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TCA Annual Business Meeting
Sunday, September 5, 2021, 8:30 AM, Bond Room
Doubletree by Hilton DFW Airport North
4441 W. John Carpenter Fwy.
Irving, TX 75063

1. TCA President's Welcome.
2. Reading of the Minutes of previous meeting by the TCA Secretary (Minutes posted separately in Governance Section of the TCA website).
3. Financial Report by the TCA Treasurer (Appendix A).
4. TCA President's Report (Annual Report posted separately in Governance Section of the TCA website).
5. TCA VP Report on memberships and bids (Appendix B and C).
6. Old Business
7. New Business (Advance Motions)

a. TCA Advance Motion 21-01 (Luis Salinas, Region III). Bylaws, Article II: PURPOSE, Sections F and G

Change from:

F. Pledge that no part of its funds shall inure to the benefit of any individual, except that trophies or prizes awarded in the course of its educational and promotional programs shall not be so construed, and that the TCA shall be operated on a non-profit basis and neither the principal nor income of its funds may ever be used to influence legislation; and

G. Limit the TCA to exclusively educational and instructional purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

Change to:

F. Pledge that no part of its funds shall inure to the benefit of any individual, except that F 1 - 4 shall not be so construed, and that the TCA shall be operated on a non-profit basis and neither the principal nor income of its funds may ever be used to influence legislation; and limit the TCA to exclusively educational and instructional purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

1. Trophies or prizes awarded in the course of its educational and promotional programs.

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2. Payment to Texas Knight's editor and for preapproved contributing articles from a title player.
3. Payment for services rendered by a TCA officer that is not part of the Board's normal duties; for example, organizing or working at a TCA-run tournament.
4. Stipends or reimbursements. Receipts must be supplied.

Rationale and comments:

1. Combined F and G.
2. F 1 was only moved.
3. F 2 is to codify what practice has been.
4. F 3 is new but there was discussion earlier this past term if a TCA Officer can get paid. I think that is okay for services rendered that are not part of the duties; for example, setting up a Zoom meeting as a membership meeting is part of one officer's duty. Setting up zoom meetings for an online tournament is not and the officer may be paid.
5. F 4 has been past practice and it is okay to give the TCA Denker representative \$400, for example, as long as receipts are turned in.

Unless a motion is made to have the prior motion (if passed) go into effect immediately, this motion would go into effect on January 1, 2022. (Plenty of time to make sure this does not run afoul of 501(c)(3) regulations.)

b. TCA Advance Motion 21-02 (Luis Salinas, Region III). This is to be added to the TCA Bylaws after approval.

TCA sets up a committee to set up standard pay for TDs and organizers and stall at TCA run tournaments.

Discussion:

This so that everyone knows what the pay would be, and no one is paid a nonstandard massive amount.

c. TCA Advance Motion 21-03 (Luis Salinas, Region III). This is to be added to the TCA Bylaws after approval.

TCA sets up a titled player of the year with a plaque and small stipend. This is meant to be for service to Texas and not necessarily service to National or International chess.



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This does not have to be awarded every year and no titled player should win two years in a row.

d. TCA Advance Motion 21-04 (Luis Salinas, Region III). Bylaws Article VI: MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS, Section 1. Annual Membership Meeting, Section D. Voting at the Annual Membership Meeting

Change from:

1. For the amendment of these Bylaws, an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the voting Members shall be required. Motions to amend these Bylaws have to be submitted for publication in the July/August issue of Texas Knights and submitted to the Webmaster at the same time.

Change to:

1. For the amendment of these Bylaws, an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the voting Members shall be required. Motions to amend these Bylaws have to be submitted for publication in a special governance issue of Texas Knights and submitted to the Webmaster at the same time. The special governance issue may be a stand-alone web publication or may be embedded into the normal Texas Knight issue. The governance issue shall have the approved minutes from the last annual meeting and the minutes from the spring meetings to be approved. It shall have the advance motions and any motions referred from the prior meetings. It shall have the agenda, the bids to be awarded, and a current copy of the bylaws.

Rationale:

The July/August issue was when TK was published six (6) times a year so that needed to be changed. By having a special online governance issue, motions can be submitted later. Also, there would a record of minutes and what bylaws were in effect.

e. TCA Advance Motion 21-05 (Jim Hollingsworth, Region II). Bylaws Article III: MEMBERSHIP, Section 3. Renewals.

