

Minutes for the Texas Chess Association Annual Membership Meeting

September 6, 2020

Meeting held via Zoom and recorded by Tom Crane. Secretary requested the recording of meeting, but it was not provided.

Attendance at beginning of meeting: Tom Crane, Forest Marler, Jim Hollingsworth, Franc Guadalupe, Rob Jones, Margaret L, Chris Wood, Brenda Hardesty, Bob Curtis, Mike Bowden, Renate Garcia, John O'Donnell, Louis Reed, Chris Toolin, Wendy Reed, Kim Probst. Many attendees fluctuated in attendance due to poor connection.

TCA President Tom Crane opens meeting 8:30 AM Mountain.

Tom Crane announces the TCA Election results. The new elected TCA officers are: Franc Guadalupe (President), Jim Hollingsworth (Vice-President), Renate Garcia (Secretary), and Barbara Swafford (Treasurer). Tom gives a recap of TCA activities during the past year.

TCA Treasurer Report is attached at Appendix A.

TCA membership summary is in Appendix B.

New Business

Jim Hollingsworth makes motion to seat the new officers.

Franc Guadalupe seconds motion.

Jim Hollingsworth states that new officers must chair new business. After some discussion, the new officers are seated.

Chris Wood makes the motion to call the meeting to order. Bob Curtis seconds.

As the just-elected TCA President, Franc Guadalupe chairs the meeting, starting with the presentation, discussion and voting of advance motions.

Motion 1 (Franc Guadalupe and Jim Hollingsworth). This is to be added to the Bylaws.

"Five-minute limit for all speakers. The Chair shall appoint a speakers-timekeeper. This advance motion becomes effective January 1, 2021."

Discussion and Comments:

Avoids filibusters. We had two filibusters at the 2019 annual TCA Membership Meeting (90 minutes and 45 minutes). Some members were working the tournament floor and could not wait all day to comment and vote on advance motions. It is a shame something like this is needed in the Bylaws, but it is.

Voting - 11 Yes, 1 Abstention

Motion 2 (Eddie Rios, Franc Guadalupe, and Jim Hollingsworth)

“ Quarterly TCA Financials will be published on the TCA website and Texas Knights. This advance motion becomes effective January 1, 2021.”

Comments:

Visibility and accountability. Tom Crane makes motion to Defer. Renate Garcia seconds the motion.

Voting to defer motion - 7 Yes, 1 No

Motion 3 (Eddie Rios and Jim Hollingsworth)

“No financial report shall be required from any organizer hosting any TCA sanctioned event, as well as any individual who works for any organizer.”

Motion 3 Jim Hollingsworth withdraws Motion 3

Motion 4 (Eddie Rios and Jim Hollingsworth).

"The Officers for this Organization shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the ten Region Directors (who are appointed by the President). This advance motion becomes effective January 1, 2021."

Comments:

At the 2019 meeting TCA shifted to only four officers. This was a mistake because ten region directors were demoted to advisor status.

Voting - None Yes, 8 No.

Motion 5 (Franc Guadalupe and Jim Hollingsworth).

"Texas Knights printed version shall replace Texas Knights online version as soon as a qualified Editor can be found. This advance motion is effective January 1, 2021."

Comments:

Bring it back!

Voting – 5 Yes, 1 No.

Motion 6 (Bob Curtis and Jim Hollingsworth).

"TCA recommends and encourages the use of US Chess approved move recording devices. All decisions on whether to allow those devices are up to the Organizer. This advance motion becomes effective January 1, 2021."

Voting - 9 Yes 3 No

Motion 7 (Eddie Rios, Franc Guadalupe and Jim Hollingsworth).

"TCA will follow the lead of US Chess, another 501(c)(3) organization, which allows candidate statements, photos, questions and answers, etc., as long as everyone is respectful of others, on social media, the TCA website, and in Texas Knights. This advance motion becomes effective January 1, 2021."

