

New Mexico Chess Organization (NMCO) Meeting Minutes 07May2022

Attendees:

Present:

John LeTard, President

Daniel Serna, Vice President

Willow LeTard, Scholastic Director

Kevin Zemko, Tournament Organizer

Joseph Cutchall, Webmaster

Absent:

Dean Brunton, Treasurer

Annabelle Romero, Secretary

Will Barela, Member-at-large, Las Cruces area

One – Treasurer's Report

The Post Office Box is \$232/year.

NMCO lost \$581 as a result of the Mark Wells Memorial Tournament April 9-10, 2022.

Action item: Early bird versus normal registration fees should be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Scholastic Tournaments results: +\$80 profit for the grade level. +\$370 profit for the K through 12th grade. Balance \$3071.23. The women's and girls' tournament of 7-8 May 2022 is projected to make about \$600.00. The venue, AIMS, was free and a donation(s) was (were) received for the prize fund.

The Treasurer's Report was motioned, seconded, and accepted.

Two – Nominations for National Tournament

Adult: Larry Dunlap

High School: Philippe Bakhirev

Middle School: Aarush Tutiki

Elementary School: Manuel Castillo

Haring: Dana Poon

Three – Tournament in Farmington NM on July 30-31

Venue is a church charging \$75 for NMCO to use it. Prize fund based on 20 participants is \$500. First place gets an entry into the New Mexico Open. John LeTard will tournament direct (TD).

Four – Tournament in Roswell NM, date TBD

The venue price of \$1000 is too high. The plan for this tournament is tabled to the next Board meeting.

Five – Scholastic Director items

New Mexico Open could be held in Socorro and at a hotel instead of at NM Tech (university). Fidel Center? October, or November.

Action item: Joseph to follow up to secure a venue.

Meadowlark Senior Center could be the class. 27-28Aug with 13-14Aug as backup were discussed by Kevin and Meadowlark in Feb 2022, so Meadowlark has these dates on their calendar for us. The cost

Seven – Tournament Organizer Items

7a – possible tournament(s) at Hops Brewery, 7222 Fourth Street NW, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque

Target date Tuesday May 17, 2022

“Beer, Banter, and Blitz Chess” should be the title.

UNRATED chess games to be played. Time controls should be Game in 15 minutes (G/15) and Game in 5 minutes (G/5) with no delay or increment.

NMCO will charge \$20 to enter for the night, of which \$10 goes to NMCO to facilitate funding of other tournaments. The other \$10 will be used to buy a gift cards to Hops Brewery for the participant, to support the Brewery. The gift card can be used on food and/or alcohol as desired. Of course, compliance with liquor laws will be maintained at all times.

Prizes can be pins, stickers, magnetic chess sets, or other NMCO/Hops swag.

7b Calendar

May 21 santaferooks.blogspot.com – tournament, one day

May 27-29 or 28-29 Mike Perea Memorial

June G10 at Central and Unser Library

July ABQ/RR Open 7/9-10 targeted as the best dates.

7/30-8/7 U. S. Open at Rancho Mirage California. Daniel Serna is the NMCO / New Mexico delegate and costs are up to him to cover. Kevin also plans to attend – both to attend the 4-day option, travel on 8/3, play on 8/4-8/7 and probably travel home on 8/7. Delegate meeting is on 8/6 and 8/7.

7/30-7/31 Farmington

Aug 27-28 Meadowlark; 13-14 backup.

Sep none planned as of now.

Oct none planned as of now.

Nov NM Open. 19-20 Meadowlark primary, 5-6 backup.

Dec – a bad time of year to host tournaments as people are busy with holidays.

Ideas for tournaments

Las Cruces!

Silver City (southwest)

Taos / Angel Fire (Northeast)