Change from:

Section 3. Renewals. Membership renewals shall be dated from the previous expiration date, if renewed within 30 days following expiration, or for a year from the date of



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renewal, if necessary, to ensure that the renewing member is scheduled to receive six issues of Texas Knight before the new expiration date.

Change to:

Section 3. Renewals. Membership renewals shall be dated from the previous expiration date, if renewed within 30 days following expiration, or for a year from the date of renewal, if necessary, to ensure that the renewing member is scheduled to receive one year's worth of Texas Knights before the new expiration date.

Comment: We no longer publish six issues per year and four issues per year (every three months exactly) is not guaranteed. It's better to NOT overpromise and underdeliver.

f. **TCA Advance Motion 21-06 (Jim Hollingsworth, Region II). Article V: OFFICERS, Section 2. Nominations:**

Change from:

Nominations for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be submitted to the Editor of Texas Knights by the deadline for the July/August issue of Texas Knights.

Change to:

Nominations for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be submitted to the Editor of Texas Knights by the deadline for the April/May/June issue of Texas Knights.

Comment: The above is more consistent with our Texas Knights publication schedule. Also, the July/August/September issue would be untimely.



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APPENDIX A

TCA Treasurer Report – August 22 2021

Income

September memberships	\$45.00
October memberships	151.50
November memberships	378.00
December memberships	55.00
January memberships	80.00
February memberships	157.50
March memberships	112.50
April memberships	232.00
May memberships	686.50
June memberships	83.00
July memberships	385.00
August memberships (so far)	87.50
2020 SW Open memberships	541.50
2020 Texas Online Scholastic tournament	10,212.79
2020 Texas State and Amateur memberships	41.00
2021 Texas State Scholastic	9,362.56
2021 Texas State and Amateur memberships	70.00
Region 1,2, 3 SuperRegionals Online	681.00
Region 5 and 6 Championships	190.50
Amazon Smile	47.78
Benevity Causes	10.20
Network for Good donations	<u>600.00</u>
Total	\$24,210.83

Expenses

Ambica Yellamraju – 2020 Denker representative	\$300.00
Aparna Yellamraju – 2020 Haring Girls representative	300.00
Anish Vivekananthan – 2021 Denker representative	500.00
Akryan Gutla – 2021 Barber representative	500.00
Ryo Chen – 2021 Roosevelt representative	500.00
Ambica Yellamraju – 2021 Haring Girls representative	500.00
Doug Root – 2021 Senior representative	500.00
Insurance	315.00
Web Administrator	900.00
Copyright for TCA logo	67.00
DGT Chess Sets	2,825.00
Texas Knight – October 2020	400.00
Texas Knight – JanFebMar 2021	1,196.25
Texas Knight – AprMayJun 2021	1,306.28
Affiliate membership – 2 years	<u>80.00</u>
Total	\$10,189.53

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WF checking account balance	\$16,640.92
BOA checking account balance	\$21,171.48

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APPENDIX B. Bidding Spreadsheet.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14fBF27sbVmZARH7xPf3TzNO_5qSDV3KWuHBrYecPxio/edit#gid=1782477297

2022 TCA Tournaments		Awarded Bids		
Tournament Name:	Bid Du	Tournament Dates	Bid Awarded To:	Notes:
A. Southwest Open	7/15/2020	Labor Day weekend	Dallas Chess Club	
E. "Super State" combined State Scholastic Championship		March 11-13, 2022	TCA	McAllen Convention Center
K. Texas Junior Open	7/15/2021	10/16/2021	Southlake Tutoring Academy	Rob Jones and Chuck Lo
M10 Regional Championship X (Primary and Elementary)	7/15/2021	January-February 2022. Specific dates to be announced.	Sharyland Independent School District	Region X uses a four-year rotation.
M10 Regional Championship X (Middle School and High School)		January-February 2022. Specific dates to be announced.	Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District	

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2022 TCA Tournaments		Bids Extended to September 15, 2021			
Tournament Name:	Bid Due	Tournament Dates	Bid Awarded To:	Notes:	
M. Regional Scholastic Championships		Must precede Texas Scholastic Championship			
M1 Regional Championship I	9/15/2021			Extended from July 15, 2021 due to the Pandemic.	
M2 Regional Championship II	9/15/2021				
M3 Regional Championship III	9/15/2021				
M4 Regional Championship IV	9/15/2021				
M5 Regional Championship V	9/15/2021				
M6 Regional Championship VI	9/15/2021				
M7 Regional Championship VII	9/15/2021				
M8 Regional Championship VIII	9/15/2021				
M9 Regional Championship IX	9/15/2021				