Comments:

TCA members have a right to know all election details. This will achieve that goal. They also have a right to know as quickly as possible. Jeff French, former Texas Knights Editor, published upcoming election details in the March-April 2017 and March April 2018 editions of Texas Knights. This included how to apply for an office, deadlines, how the elections would be conducted, dates, etc. Our current Texas Knights is not adequate for getting the word out quickly. Further, everything published on the TCA Facebook page is automatically posted on the TCA website. Texas Knights still plays an important elections role, but the TCA Facebook page is the key for getting the word out quickly.

Voting - 5 Yes 6 No

Motion 8 (Eddie Rios and Jim Hollingsworth)

"Every scholastic player who participates in the Texas State Scholastic Championship will automatically become a junior TCA member. Any other membership should be at the player's own cost. Junior members have no voting rights nor a printed Texas Knights subscription."

Comments.

This helps fundraising because higher membership numbers are attractive to sponsors. This would require a list of total players who participated in the event from the organizer. Hard copy will do, the Secretary will keep the master copy. Second, this will encourage organizers to bid on smaller TCA scholastic events without suffering extra costs by paying for new players' memberships.

Voting - 8 Yes, 2 Abstain

Motion 9 (Jim Hollingsworth).

"A Membership Dues Committee will make annual recommendations (in May) to the TCA Officers for approval/disapproval within thirty days. Membership dues approvals shall be posted on the TCA website to allow for public comment for thirty days. If the TCA Officers make no changes, the new dues become automatic at the end of that period. This advance motion becomes effective January 1, 2021."

Comments.

The current system is too slow to respond to cost issues, such as printed Texas Knights.

Voting – 1 Yes, 2 No. Motion 9 is withdrawn.

Motion 10 (Eddie Rios and Jim Hollingsworth).

"TCA Chess Clubs have ten-points preference for all bids."

Comments:

TCA policy is the Club Sponsor must have current TCA membership at the time of signup. The individual membership may expire, but the club membership is valid an entire year for only \$10. If approved this Bylaw will result in increased memberships.

After the public comment period the new dues become automatic at the end of that period.

Brenda Hardesty not in agreement

Jim Hollingsworth withdraws motion.

Motion 11 (Eddie Rios and Jim Hollingsworth).

“A Stipends Committee shall be formed to evaluate all stipend requests. The Stipends Committee will determine the criteria and requirements. Limit for all stipends shall be \$500 and most should be less. The Stipends Committee shall forward its recommendations to the full Board for consideration and final approval. All awarded stipends shall be included in the quarterly finance reports.”

Jim Hollingsworth withdraws motion.

Motion 12 (Eddie Rios, Franc Guadalupe, and Jim Hollingsworth) – TCA Bylaws, Article V, Section 3, Elections (Reinstate).

A. Election of the officers of the Association, as well as tournament bids on official TCA events, shall be by mailed ballot.

B. A ballot shall be prepared by the Secretary, or a designee of the Secretary, listing the nomination for each officer post. Sufficient copies of the ballot shall be published in order that each voting member in good standing may vote. The Secretary may mail a copy of the ballot to each voting member in good standing or have a copy of the ballot included with the July/August issue of Texas Knights. A preaddressed envelope shall be included with the ballot.

C. The President shall appoint a special committee to tally the votes. This committee shall be made up of at least one Board member and one voting member. The ballots shall be opened and tallied during a public meeting during the Southwest Open. The nominee having a plurality shall be declared the winner of each office. The committee chairperson will present the election results to the President prior to or during the first part of the Annual Meeting. The committee chairperson will announce the election results at the appropriate time during the Annual Meeting.

Jim Hollingsworth withdraws motion.

Motion 13 (Eddie Rios, Franc Guadalupe, and Jim Hollingsworth).

