<sup>th</sup> .

3) **TREASURER'S REPORT.** Chris Moore and Josh Lilly prepared this year's Annual Treasurer's report. Josh gave the report at the club. ( For a detailed Summary, contact Josh at his e-mail address. It is : [josh@patrick-county.org](mailto:josh@patrick-county.org).)

4) **OTHER OLD BUSINESS.** Outgoing President Richard White commended the volunteer team that has worked together in order to make the club successful this year. A partial list includes the following people : Brian Roark, Bob Steinmetz, Josh Lilly, Rusty Potter, Mike Huff, Donnie Doyle, Martin Cooperson, Tom Hales, Bob Collins, Chris Moore and others.

#### 5) **NEW BUSINESS**

##### a) **DUES INCREASE :**

Due to rising costs in a number of areas, it was necessary for the club to increase its yearly dues. These dues have been at a VERY low level and had not been increased in 17 years !!

The dues increases were from \$25.00 to \$40.00 for ADULTS.

For TEENS, the increase was from \$12.50 to \$20.00.

CHILDREN under the age of 13, continue to be able to attend the club for free, PROVIDED that they are accompanied by an adult.

##### b) **ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS QUORUM for the Sept. 2008-Sept. 2009 club fiscal year.**

The following individuals were elected as Officers of the club :

**PRESIDENT :** Russell Potter.

**1<sup>st</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT :** Donnie Doyle.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT :** Chris Moore.

**TREASURER :** Josh Lilly.

**SITE HOSPITALITY & RECORDS :** Mike Huff.

c) **GRAND PRIX TOURNAMENTS.** The club decided to continue its successful Grand-Prix "Saturday Seasonal Specials" in 2009. The months will be the same: Feb., May, Aug. and Nov. It also decided to move the weekend that the tournaments will be held from the second weekend to the THIRD weekend of the month in order to get better advertising coverage in Chess Life magazine. The Board will finalize the dates and tournament directors for the 2009 series before the end of this year.

d) The club is recruiting tournament directors for 4 Speed Chess Tournaments to be held next year. Since these are more casual, UNRATED events, you do NOT have to be a T.D. certified by the USCF. Further, since these fun events will be "Round-Robin" style with pre-made pairings in the USCF rulebook, you do NOT need to know how to do pairings; the book does this for you !

e) The club decided to hold a "chess picnic" at one of the area parks sometime this Autumn. Donnie Doyle was put in charge of this project. He will report possible sites & costs back to the Board during the next week-10 days.

f) **IRS Reminder:** The RVCC is a tax-exempt, charitable organization with designated I.R.S. 501 ( c3 ) status. This means that individuals and organizations can donate monies and things of value to the Club and have such donations written off as tax deductions. All members are enthusiastically encouraged to solicit donations for the Club !

6) **ADJOURNMENT** : The General membership meeting was adjourned at approx. 4:00 PM.

\*\*\*\*\*

Dues were then collected.

\*\*\*\*\*

A) **CONVENING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS MEETING** : The meeting of those members with 2 or more years of dues paid membership then convened at approx. 4:30 pm for the purpose of electing members of the Board of Directors :

B) **ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS :**

- 1) **EVEN YEAR "A" SPOT 2008-2010 :** Russell Potter.
- 2) **EVEN YEAR "B" SPOT : 2008 – 2010 :** Vacant.
- 3) **ODD YEAR "A" SPOT : 2007-2009 :** ( Josh Lilly's term does not expire until Sept. 2009. )
- 4) **ODD YEAR "B" SPOT : 2007-2009 :** Richard White.

C) **NEW HOURS :** For over 60 years, the chess club has held regular weekly meetings that have generally lasted 3.5 – 4 hours per session. Since May, however, we have been experimenting with extended hours from 12 noon – 6 pm. Some of our members have expressed satisfaction with this expanded window of opportunity to play chess. However, a number of members have expressed the difficulty of getting to the club in the late morning due to the press of Summer activities, as well as the fact that many people have half-day morning jobs on Saturdays. Still others have felt that staying until 6 pm rushes their plans for Saturday evening-out activities.

*Accordingly, we will return to our standard 4 hour window effective Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. The new hours will be from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm on Saturdays, beginning on that date.*

The Board decided to revisit these hours on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, since colder weather generally stimulates greater attendance than the "dog days" of Summer. We remain dedicated to meeting the desires of our members as best we can.

**ADJOURNMENT :** Meeting was then adjourned at approx. 5:00 PM.

\*\*\*\*\*

**( Minutes for both the General Meeting and the Board of Directors, were taken on 09-06-08, and their summaries were transcribed on 09-07-08, by Russell Potter. All Board Members have reviewed these minutes and attest that they are true and correct. )**