

CSCA Board Meeting, September 17, 2016 by CSCA President Richard Buchanan

The CSCA Board of Directors met at Todd Bardwick's home on Saturday, September 17. All members were present, as were visitors Shirley and Daniel Herman and J. C. MacNeil.

The meeting avoided motions on controversial topics. It was mainly to acquaint everyone with what we would be working on in 2016 -17, and define the sort of things that need to be done.

I made two requests of the Board. One was that they give their usual approval to my using the CSCA as a co-sponsor for tournaments at the Manitou Springs City Hall and my booth at the Colorado Renaissance Festival. This is to allow me to use the CSCA's liability insurance policy, without which these activities would not be possible. The other was that I be refunded from CSCA the fee of \$60, which I paid to allow the Championship Section of the Colorado Open to be FIDE-rated. Both these requests were approved. Our treasurer Jeff Cohen, a lawyer, looked at our insurance policy and recommended that we increase the amount for medical expenses.

Representatives from the Denver Chess Club said that the booth CSCA shared with them at the People's Fair would not be repeated in 2017. We also discussed the annual New Mexico match, which did not turn out well this summer as some NM players did not attend. Brian Wall will look into the matter, and I have asked Paul Covington to do so as well.

CSCA tournaments for the coming season will be the usual: The Colorado Open, Colorado Closed, Colorado Class, and the "50/50" tournament, which determines our Senior Champion and also has a section for the youngsters. We discussed tournament sites and other arrangements. Brian has visited a great number of hotels and has information on the sites that look to be the best for tournaments. I described the turmoil behind the arranging of last year's Closed, and also the financial support that CSCA gave to the tournament. No decisions were made yet about these tournaments, but we are going to be working on getting them organized.

I brought up the version of the Tour that the Membership Meeting approved for this coming year. This proposal was approved as a one-year fill-in while the Board set up a proposal for the old version of the Tour that, in my opinion, worked so well for so many years.

Paul Covington's proposal for this year's Tour version has appeared on the website and in the *Informant*. Here are the basic points of it:

There will be no money collected and no money prizes.

CSCA membership will not be required.

Any weekend tournament can be announced as a Tour event.

Directors must register their tournaments as Tour events by contacting me.

Tour events will be designated as such in announcements in the *Informant* and on the website.

Prizes will be in the form of "small token gifts" to be paid for by CSCA.

In addition, some questions were raised by Board members present. These were not voted on but will be considered and decided on later. These include

Will CSCA tournaments continue to be FIDE rated? The Colorado Open and the top section of the Closed were discussed as being appropriate.

Will quick chess state championship tournaments be held, and if so when?

Should the Round 2 game of the Colorado Open be played at the same slower time control as the following games, instead of G/90 with 5 second delay like the first round?

If you have thoughts on these or other CSCA matters, please contact a Board member.