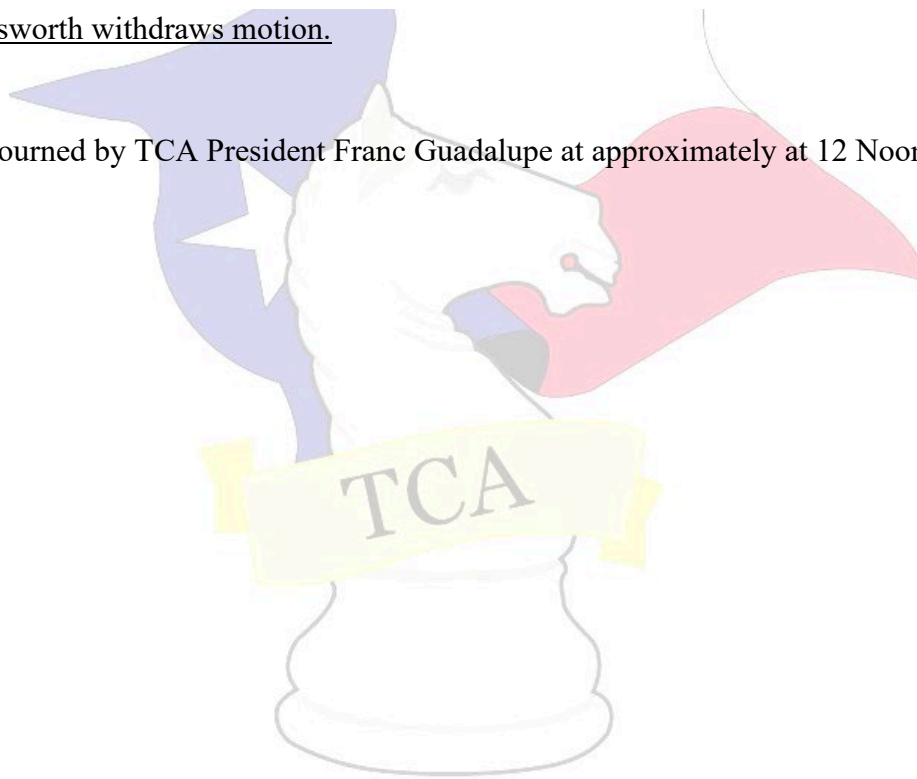
“All bidders will include a signed contract between the bidder and TCA. The contract will specify the bidder has pecuniary responsibility for submitting payment-in-full to TCA within 90 days. After 90 days of nonpayment or short-payment, copies of the contract and winning bid will be submitted to the ethics committee for adjudication, possible sanctions, and collections referral.”

Comment:

The above is necessary because some bidders are not fulfilling their agreements.

Jim Hollingsworth withdraws motion.

Meeting adjourned by TCA President Franc Guadalupe at approximately at 12 Noon.



Appendix A

TCA Treasurer Report – August 31, 2020

Income

September memberships	\$327.50
October memberships	30.00
November memberships	205.00
December memberships	20.00
January memberships	252.50
February memberships	226.00
March memberships	70.00
April memberships	165.00
May memberships	469.00
June memberships	668.00
July memberships	55.00
August memberships	65.00
2019 SW Open memberships	541.50
2019 Texas Grade memberships	846.00
2020 Texas South State Scholastic Championships	3,492.00
2020 Texas Teams	80.00
Region II Scholastic Championships	121.50
Region III Scholastic Championships	312.00
Region IV Scholastic Championships	90.00
Region V Scholastic Championships	135.00
Smile Amazon Donation	53.71
Benevity Fund-Austen Green donation	<u>7,108.46</u>

Total \$15,333.17

Expenses

Jeffery Xiong Stipend	\$500.00
Insurance	315.00
Web Administrator	1,200.00
Texas Knight	1,600.00
Facebook Administrator	<u>1,200.00</u>
Total	\$4,815.00

August 31 2020

WF checking account balance	\$5,475.23
BOA checking account balance	\$4,556.22

Appendix B

TCA Membership as of August 31, 2020

Lifetime Patron	11
Lifetime Regular	33
Patron	7
Patron Online	6
Family Patron	6
Family Online	7
Family	22
Regular	55
Regular Non-Subscriber	108
Blind	0
Student	17
Student Online	7
Junior	9
Junior Online	36
Club	19
Complimentary	<u>1</u>
Total	344

