

SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL RVCC BUSINESS MEETING HELD ON 09-19-09

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On Saturday, September 19, 2009, the Roanoke Valley Chess Club convened its annual reorganizational meeting to review the club's activities, affairs, and accomplishments over the past year, and to elect officers and board members for FY 2009 - 2010.

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CALL TO ORDER : Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by RVCC President Russell Potter. (Hereafter RP.) Board members and officers in attendance at the beginning of the meeting were Russell Potter; Richard White; Josh Lilly; Myron Coles; and Mike Huff. Other members would trickle in later during the meeting.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LAST YEAR'S 2008 ANNUAL RVCC REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING :

a) DUES INCREASE :

Due to rising costs in a number of areas, it was necessary for the club to increase its yearly dues.

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. 2008Sept. 2009 club fiscal year.

The following individuals were elected as Officers of the club :

PRESIDENT : Russell Potter.

1st VICEPRESIDENT : Donnie Doyle.

2nd VICEPRESIDENT : Chris Moore.

TREASURER : Josh Lilly.

SITE HOSPITALITY & RECORDS : Mike Huff.

c) It was 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.

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

e) Dues were then collected.

f) 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 :

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.

g) *ADJOURNMENT* : The Elections for the Board of Directors Meeting was then adjourned at approx. 5:00 PM.

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

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT for the CURRENT 2008-2009 FY .

I } MISC. ISSUES .

a) **Walter Muir Fund Grant Renewal Made.**

The Board of Directors of the Roanoke Valley Chess Club was pleased to announce that the Foundation for the Roanoke Valley renewed its annual grant of \$500.00 to the club for the purpose of promoting the playing of chess in the community, with its attendant educational, social and recreational benefits. The club was notified by the Foundation of the renewal on September 20, 2009. This funding is made possible through a grant made to the club by noted chess player, philanthropist and RVCC member, the late Walter Muir of Salem, Va. He established this fund almost a decade ago through the Foundation, who administers the fund. Its formal title is The Dorothy S. and Walter Muir Memorial Fund.

We appreciate the efforts of both the Foundation and its Director, Mr. Alan Ronk, for their support of the Roanoke Valley Chess Club and its work in the promotion of chess and its many benefits to residents of the Roanoke Valley.

The club holds an annual event in honor of the memory of Mr. Muir.

b) **Web Page.** Our current Web Master is Martin Cooperson. Currently, we are very pleased with our Web Page. It has a streamlined look, with a smooth 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. Rusty Potter has been co-ordinating content updating of the page. Thanks to all of these guys for a great Web Page effort !

Incidentally, the Google Analytics feature has been particularly helpful to us in determining the number of "hits" to our Website from various individuals. These hits have been quite numerous. In November, the Board of Directors will re-evaluate whether to maintain our Yellow Page telephone listing, which has generated very few phone contacts in comparison to

our Web Page.

c) Local chess players e-mail Contact List Updating. We now have a list of over 220 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.

II } ACTIVITIES.

(This is a brief summary of activities occurring in FY 2008-09, as well as old and new club business. Those wanting more information or greater detail can go to roanokechess.com or request a President's Report from President Russell Potter.)

a) 2008 Chess Club Picnic & Speed Tournament Report. Saturday, October 25.

b) 2008 Frank Creasey Memorial. Saturday, November 8.

c) 2009 Tons of Fun. Saturday, Feb. 7.

d) Winter Seasonal Special. Saturday, February 21st.

e) March Saturday Seasonal Special. Saturday, March 14.

f) April Saturday Seasonal Special. Saturday, April 11.

g) Club Challenge Ladder. April 25 – August 8.

h) Festival in the Park. Saturday, May 24 and Sunday, May 25.

i) Grandin Village Block Party. Sunday, May 31.

j) Vinton 4th of July Celebration. Saturday, July 4.

k) Commonwealth Games. Saturday, July 18 and Sunday, July 19.

l) Bill Bochman Memorial. Saturday, August 15.

(End of President's Report Summary.)

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TREASURER'S REPORT. RVCC Treasurer Josh Lilly prepared this year's Annual Treasurer's report. Here is a brief summary of that report.

***Current Balance.** *As of September 18, the club's checking account contained \$1,413.08, down \$112.17 from last October, and the cash box contained \$100. Some other highlights:*

***Regular Donations.** *The Walter Muir Grant of \$500 has been renewed.*

*** The Allstate Giving Campaign.** *This fund was graciously set up by former club Treasurer Ed Andrews. This fund continues to send in four \$35 checks to us each year.*

*** Books.** *Former club Treasurer Paul Yearling has graciously agreed to help auction off some of the club's chess books that are currently in the low-usage category.*

*** Storage.** *The club donates \$5 per month to Virginia Heights Baptist Church in return for allowing the club to store most of its property there.*

*** Tournament Site.** *The club has held two tournaments at St. John's Lutheran Church. The club donates \$25 for each Saturday that we have a tournament there. For our August event, we donated an extra \$25 to cover the cost of additional air conditioning upstairs.*

*** Website.** *The club currently pays Martin Cooperson \$5 per month for his work on the RVCC website as Webmaster.*

*** Other annual expenses.** *These include \$70 for a Post Office box, \$30 for the State Corporation Commission, and \$40 for U.S. Chess Federation membership.*

(End of Treasurer's Report Summary.

Detailed information on supplies, minutae, reimbursements, tournament proceeds, etc. are available upon request to Treasurer Josh Lilly.)

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OTHER OLD BUSINESS. The club membership recognized and commended the volunteer team that has worked together in order to make the club successful this year.

A partial list includes the following people : Bob Steinmetz, Josh Lilly, Rusty Potter, Mike Huff, Donny Doyle, Daryl Doyle, Richard White, Martin Cooperson, Chris Moore, Rick Maciorowski and others.

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ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS QUORUM for the Sept. 2009-Sept.2010 club fiscal year.

(Before the elections were held, club President Potter announced that if he were to be elected as club President for another year, that after his term expires in September 2010, he will not serve as President for the 2010-2011 club year. However, Mr. Potter stated that he is

willing to train anyone who would like to serve as an officer for the 2010-2011 club year, including for the office of President.)

PRESIDENT : Russell Potter was re-elected President of the RVCC.

VICE-PRESIDENT : Mike Huff was elected V.P. for Hospitality and Publicity.

VICE-PRESIDENT : Richard White was elected V.P. for Special Events.

OFFICER : Chris Moore was elected Officer for General Affairs.

OFFICER : Myron Cole was elected Officer for Business Advertising & Outreach.

GRAND PRIX SCHEDULE MASTER : Rick Maciorowski will help out with the important task of scheduling.

TREASURER : Josh Lilly was re-elected Treasurer.

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NEW BUSINESS :

a) **New club T-Shirts.** It was noted that several people who had committed to purchase T-shirts have not yet picked them up and paid for them.

b) **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 !

c) **GRAND PRIX TOURNAMENTS.** The Board of Directors will soon meet to discuss planning for our tournament schedule during the upcoming club fiscal year.

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ADJOURNMENT : The General membership meeting was adjourned at approx. 3:30 PM.

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Dues were then collected.

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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. 4:00 pm and elected the following members to the following positions on the Board of Directors :

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

(Minutes for both the General Meeting and for the Board of Directors Elections Meeting were taken by Mike Huff. Contributions to the final SUMMARIES of both of these meetings were made by Mike Huff, Josh Lilly and Russell Potter and finalized on 10-15-09.)