

Waukesha Chess Club (WCC) – Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 6:40pm

Location: In person at Eagle's Club #453, Waukesha, WI prior to general club meeting

Attendees: Jim Nickell (President), John DeMastri (Vice President), Kevin Klandrud (Treasurer), Aaron Krause (Secretary), Jim Coons (Board Member), Evan Seghers (Board Member), Nick Sloan (Board Member)

Not Present: None

Notes by: John DeMastri

Jim Nickell opened the meeting at 6:40 and noted that we had a quorum

Jim Nickell opened the floor for nominations for WCC President. Evan Seghers nominated John DeMastri who accepted same, Kevin Klandrud seconded. Jim Nickell called for additional nominations, and hearing none, closed nominations and called for a vote. John DeMastri was elected unanimously to serve as WCC President.

John DeMastri opened the floor for nominations for WCC Treasurer. Evan Seghers nominated Kevin Klandrud, who accepted same, with multiple seconds. John DeMastri called for additional nominations, and hearing none, closed nominations and called for a vote. Kevin Klandrud was elected unanimously to serve as WCC Treasurer.

Jim Nickell left the meeting.

John DeMastri opened the floor for nominations for WCC Vice-President. Multiple nominations and seconds were heard for Jim Coons, who accepted same. John DeMastri called for additional nominations, and hearing none, closed nominations and called for a vote. Jim Coons was elected unanimously to serve as WCC Treasurer.

John DeMastri opened the floor for nominations for WCC Secretary. Kevin Klandrud nominated Nick Sloan, who accepted same. Evan Seghers seconded. John DeMastri called for additional nominations and nominated Evan Seghers who declined. Nick Sloan nominated Aaron Krause who declined. John DeMastri called for additional nominations, and hearing none, closed nominations and called for a vote. Nick Sloan was elected unanimously to serve as WCC Secretary.

John DeMastri raised a motion to award the honorary title of President Emeritus to Jim Nickell to recognize his long and continuing service to WCC. Kevin Klandrud seconded, and the motion passed by acclamation.

John DeMastri raised a motion to commit the board to meet formally at least twice per year, in spring and fall, with ad-hoc meetings as necessary. Aaron Krause seconded, and the motion passed by acclamation.

John DeMastri called for additional business and Aaron Krause raised a motion to formalize terms of the WCC to two years, with terms to begin and end with the first formal board meeting of the given year. Additionally, the current board's term begins with this meeting and would end in early 2027.

John DeMastri called for a Treasurer's report, and Kevin Klandrud gave the following excerpted report:

- Jan 2024 checking balance: ~\$6700
- Mar 2025 checking balance: ~\$9200
- Major 2024 Expenses:
 - Rent: \$1500/year, paid in two \$750 payments
 - Summer picnic in the park: \$340
 - Christmas / year-end party: \$82
 - Website / hosting: \$12/month to Jim Nickell directly
 - Waukesha Memorial: \$1320 overall – offset by \$2500 in revenue

Kevin Klandrud noted that WCC is registered with Stripe for payments, and that this is currently being used with our King Registration account for payments for tournaments advertised there. Additionally, Kevin Klandrud noted that the WCC checking account is not set up to use Zelle, but that his personal checking account is, and that he used it to provide the convenience to members to register and pay for weekly events, passing this money back to the WCC account. Aaron Krause (and other) noted that this is not ideal and that we should find the right way to handle convenient electronic member card payments. There was several minutes of general discussion when John DeMastri called for order in the interest of time and deferred this item for an ad-hoc board meeting to be held in April.

John DeMastri called for volunteers to form a subcommittee to formalize the WCC board elections process. Aaron Krause and John DeMastri volunteered. Hearing no other volunteers, John DeMastri called for this subcommittee to generate a proposal for review in an ad-hoc meeting to be held in April.

John DeMastri, in the interest of time, called for remaining business items on the agenda to be deferred for an ad-hoc board meeting to be held in April, which was agreed to by acclamation. These items included:

- Review of club event schedule, weekly club and open events

- Treasurer report on the \$5 per game fee for remote players in the Club Championship
- Board review of website vendors, payment, maintenance and content

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm