

# Waukesha Chess Club – Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Sunday, May 17, 2020 at 7:30pm

Location (Virtual): Zoom conference call

Attendees (on Zoom): Jim Nickell (President), Kevin Klandrud (Treasurer), Aaron Krause (Secretary), Jim Coons (Board Member)

Attendees (by Phone): James Mading (Board Member)

Not Present: Matt Roeder (Vice President)

Notes by: Aaron Krause

*Note regarding current club activities: The Waukesha Chess Club normally meets on Wednesday nights at the Eagles Club in Waukesha for traditional “Over The Board” (OTB) chess matches. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Waukesha Chess Club suspended play on March 18, 2020. President Jim Nickell sent an email on March 16, 2020 to inform all members that all activities at the Eagles club were suspended until further notice. With the assistance of Mike La Budde, a virtual Waukesha Chess Club section was formed on chess.com and online tournaments have been held. A meeting of the board of directors was called to evaluate the potential for resuming OTB club activities at the Eagles Club.*

President Jim Nickell officially opened the meeting at 7:44pm.

Kevin Klandrud informed the other board members that Matt Roeder will be unable to attend the meeting due to internet and phone connectivity issues. Jim Nickell noted that having five of the six board members present constituted a quorum.

There was no previous business remaining from the last board meeting. Reading of the previous minutes was skipped.

Accounting and Fiscal Status – Kevin Klandrud presented a verbal report on the income and expenses for the club. Kevin reported that the club was fiscally stable (despite not collecting nightly member fees for the past two months) and had approximately \$5,200 in the club checking account. The club recently paid for our web domain, Google accounts, and engraving fees for a tournament trophy. The next rental payment of \$1,040 for ½ year is due to the Eagles club at the end of June.

Jim Mading joined the meeting via speakerphone on Jim Nickell’s Zoom feed.

Discussion of potentially resuming OTB activities commenced. Aaron Krause inquired if anyone had formally contacted the Eagles Club to determine if the establishment is open and if the Waukesha Chess Club can resume activity. Jim Nickell has attempted to contact them but has not received any official answer. Per the employees

at the bar, the Eagles Club is open. The assumption of the board is that the Waukesha Chess Club could resume activities, if desired, but this would need to be confirmed.

Kevin Klandrud proposed a formal motion to vote on whether the club should resume activities before a vaccine for Covid-19 was found. After much discussion, this motion was tabled.

Jim Coons proposed a formal motion to postpone all activities at the Eagles Club for two months, until July 17, 2020. A formal vote on this motion was called for by Jim Nickell. The vote (in sequence) was

Jim Mading – in favor

James Coons – in favor

Kevin Klandrud – opposed

Aaron Krause – in favor

With three of the five board members present at the meeting in favor of the motion, voting was complete, and the motion passed. The motion indicates there will be no official Waukesha Chess Club meetings or tournaments at Eagles Club until at least July 17, 2020. The board of directors will meet before July 17, 2020 to determine whether OTB activities may resume after July 17<sup>th</sup>. The club will continue offering online tournaments.

Kevin Klandrud proposed that the board reconvene (using Zoom again) on June 22, 2020 at 7:30pm. The date was agreed upon by all present.

Jim Nickell mentioned the email sent by Mike La Budde on May 14, 2020 regarding email etiquette. Mike noted that other organizations, notably the Southwest Chess Club, use mailing distribution list software tools, such as MailChimp. Using a mail list distribution tool would allow the club to send group emails without listing specific members email addresses. Aaron volunteered to contact Mike to investigate.

President Jim Nickell offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:49pm.