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2022 TCA Tournaments		Overdue Bids		
Tournament Name:	Bid Due:	Tournament Dates	Bid Awarded To:	Notes:
B. Texas Open	7/15/2021	No set date		
C. Texas State Chess Championship	7/15/2020	Memorial Day weekend		
D. Texas Amateur Championship	7/15/2020	Memorial Day weekend		
F. Texas Postal Championship	7/15/2021	No set date		
G. Texas Team Championship	7/15/2021			
H. Texas Armed Forces Championship	7/15/2021			
I. Texas Senior Championship	7/15/2021			
J. Texas Action Championship	7/15/2021	No set date		
L. Texas Junior Team Championship	7/15/2021	No set date		
N. Texas Quick Championship	7/15/2021	No set date		
O. Texas Grade Championships		Fall		
Q. Texas Women's Championship	7/15/2021	No set date		
R. Texas Girls Championship	7/15/2021	Fall prior to Texas Grade Championship		
S. Texas Junior Invitational	7/15/2021	Summer		

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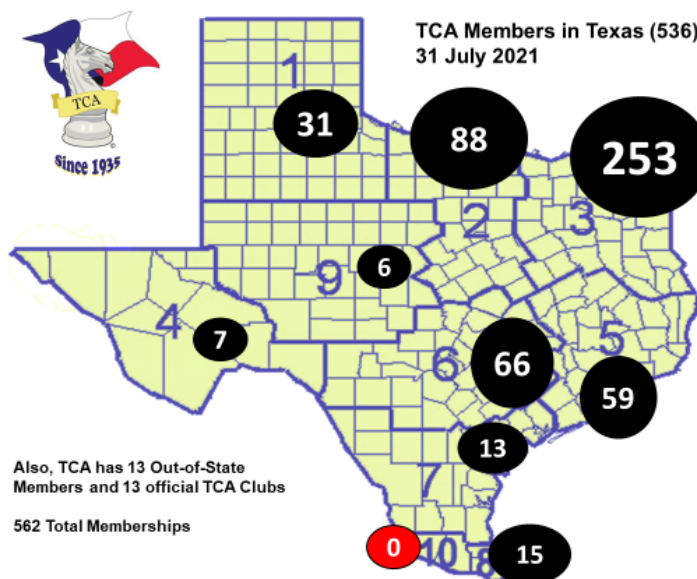
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APPENDIX C. Membership Report.

1. Summary.

- a. TCA Net Membership is Rebounding from June
 - i. Overall Increase from 537 to 549 (club numbers excluded)
 - ii. Gain of 12
- b. Biggest gains:
 - i. Region VI = +12
 - ii. Region VII = +7
 - iii. Region III = +5
 - iv. Region V = +4
- c. Region II = -18
 - i. Mostly expired Voters for the 2020 Elections
- d. Membership Committee
 - i. Jim Hollingsworth and Barbara Swafford are Co-Chairs.
 - ii. Rob Jones is doing an outstanding job on the Committee.
 - iii. Randy Dixon, from Ennis, was added to the Committee.
 - iv. Richard Garcia, from San Antonio, was added to the Committee.
 - v. Processing individual memberships is a real plus.
 - vi. Increasing club memberships is getting attention.

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2. Snapshot. 536 members live in Texas. 13 live out state. 13 Clubs. total.

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3. TCA Membership Trends. As of 31 July 2021, TCA had 549 members plus 13 Club memberships.



4. TCA Membership Trends by Region. Regions III, II, VI, V, and I are our top regions.



TCA Membership Trends as of July 31, 2021 (excluding Clubs)

Region	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21
01	10	10	10	10	5	4	5	5	5	32	33	33	33	31	31
02	56	80	91	85	77	81	87	88	89	121	124	126	126	106	88
03	103	112	120	120	65	65	68	80	88	250	255	260	264	247	252
04	12	13	16	13	12	13	13	13	11	11	11	11	10	7	6
05	46	62	69	68	56	64	64	65	63	66	71	71	73	55	59
06	42	45	44	44	27	30	33	35	39	44	46	50	54	54	66
07	17	21	21	21	21	21	21	22	22	22	23	23	21	6	13
08	29	30	31	31	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	29	29	15	15
09	4	5	5	4	4	3	3	3	3	5	5	6	6	6	6
10	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	2	2	0	0
Out of State	13	14	15	13	10	10	10	10	10	9	9	11	13	10	13
Memberships	336	398	428	415	313	327	340	357	366	595	612	622	631	537	549

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